

Hillsboro, Kansas
July 7, 2009

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke & Council members Byron McCarty, Shelby Dirks & Kevin Suderman present. Absent: Council member Bob Watson

2. Others Present: Adam Stewart, Hillsboro Star Journal; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Ben Steketee, Fire Chief; Betty & Bob Seibel, 1004 Grandview Ct.; Dan Baldwin, City Attorney; Bob Previterra, Reiss & Goodness Engineers; 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 – Bob & Betty Seibel, 1004 Grandview Ct., met with council to ask for reconsideration to allow a curb cut for a plastic pipe for drainage to the street at the new house they are building in Carriage Hills. Their current house has this and others in Carriage Hills also have drain pipes in the curb. They were not told that they could not cut into the curb when they got their building permit. City Administrator Paine said this started 2-3 weeks ago when Bob asked if they could cut a hole in the curb for the drainage pipe. City Administrator Paine asked Dale Dalke & Ben Steketee to look at this and make a recommendation. They are not in favor of curb cuts because this often causes the curb to break and become unsightly. Later, an alternate solution of a cast iron pipe was suggested. Mr. Seibel said this pipe would have to be made and was fairly expensive. Also, there is a time problem because concrete pouring is scheduled for tomorrow. Ben said he had told Matt Hiebert months ago when he did the basement inspection that there could not be a curb cut. Obviously, this didn't get communicated to the Seibel's. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to allow the Seibel's to put a tube through the gutter, as has taken place before, and to develop a policy to eliminate this from coming up again. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MINUTES – The minutes from the 6-16-09 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member Suderman and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$114,439.09. Motion carried unanimously.

7. BEN STEKETEE – APPROVAL FOR TROY KLEIN TO FILL VACANCY ON FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Ben Steketee told council that Ron Toews has moved to North Dakota, which creates an opening on the Fire Department. He asked that Troy Klein be approved for this vacancy. He will fit into Ron's gear; however, we will need to purchase a new pair of boots. Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve adding Troy to the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

8. MARION COUNTY TOURISM BY-LAWS – Council received a draft copy of Marion County Economic Council's bylaws amendment. This will be addressed at their next meeting.

City Administrator Paine said he felt the overall nature of the MCEDC has been tourism as opposed to economic development issues. Basically, he & Mayor Dalke were looking for ideas from council that they could share.

9. SET DATE FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – City Administrator Paine shared preliminary 2010 budget information with council. We have not yet received valuation numbers from the county clerk. A 10% tax delinquency number is being used, which has typically been 3%. He is still “fine tuning” the numbers so he can get where he thinks council wants the levy to be. Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member Suderman to set the budget hearing for August 4th at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PAY ESTIMATES – SEWER PROJECT – Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the following:

Invoice 7281 – EBH & Associates – Engineering Services	\$ 8,236.60
Invoice 7282 – EBH & Associates – Inspection	\$ 14,670.22
Invoice 7152 – EBH & Associates – Engineering Services	\$ 2,000.00
Invoice 7153 – EBH & Associates – Inspection	\$ 8,729.97
APAC – Pay Estimate #13	\$ 217,881.77
APAC - Pay Estimate #14	\$ 54,462.00
Hale’s Sales – Hustler Mower	\$ <u>19,637.40</u>
	\$ 325,617.96

Motion carried unanimously.

11. TIME CAPSULE – The due date of July 20th for turning in items for the new time capsule will be extended to sometime in August or September.

12. ENGINEER’S REPORT – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Suderman to approve the new engineering contract with Reiss & Goodness Engineers for Ash Street (since it is now a KDOT project). Motion carried unanimously. The total lump sum fee will be \$32,900.00. They will bill 80% of this on August 14th when the plans are due. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Suderman to void the previous contract with Reiss & Goodness for Ash Street. Motion carried unanimously.

13. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – none

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Sewer Cleaning – City Administrator Paine gave council a list for 2009 sewer pipe cleaning.

Main Street – Sunday morning, an oil rejuvenation process will be applied to Main Street from Third to “D” Street. This will enhance the life of the asphalt on Main Street.

Wish List – City Administrator Paine said the top priority on the wish list was rebuilding streets. He hopes to continue the 5 mills that we were using for the hospital for a bond payment for street repair/construction.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL DATA RELATING TO FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OR TRADE SECRETS OF SECOND PARTIES – Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to recess into executive session at 5:30 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs on trade secrets of second parties. The meeting would be scheduled to resume at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Also present in executive session: City Administrator Paine. The city council meeting resumed at 5:35 p.m. No action was taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Council member Dirks and seconded by Council member McCarty to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK