

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
April 13, 2010

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill and Sherer. Commissioner McCammack was absent due to illness.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting and closed session were approved.

Commissioner Hill thanked the Auxiliary Police Department for their assistance in helping to make this year's Roubaix bike race a success. Commissioner Hill congratulated the Hillsboro Fire Department and volunteers for being selected as this year's recipient of the Sertoma Club's "Service to Mankind" award. Hill next informed the Council of a program that would allow the light fixtures at the Fire Department to be changed to a more efficient system and the rebate would cover all but about \$134.00 of the expense.

Police Chief Satterlee informed the Council of an event he, along with Sergeant Brewer and Auxiliary Officers Knodle and Singleterry, attended at Beckemeyer School. The event was for third, fourth and fifth grade students combining math problems with CSI methods to solve an imaginary theft. Sergeant Brewer also did two K-9 demonstrations for the students and parents. The event was very successful and informative. Chief Satterlee also took this time to thank all of his officers for their assistance in the Roubaix bike race.

Commissioner Trost asked everyone to work on their budgets and he would proceed as if the State's proposed cut in income tax revenue was already in effect.

Commissioner Sherer informed everyone that the new campground host has been on the job for about a week and they intend to open more sites to permanent campers. His department has also been mowing and cutting weeds.

Mayor Baran introduced Richard Small who thanked the Hillsboro Police Department and Auxiliary who, along with 70 volunteers, made this year's Roubaix bike race a huge success. The race attracted 604 racers and is heralded as one of the premier races in the Midwest. Mr. Small also thanked Street Superintendent Joe Boston for his work in getting the streets ready.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that work has resumed on the rail spur. Mayor Baran also responded that there is no intention of closing the pool this year and there have been many people volunteer their time to help with its opening. Mayor Baran again reminded everyone that budgets need to be submitted to help determine the amount of summer help that might be hired. Baran stated Commissioner McCammack would be setting a date for spring cleanup in the near future and a notice would be placed in the paper and on the website. Mayor Baran assigned personnel to work on this year's labor contracts. Commissioner Hill and the City Attorney will be working on the F.O.P. contract and Commissioners McCammack and Sherer along with the City Attorney will be negotiating the laborer's contract.

Water Superintendent Fath was present to explain a public notice that will be sent to all water customers. Fath explained that the maximum contaminant level for haloacetic acids (HAA) had been exceeded earlier in the year and a public notice was issued. To return to compliance the running average for HAA has to be less than 60 parts per billion and although subsequent tests have met the parameter the running average is still above the 60 ppb and notice will have to be sent out again.

City Attorney Cullen reported all three suits against the City by Tom DeVore have been dismissed.

City Engineer Hunt reported that a list of warranty issues is being compiled at the water plant and those will need to be corrected within 60 days.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to pay this month's bills in the amount of \$254,180.41. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a resolution protesting the State of Illinois plan to cut municipality's share of the income tax by 30%. Motion carried 4-0. (see attachment)

Mayor Baran introduced Russell Rhodes, a trustee of Schram City, who had asked to address the Council. Mr. Rhodes discussed the financial issues facing small towns and asked the City to consider reducing the current contract with the City of Hillsboro for police coverage by 25%. Schram currently pays \$1000.00 per month.

Mayor Baran stated this would be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Trost informed everyone that the cost of one officer and vehicle is around \$12,000.00 per month.

The next item on the agenda concerned a contract to place an antenna on the new water tower for wireless broadband internet. The Council had issues with portions of the agreement and would make suggestions to the attorneys for both parties and place approval on the next agenda.

Chief Satterlee presented the Council with a plan and costs involved with the placement of an overhead traffic light at the intersection of Rountree and Summer Streets to aid in allowing students to safely cross the street. This plan was set in motion by a request from the Hillsboro Junior High principal to find a method to safely cross Rountree Street. The school would ask their board for approval to pay for most of the materials.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the City's expenditure of \$1080.00 to help with installation of a flashing traffic light at the corner of Rountree and Summer Street to be used during school days. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran introduced Rex Fuller who was present to ask the Council for approval of a preliminary subdivision plat to be located on City Lake Road. The proposed subdivision would consist of 20 sites and utilize the existing water and sewer infrastructure.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the preliminary plat upon a satisfactory review by the City Engineers. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to also instruct the City Engineer to review the final plat as submitted for the Fuller subdivision. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve this year's MFT General Maintenance agreement in the amount of \$182,600.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a resolution allowing for \$4,200.00 of MFT funds to be used to resurface parking lanes from Mill Street to City Hall and lanes across from the Shell station. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a resolution allowing for MFT funds to be used for the engineering fees to repair portions of Tremont Street. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a modification that would allow the air burst system for the raw water intake screens to be housed next to the current raw water pump station. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer Hunt explained the need for dehumidifiers to be placed in the new water treatment plant to reduce condensation. The initial study showed that six or seven might be needed but he would like to start with four and see how that works.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the purchase of 3 humidifiers for the process area and one for the electrical control room. The cost would total \$9,796.00 and would be paid from the water reserve account. Motion carried 4-0.

The next item on the agenda involved a discussion on adjusting the water rates to those customers living outside the City limits. Mayor Baran suggested tabling any rate discussion until Commissioner McCammack could be present as this falls under his department.

A request to allow alcohol consumption at outdoor café seating was put on hold and would be addressed at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of the Zoning meeting held April 7th. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items would consist of a contract permitting antennae to be placed on the water tower, fees for police service to Schram City, water rates outside of city limits and alcohol consumption at restaurants with outdoor seating.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:32 by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk