

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
April 11, 2006

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Bev McCoy as acting City Clerk in the absence of Clerk Booher. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Hill reported she has had two meetings with the new Natural Resources Planning Committee and they all are very enthusiastic. Commissioner Hill also reminded everyone that lake lots are to be kept clean or you could lose them. Hill next informed everyone that if they have problems concerning her departments (lakes, parks) they should contact her at 532-3040. Hill next reported she has had some responses to her request to review the "Clean Lakes Study" to insure the accuracy of the earlier study.

Commissioner Richmond began by discussing problems with properties that every year aren't getting mowed. The City then mows the properties and bills the owner. According to ordinance a fine should also be imposed. One of these properties is in on North Main. It was decided the City attorney would notify them that they must hire someone to mow the property from now on.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Police Department that for the month of March they have responded to 13 accidents and made 3 warrant arrests. They have issued 12 verbal warnings, 1 parking citation, 9 written warnings, 17 non-traffic citations, and 20 traffic citations.

Commissioner Richmond next reported activities at the Fire Department. Damon Leisure and Charlie Goad have taken a Scott air pack repair class. Commissioner Hill has given permission to the department to use property at the airport for the new burn building training facility. Ron Lanthrip has completed an interview class to aid him in his fire investigations. New pagers have arrived and will be passed out on Thursday and the slide in pump unit has not arrived yet.

Richmond next reminded everyone that the Hillsboro Police Auxiliary will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt at noon on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Beckemeyer School.

Commissioner Trost again reminded everyone to complete his or her budgets as soon as possible.

Commissioner McCammack reminded everyone that the Water Department would be flushing hydrants on April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 pm. McCammack informed everyone that the Marshall Street sewer project has been completed. McCammack also reminded the public to contact the City first if they have a sewer problem. The City will then inform the owner, who has the responsibility of the repairs. McCammack also reminded everyone that all sewer taps must be inspected before covering the tap. A situation has just occurred where a tap was buried before inspection. (The consensus was to make the plumber dig up the tap for inspection.) McCammack also stated there needs to be a way to enforce this rule by either fine or bond. McCammack asked Attorney Jarman to amend the ordinance to reflect this problem.

Mayor Baran reported work is still progressing on acquiring financing for the new water plant.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$180,112.57. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt reported that paper work has been submitted to IDOT for approval of this years MFT program. Work on the final water plant design is continuing by getting updated costs on some of the filtration equipment.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Ordinance #1430** reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on Lakewood Drive and Lands End Road. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack stated he is planning a spring cleanup for the last week of May. The procedures will be same the same as in previous years. Hillsboro residents may bring items to the Street Shed where dumpsters will be located.

McCammack next informed everyone that due to all of the recent storms they would begin a citywide brush pickup beginning on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>. They would cover all the streets one time and not return, so have your yard waste at the curb by 6:00 am.

McCammack also noted that if an elderly person with no one available to help them with brush disposal they should contact the Street Department and they would try to accommodate them.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to hire the following summer helpers. Parks Department: Nick Hopwood, Adam Moore, Kristin Fenton, Zachary Rahe, Andrew Billington, Blake Lipe, Shawn Robinson, Jordan Chiles and Shane Hanners. The Waste Water Department would employ Justin Cameron and Jarod Luebbert. The Water Plant would hire Eric Fath and Keith McLaughlin. The Street Department would employ Cody McCoy, Adam Loucks and Jonathan Richmond. City Hall would hire Kate Rappe`, Police and Fire would hire Sam Jones and Tim Hopper would again be used for Lake Patrol. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items,

Commissioner Hill amending campground rules concerning use of air conditioners and addressing derelict property and houseboats on the lakes. Consolidated Communications will have a representative present to discuss receiving television over phone lines. Commissioner Richmond will be reporting on meetings with ambulance personnel and additions and use of emergency sirens.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly McCoy, Clerk Pro-tem