

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
April 28, 2009

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 regular and closed session meetings were approved.

Commissioner Hill reported the Police Department is running well and that four people from the Street Department are retiring effective June 30th. Commissioner Hill also reminded everyone of a benefit chicken dinner to be held May 3rd at the Moose Club.

Commissioner Sherer stated everything he had was on the agenda.

Commissioner Trost informed everyone that he had found a copy of a five-year plan that the Council had drafted years ago. Reviewing the plan, it was found that many of the things on the list have been completed such as a new water plant a, sewer camera truck, and a skate park. Trost emphasized the need to create a new five-year plan and asked everyone to submit their ideas to him.

Commissioner McCammack reported the Waste Water Department has repaired a 12 inch sewer pipe replaced two contactor blocks, mowing grass, jetted and viewed 250 feet of sewer pipe on Hamilton Street.

Commissioner McCammack next informed everyone that the new water plant is now online and Mayor Baran was present to drink the first glass of water. McCammack reminded everyone that due to a change in water flow from the new plant there could be periods of discoloration. Commissioner McCammack asked anyone noticing discoloration to contact City Hall or the Water Department and someone would try to flush a nearby hydrant to help in clearing up the water.

Commissioner McCammack took this time to recognize Ron Merriman who recently retired. On behalf of the City, Commissioner McCammack presented him with a clock commemorating his 30 plus years of service.

Mayor Baran read a letter from DECEO approving the expansion of the Enterprise Zone to include property of the new coal mine. Mayor Baran also read a letter from Hillsboro High School principal Kyle Hackey thanking and commending Police Chief Satterlee and his Department for the recent work they have done at the school.

Mayor Baran also informed the Council that Dion Novak of the USEPA, who has been very helpful in trying to remediate the Eagle Zinc site, will now be replaced by Nefertiti Simmons. A public hearing will be held in the near future concerning the remediation of the property.

City Engineer Hunt reported the new water plant is up and running and the old plant will be kept on stand-by for the next 30-45 days. Hunt went on to report that in order to close out the contract on the plant there were a couple of pending issues that need to be addressed with change orders. These issues were getting the new elevator certified with mandated upgrades and relocating a couple of chemical feed points in the water plant. These change orders would total \$20,716.36 and it was recommended they be addressed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sherer discussed the new flooring for the Challacombe House. He had received two prices for flooring. One was from Petroski for a commercial grade wood laminate at an installed cost of \$9,133.56 and the other from Chambers at an installed cost of \$6,574.00. Hurst & Rosche Engineers had recommended a Pergo floor as the best for this application. The Council was concerned about which had the best warranty for its intended use. It was also recommended to contact Mike Beeler, a local woodworker to get an estimate from him. The Council also discussed the need for expediency as to getting the order in place so work can proceed toward completion.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to allow Commissioner Sherer and Maintenance Supervisor Blankship to make the best decision on the purchase of flooring for the Challacombe House. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt *Ordinance #1495* establishing an F.D.I.C. insured bank account to pay the City's share of the employee health insurance deductible. The bank account is to be only used for that purpose. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the proposal of Patton and Company for this year's financial audit in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Janette Fenton was introduced to the Council as a person wishing to enter into a contract to lease the marina for this year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve leasing the marina to Janette Fenton for this year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept a \$750 grant from AmerenIP and to release AmerenIP from any potential liability to the City for the mulch pile and to use the grant to offset the labor costs for moving the mulch piles to another less visible location and for cleaning up the property where the piles now sit. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept a \$750 grant from AmerenIP and to release AmerenIP from any potential liability to the City for the 5 trees that it removed in recent months and to use the grant to purchase trees for the City Lake park, to replace a tree on Main Street, and to plant trees on other public property as conditions permit. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Ordinance #1496** allowing swimming on Glenn Shoals Lake with Council approval for an organized event. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion with Dustin Greenwood who approached the Council with the intent to purchase City property between his property and City Lake Road. It was the general consensus of the Council that if Mr. Greenwood were to have the property appraised and surveyed the City would be in agreement with the sale of the property.

There was a similar discussion concerning the sale of City property on Glenn Shoals Lake to persons wanting to purchase City property they were already maintaining. Those people were Jordan, Kibler and McCreary, all neighbors at the North end of Glenn Shoals. The Council voiced agreement that they would be willing to sell those parcels if the interested parties would pay for appraisals and the necessary surveying. They were asked to give that information to the City Attorney so an ordinance for the sale could be prepared for the next meeting.

Carl Reynolds was present at the meeting and asked the Council for the same consideration on the sale of property that was between his and Glenn Shoals Lake. The Council stated he could also give the necessary documentation to the City Attorney to be addressed at the next meeting.

Motion was made at 8:05 pm by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:52 with roll call and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk