

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
January 10, 2006

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Hill, Richmond, Trost and McCammack.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

*Mayor and Commissioners reports,*

Commissioner Hill reported the bathroom installation at the Park's office has been completed. Hill also mentioned those wishing to be considered for summer jobs as lifeguards should submit their applications by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Hill also stated she would be taking applications for a marina operator and this person needs to have a background in restaurant operations. Applications may be picked up at City Hall on January 13<sup>th</sup> and need to be returned by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Hill noted there will be some changes to the lease agreement. The major change will be the City will no longer share a percentage of the boat slip fees with the marina operator. There will also be a deposit or bond required to insure adherence to the lease agreement.

Commissioner Hill noted the Kiwanis had donated \$1000.00 to phase II of the skate park. Hill also stated skateboards will be confiscated if caught using them on the Plaza or Main Street sidewalks.

Commissioner Hill next informed the Council that reports concerning protection of the lakes have been submitted to the Council and projects need to be put in place soon to insure their protection.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Police Department that Code Enforcement Booher has been working on derelict vehicles and properties. Richmond next reported for the Police Department that in December of 2005 they responded to 24 accidents and made 7 warrant arrests. There were 33 traffic citations issued, 25 written warnings, 19 non-traffic citations, 3 ordinance tickets and 13 verbal warnings. Totals for 2005 were 183 accidents and 55 warrant arrests there were 429 traffic citations issued, 268 written warnings, 149 non-traffic citations, 78 ordinance violations, 41 parking tickets and 208 verbal warnings.

Commissioner Richmond next presented Commissioner McCammack with a list of fire hydrants having mechanical problems that need addressed.

Commissioner Trost reported that he should have his quarterly Revolving Fund Loan report ready for the next meeting.

Commissioner McCammack informed everyone that the Water plant pumped a record 496 million gallons in 2005 and also set a monthly record in August in the amount of 45 million gallons. The gallons pumped for 2005 showed a 4% increase over that of 2004.

Mayor Baran reported on items that the present Council has accomplished this past year. These items are an improved Central Park with the addition of a skate park, redesigned playground area, miniature golf and batting cages. The Edison park veterans' war memorial was built and an agreement was reached with Ameren IP concerning funding for a new water treatment plant. Restructuring of some departments has proven to very good for the City enabling the cleanup of many unsightly properties and vehicles. The City's budget of expenses was cut, but many projects were still accomplished.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$143,783.44. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported there will be a status hearing this Thursday on the Seamon property on Wood Street. Jarman also noted the final contract agreement with Ameren IP has been signed and the first installment has been placed in an escrow account which will be released to the City around January 31<sup>st</sup>. The mineral lease agreement concerning the Challacombe property is nearing completion.

City Engineer Hunt reported the year end paper work is being completed for the 2005 MFT program and should be submitted to IDOT in the near future. The 2006 CDAP grant application has been submitted and is awaiting approval. Work is progressing on obtaining water plant funding through Rural Development in the amount of a 4.7 million dollar loan and a one million dollar grant. The grant/loan application should be completed within the week and submitted for approval.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the City's notice of intent to pursue a Rural Development loan and grant. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council agreed to hold a public hearing on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm to explain the City's desire to pursue a grant and loan from the Department of Rural Development for the construction a new water plant. Prior to that meeting there will be an open meeting beginning at 6:00 pm for the City engineers to explain the architectural plans for the new water treatment plant.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to enter into an engineering service agreement with Hurst & Rosche for the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept a legal service agreement with the City Attorney Doug Jarman concerning the loan

and grant documents necessary for obtaining any funding from Rural Development. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents involved in the Rural Development funding application for the new water plant. Motion carried 5-0.

The three agreements are a requirement to meet the guidelines set by Rural Development to secure project funding.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Chris Papin to the Auxiliary Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to advertise the sale by bid of a surplus 1997 Crown Victoria police vehicle. Bids are to be submitted by January 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and to be opened during that night's Council meeting. They will be reviewed and the successful bidder notified the following day.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve amending campground rules as applied to having animals under control and approved use of campground spaces. Motion carried 5-0.

*Upcoming agenda items;* engineering agreement with Hurst & Rosche concerning sewer relocation at present water plant site, report on Revolving Fund Loans and changes to Marina lease agreement.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:42 pm by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk