

Hillsboro, Kansas
May 5, 2009

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke and Council members Shelby Dirks, Byron McCarty, Bob Watson & Kevin Suderman present.

2. Others Present: Adam Stewart, Hillsboro Star Journal; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Mike Duerksen, Electric & Sewer Superintendent; Shane Marler, Former Council member; Gari-Anne Patzwald, 105 S. Wilson; Jim Kohman, EBH Engineers; Bob Previterra, Reiss & Goodness Engineers; Linda Ogden, Communities in Schools of Marion County, Inc.; Dan Baldwin, City Attorney; Clint Seibel, HDC; Tom Finger, Rural Development; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk

3. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Dalke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Linda Ogden, Executive Director of Communities in Schools of Marion County, Inc., met with council to request \$30,000.00 to provide mental health counseling services for high school students. Due to state budget shortages, our school districts are being forced to downsize services. One of the services being considered for elimination is student mental health counseling. Mayor Dalke said she was on the Board of Directors for CIS of Marion County and would not be participating in this discussion. She then turned the meeting over to Council president Shelby Dirks. Council president Dirks said he felt this was an excellent program and he appreciated everything they do, but the city does not have money in our budget to fund this request. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Suderman to decline the request from Communities in Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MINUTES – The minutes of the 4-21-09 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Suderman to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$79,426.52. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION – AWARDS – Mayor Dalke presented a plaque to Shane Marler for his two dedicated years of service as a city council member.

Mayor Dalke received a state-wide EMS award for “most supportive elected official”. In the past, the city has purchased equipment, shirts, jackets & etc. for them. Mayor Dalke said without the council’s support, she would not have received this award, and it should have gone to the entire council.

8. SEWER PROJECT – ADDITIONAL ITEMS – City Administrator Paine said the sewer lagoon project’s initial award was a \$4,552,500.00 loan, plus a \$750,000.00 grant, for a total of \$5,302,500.00. In order to receive the grant funds, we have to expend all of the loan money. Included in the total project are reimbursements for: land purchase, preliminary engineering,

construction, legal expenses and debt restructure. There are several related projects that loan/grant money can be used for: pump station/manhole rehabilitation, cure in place sewer line rehabilitation (to reduce infiltration) and equipment to maintain the sewer system. At this point, the number City Administrator Paine felt we should target is \$805,000.00. On the list for additional work are the lift stations. He recommended deferring the purchase of odor control equipment and work on the Alco, cemetery & Ash pumping stations. He recommended doing the work on the Willow Road, Lowry & Industrial Park pump stations. With the last 3” of rain, there was a lot of infiltration into the sewer line. Other areas of infiltration could be from sump pumps, cracks in sewer lines and holes in manhole covers. In regard to the equipment list, City Administrator Paine said in talking with the mayor, it doesn’t make sense to add an 18-20 year old truck to a 40-year finance plan. He would rather do a lease purchase on the truck.

Summary of \$805,000.00 proposed expenditures:

Willow Road Pump Station	\$111,000.00
Lowry Pump Station	51,000.00
Industrial Park Pump Station	67,000.00
Cure in Place Pipe Liner/Manhole Rehab	366,536.00
Trailer Mounted Generator Set	40,000.00
Hustler Riding Mower	27,000.00
Backhoe	65,000.00
Sewer Bypass Pump	35,000.00
Multi-gas Detector	2,600.00
Locator	725.00
Camera for Sewer Line Inspections	<u>40,000.00</u>
	\$805,861.00

Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to move toward the \$805,000.00 list as Phase One. Motion carried unanimously.

9. SEWER TRUCK – City Administrator Paine recommended that a specific program be put together for cleaning the sewer lines and to acquire the vehicle council looked at the previous meeting, including the nozzles, through a loan purchase agreement. He will bring the bids to the next council meeting. The funding for this truck would not be part of the RDA money. This would make more money available for the cure in place pipe lining. The truck could also be used to keep our storm drains clean. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Suderman to lease purchase the truck and develop a schedule for its use. Discussion: The cost of the contract for cleaning will be used for the truck payments and the contract needs to be negotiated. Mayor Dalke said she was totally opposed to the purchase of this truck. In the past, the city has tried to clean sewer lines and had a lot of problems with stoppages. These problems all went away when we hired this done. She said she wasn’t comfortable with the manpower because it wasn’t kept up in the past. Jim Kohman said the technology on this truck is completely different from the old rodder truck. Council also discussed videoing the lines after they are cleaned. This is something we would want to continue to do. Vote: Watson, yes; McCarty, yes; Suderman, yes; Dirks, no. Motion carried. July 21st is

the target date for permanent financing to be put in place. The city will receive reimbursement for the land purchase at that time.

10. SHORING EQUIPMENT – The city’s water and sewer departments need new shoring equipment. The quote for this equipment is \$5,477.64. After discussion, motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to purchase new shoring equipment. Vote: McCarty, yes; Watson, yes; Suderman, yes; Dirks abstained because the quote included purchasing a trailer for the trench box from Circle D. Motion carried.

11. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION – Mayor Dalke made the following annual appointments: Municipal Judge – Keith Collett; City Treasurer – Lawrence R. Paine; & City Attorney – Dan Baldwin. Council ratified the appointments with the following vote: Suderman, yes; Dirks, yes; McCarty, yes; Watson, yes.

Council member Watson nominated Shelby Dirks as council president. Council member McCarty seconded the nomination. Vote: all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dalke appointed Council member McCarty to serve on the Water Advisory Board; and, appointed Council member Watson as the alternate voting delegate for KMEA. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Dirks to approve these appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. PBC MEETING TO ELECT CHAIRMAN – At 4:53 p.m., council recessed to a Public Building Commission meeting to elect a chairman. The city council meeting resumed at 4:55 p.m.

13. VACATE EASEMENT – Resolution 2009-06 releases the city’s blanket water easement on the site where the new hospital is being built. Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Resolution 2009-06 – (*A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, KANSAS, VACATING A WATER EASEMENT ON PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HIGHWAY 56 AND INDUSTRIAL ROAD*). Council was polled with the following vote: McCarty, yes; Dirks, yes; Suderman, yes; Watson, yes. Motion carried unanimously. This resolution will need to be recorded with the Marion County Register of Deeds.

14. HOSPITAL PLAT – Bob Previterra presented the Mylar map of the hospital plat. Embarq still needs to sign off and record the release of their blanket easement. The county surveyor will also need to sign the plat. Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member Watson to accept the plat. Motion carried unanimously.

15. ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Previterra has been working on the Ash Street project and has shared some of his concerns with City Administrator Paine. The plan is to get Dale Dalke certified as a state inspector so the city can manage the job more closely.

16. REVITALIZATION PROGRAM – The Revitalization Program adopted in 2008 indicates that work needs to be completed 60 days after obtaining the building permit. This is indicated on

the application and on our website. A property owner talked with Mayor Dalke and assumed certain things were happening. It was not the mayor's responsibility to obtain a building permit. In this instance, the permit was issued over a year ago. It was the consensus of the council not to make exception to the rules because they were clearly "spelled out".

17. REQUEST FOR COST SHARE ON CONCRETE – City Policy #39 regarding sidewalk replacement is specifically limited to "residential" property. The First Mennonite Church is requesting a waiver to this policy to include not for profit entities. They are currently in the process of a significant landscaping project and wish to complete necessary sidewalk replacement and curb repair. They are requesting that the city cover the cost of the concrete at an estimated cost of \$419.10. Council felt if they included not for profit entities in the policy, it would open the door to a lot of different entities. Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member Suderman to deny this request for cost sharing. Motion carried unanimously.

18. BOARD APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dalke appointed Alan Goldsby (to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Suderman) to the Planning Commission. Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dalke reappointed Dale Mayfield to the Hillsboro Housing Authority; and, appointed Max Cox (to replace Sharon Ressler) to the Hillsboro Housing Authority. Motion was made by Council member Suderman and seconded by Council member Watson to approve these appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

19. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – none

20. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –

308 W. Grand – Late last year, council discussed replacing the water line for Sandy Bartel on W. Grand. If the line was not corroded, the city would invoice her for the replacement. Council inspected the line that was replaced. The gas company bent the water line when they did a boring at this property (the gas line was directly under the water line). The line was not corroded so we will be sending an invoice. City Administrator Paine said he was told that the water pressure inside the house has not changed.

Financial Information – City Administrator Paine reviewed preliminary financial information for April.

Luncheon – May 28th – Clint Seibel invited council to a luncheon on Thursday, May 28th at the Scout House. Andrew Bias, Mennonite Housing, will discuss affordable housing needs.

21. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member Watson to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK