

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
April 10, 2007

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Mayor and Commissioners reports,

Commissioner Hill reported the campground has opened, but some water connections had to be shut off due to cold temperatures. Hill also reported Henry McDonald is mending from his injury and may be returning to work soon under limited duties. Hill mentioned that she recently worked as a volunteer during the annual Roubaix bike race and found it a very enjoyable experience.

Commissioner Richmond reported for Code Enforcement Officer Booher that he has issued four vehicle abatement notices and of which one has complied and the three others have until the end of the week. Richmond reported a court hearing was held concerning an abatement notice served on the Perkins cabin and there will be another court review this Thursday morning. There have also been four building permits issued.

Commissioner Richmond next reported for the Police Department that for the month of March they have responded to 14 accident calls and made 3 warrant arrests. There were also 18 traffic citations issued, 13 written warnings, 3 non-traffic citations, 4 ordinance violations and 9 verbal warnings. Richmond also informed everyone that the night shoot scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 10 pm. Officer Tim Hopper has completed the mandatory 12 week training through the Illinois Police Training Institute in Champaign.

Commissioner Trost stated he has received budget estimates from some departments and asked that everyone try to get theirs completed as soon as possible.

Commissioner McCammack thanked all of his departments for the work they completed on the sewer line at the corner of Main and Mill Streets. McCammack stated they worked especially hard to get the intersection reopened for the Easter weekend.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve payment of this months bills in the amount of \$178,097.98. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Jarman also reported on the Perkins cabin at the Old Lake and the fact that the City can demolish the cabin if the abatement notice is not complied with. Commissioner Hill asked the City Attorney if a person's lease was still in effect if a cabin has been removed. Jarman stated the lease would still be in effect.

City Engineer Hunt reminded everyone that bids for the new water plant would be opened on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Hunt also reported he was waiting for I.D.O.T. approval of this year's MFT

program. Hunt also mentioned that plans to resurface Main Street would be submitted in July or August. Hunt reported they were still working on specifications for a breach study for the Lake dams. Mayor Baran informed Scott that these were done years ago and should be on file. Hunt next informed everyone that Moniger excavating plans on being here to do final grading and seeding of the sidewalks at the end of this week.

Mayor Baran informed everyone the amendment to the Enterprise Zone was not ready for approval, but would be placed on a later agenda.

Commissioner McCammack stated he would again be using dumpsters located at the Street Department for this year's Spring Cleanup to be held beginning April 23rd through Saturday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. McCammack also informed everyone that he would have a brush pickup beginning in May to clean up the final debris from last winter's ice storm.

Mayor Baran informed the Council he had reviewed a request for a liquor license to be used at a new restaurant in Hillsboro. Baran recommended the Council approve the request.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a liquor license for a Mexican restaurant located in the former Sevedali building. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the Council the appointment of Tom Baker to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of Tom Connor.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to appoint Tom Baker to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill discussed the fact that she has been approached to sell approximately 3 million gallons of water to one entity. Before she would make any recommendations a study would be in order to find how these sales could affect the conditions of the lakes.

**Motion was made Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to enter into a contract with Cochran and Wilkens to do a raw water yield analysis on our lakes to check into the effects of selling a large quantity of water. The contract would be in the amount of \$23,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Trost informed the Council of a Revolving Fund Loan request that the loan committee had reviewed and found to be in order.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond** to approve a Revolving Fund loan request in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Ricke's to open a dollar store on Main Street. The loan terms would be at 4% for 5 years. Motion carried 5-0.

Nancy Slepicka was present to give the Council an update of the recent bike race. Nancy stated the weather cooperated and racers had praise for the course and the many volunteers. With the help of 23 local sponsors race organizers were able to return \$2,325.00 back to the community. Some of the proceeds were \$500.00 to Commissioner Hill's department from the cycling club, \$250 to the Free Methodist Church, \$300 from the Journal News to the City of Hillsboro, \$300 to

the Auxiliary Police, \$750 to the Montgomery County Cancer Society, \$150 to the Ambulance service and \$75 to the Wolf Pack car club.

On the next meeting agenda would be the evaluations of the water treatment plant bids.

Mayor Baran took this time to wish good luck to all the candidates in the upcoming Council election.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:28 pm by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk