

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
April 22, 2008

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved.

*Mayor and Commissioners Reports:*

Commissioner Hill reported her departments have been cutting grass. Commissioner Hill also informed the Council she has opened up additional permanent camping spaces in the park. These additional spaces generate an additional \$14,000 per year for the general fund. Hill also reported her departments are getting the pool ready for opening.

Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Sherer have had their respective departments working on measuring and obtaining cables to secure the marina. Commissioner Hill again informed everyone that she would like to sell the marina.

Mayor Baran informed Commissioner Hill that he had received a request to have the west diamond at Central Park tilled so it can be used for baseball or softball practice.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that the I.E.P.A. has obtained a warrant to inspect the buildings on the Eagle Zinc site, but there has been nothing received from the Federal EPA. Mayor Baran next stated he has received a survey form the Municipal League he is asking the Council to help complete.

City Attorney Jarman reported on the latest news concerning the Challacombe Mineral Lease Agreement. Devon Oil has not begun drilling as yet and according to the contract they have 30 days to begin drilling or must pay a penalty. If they haven't begun drilling by May 15<sup>th</sup> the penalty amount to the City would be \$145,000.00. The next lease rental payment will be in February of 2009 and if they haven't drilled a well by that date the agreement expires.

Jarman stated there has been no change in the sale of the "Chances" building. Jarman thought that an offer to the bank holding the mortgage could speed the process of selling the building.

City Engineer Hunt reported work was progressing at the new water treatment plant. They are continuing to work on the roof of the new facility and painting of the vessels inside the building. Concrete block work has started on the new raw water pump station. Hunt next addressed the extra expense connecting the electric from the raw water pump station to Ameren IP. The estimate at this time is in the amount of \$9,100.00, but this could be less if prices are obtained from a local contractor.

Hunt also informed the Council that there may be another change order in the future which involves using flex couplings on the suction and discharge lines of the raw water pumps. These couplings would lessen vibration on the lines.

Engineer Hunt next informed the Council that there was a bid opening this morning for the 2008 MFT road projects. Hunt would have a recommendation for the Council at the next meeting. Hunt announced there would be a bid opening on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for the resurfacing of Main Street.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioner Hill to contact Dave White concerning the 6 inch water line looping Edgewood Subdivision to Westwood Subdivision in the near future.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the purchase of a radio controlled device for the gas pump at the Street Department in the amount of \$1,474.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran read the minutes from the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting approving a 6 month temporary permit to Blankenship's for a concession stand at the Clark station.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda involved the naming of the new water treatment plant of which Bob Albracht had suggested naming after Mayor Baran.

Mayor Baran passed the gavel to Commissioner Trost who conducted the discussion on the suggestion of the naming of the water plant. Mayor Baran retired to the back of the room.

Commissioner Sherer began the discussion by stating that Mayor Baran is probably deserving of the honor, but the Council should be open to suggestions from the public.

Commissioner McCammack also stated he had no problem with the suggestion of naming the plant after Mayor Baran, but felt maybe it should be a community decision. McCammack mentioned the average citizen does not know the amount of work that Mayor Baran did to accomplish the building of the new plant.

Commissioner Trost recognized all of Mayor Baran's hard work and his local government involvement for the past 30 years. Trost stated we currently don't have any names on our City buildings.

Commissioner Hill agreed it is probably a good idea, but it should not solely be the decision of the Council and any decision should be tabled for now.

Commissioner Trost recognized Lee Schraut from the audience who stated Mayor Baran was not the only one involved with achieving the new water plant. Schraut also stated we have had many past Mayors and we have no buildings named after them. Schraut stated this community is not a one man town.

E.J. Ullman asked the Council if the treatment plant really needs a name.

Roy Thomas stated that Mayor Baran had almost single handedly gotten 4.7 million in funds from Ameren which helped fund the project.

Engineer Hunt suggested if they decide against naming the facility a nice plaque could be placed in the lobby area.

Commissioner Hill suggested and the Council agreed to table any decision until the next regular meeting.

Mayor Baran returned to the table and resumed his duties.

Mayor Baran asked Alan Hollman to outline his request to block off some parking spaces on Main Street for “2000 Beyond” to host a cook off fundraiser at the Plaza. They requested blocking of spaces from Cyps Pizza to the south end of the Escape from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The event would take place on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the request of the “2000 Beyond” organization in the blocking of parking spaces on June 14<sup>th</sup> for a cook off. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost at 7:40 to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations for the sale of raw water to the coal company. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the meeting at 8:07 with all Commissioners in attendance.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to accept the counter proposal, as outlined in the closed session, from the coal company (Adena). Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hill voting no.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to instruct the City Attorney to send a letter to the coal company stating the current agreement concerning the sale of the airport will expire at 11:59 p.m. May 2<sup>nd</sup> if not acted upon. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council next discussed the parade route for this year’s Old Settlers celebration with Chief Satterlee.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt a resolution to be sent to I.D.O.T. outlining the parade route for this year’s Old Settlers celebration. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would consist of approval of this year’s MFT bids, a pay request on the new water plant and possible change order as well as naming of the new water plant.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:18 by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk

