

Hillsboro City Council  
April 27, 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, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

*Mayor and Commissioners' reports:*

Commissioner Hill reminded everyone that we need to hold a T.I.F. hearing as this could be the last year for the program. Commissioner Hill next reminded everyone that we need to schedule a review of the closed session minutes to determine which ones would be released to the public.

Commissioner Sherer reported that a recent issue concerning a lake lot on Glenn Shoals Lake has been taken care of. Commissioner Sherer also informed the Council that he had asked local contractors to give him estimates on the completion of work at the Challacombe House involving the roof and kitchen. Sherer also noted he has been in discussion of repairing siding on City Hall that was recently vandalized. The best solution would be to replace the vinyl siding but, due to financial constraints the siding may have to be repainted at this time. Commissioner Sherer stated all the permanent campsites are filled and three more sites have been added. A meeting was also held at the campground to address camping concerns listed last fall by Bob Price, who was in attendance. Those issues have been addressed and satisfied. Commissioner Sherer informed the Council that he has been in contact with "Job Service" and is seeking extra manpower through them at no charge to the City. A grant for repair of the hillside next to the new water tower is also being researched. Sherer also noted that there is a large crack in the Central Park pool that needs to be patched but a period of dry weather is needed before this can be accomplished. Also in regards to the pool the intent is to hire 15 guards and a decision has yet to be made as far as a pool manager. Commissioner Sherer informed everyone that the Marina is now or soon will be open.

Mayor Baran recommended to Commissioner Sherer that he draw up specifications of what he would like to be completed at the Challacombe House in order that bids would be for the same amount of work and materials.

Commissioner Trost presented the Council with a draft budget for their review. The draft budget shows a loss of \$180,000.00 in the general fund if the State of Illinois passes legislation to reduce the amount of income tax municipalities receive. The budget did allow for repairs to the street sweeper. Commissioner Trost stressed the need to prioritize expenditures. Commissioner Trost also informed the Council that the pool lost \$ 29,000.00 last year.

Commissioner McCammack announced that "Spring Cleanup" would be held from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup> and drop off times would be from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Announcements will be placed

in the newspaper. Commissioner McCammack also informed everyone that the City would not be picking up yard waste from the boulevards.

Mayor Baran stated he had been meeting with the engineers and contractors concerning Phase 1 of the Deer Run Mine utilities installations. Mayor Baran also commended four individuals from the Police Department for their volunteer work in the mowing of the Park to help park employee Henry McDonald.

Commissioner Sherer asked that he be notified first before any more volunteering is done due to calls he had received from the laborer's union.

City Engineer Hunt reported contractors are working on the warranty items that need addressed at the new water plant. Hunt also reported the new dehumidifiers have been delivered to the water plant. Paper work for the 2010 MFT agreement has been sent to I.D.O.T. for their approval. Hunt also stated they had reviewed the plats for the Fuller Subdivision and presided over a pre-construction meeting involving the Deer Run Mine utilities project.

The Council reviewed the findings of Hurst & Rosche involving the preliminary and final plats for the subdivision being proposed by Rex Fuller.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the preliminary plat for a subdivision being proposed by Rex Fuller. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the final plat of the subdivision being built by Rex Fuller. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill discussed a request from Schram City to reduce the fee for police protection. Commissioner Hill recommended not taking any action at this time. Mayor Baran suggested a meeting with representatives of the Schram City board and the Chief. This was agreed on by both parties.

A motion to prohibit serving alcohol to outside diners was withdrawn by Commissioners Sherer and McCammack. No further action was taken.

There was a brief discussion concerning the reduction of rates to Hillsboro water customers who reside outside the City limits and are currently being billed at 2.5 times the rate of those inside the City limits. There are 55 customers on City water that currently pay the higher rate. There was some concern with getting permission from Rural Development as they recently loaned the City money for the new water plant based on the current rate structure.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to instruct the City attorney to draft an ordinance establishing a rate for those residents outside the City limits. The new rate would be similar to that being charged to customers on the Montgomery County Rural Water system. This motion is contingent on getting approval from Rural Development. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Trost voting no.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to permit Chief Satterlee to submit to IDOT a request for the closure of portions of Routes 127 and 16 for this year's Old Settlers parade. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to enter into an energy savings program involving the replacement of 43 light fixtures at the fire department. The cost of the replacement would be \$5,259.00 with a reimbursement for \$5,025.00. The City's cost would be \$134.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Hiring of summer help was briefly discussed. Mayor Baran stated that Commissioner Sherer would have a decision on his pool help at the next meeting. Commissioner Trost stated he had put money in the budget for lifeguards but at this time there was none for any part-time help.

Commissioner Sherer informed everyone he had met with the Sports Association and had a roster of hires for the complex and concession stand. The Association would donate \$5,000 as in years past towards expenses related to the upkeep of the sports complex. Concession workers would be paid for by the

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the hiring of Brett Huber, Chris Jurgena, Brandon Scott, Quinn Lipe and Dalton Downs as the ground crew at the sports complex. Concession workers would be Matt DeLuka, Denee Menghini, Brooke Whitlow, Sunny Lentz, Morgan White and Emily Wetzel. Concession manager would be Barbara Deluka. Motion carried 5-0.

Earl Meier had informed Mayor Baran that they will try to hold the grounds keeping hours down this year to more closely mirror the \$5,000 the Association gives to the City.

Commissioner Sherer next reminded everyone that we no longer have a licensed sprayer for mosquito control.

Mayor Baran asked for approval to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

**Motion was made at 8:02 pm by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to go into closed session involving probable litigation as allowed under 5 ILCS 120/2c(11). Motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:19 pm and roll call was taken with those present being Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

There was no action taken concerning the "closed meeting".

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk