

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
April 25, 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 and Hill.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that Commissioner McCammack was absent due to the passing away of his father. Mayor Baran then asked for a moment of silence in honor of the McCammack family.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Council and Mayor's report

Commissioner Hill reported she is continuing to meet with the Natural Resource Planning Committee. The Committee is working on compiling a list of City properties, working on the Clean Lakes project and making a plan for reforestation of City owned properties.

Commissioner Hill also noted she has held a meeting at the campground and the campers have agreed to voluntarily help with energy conservation. Hill also discussed the fact that many lake lots are in need of cleanup and letters will be sent to those not in compliance with their lease. Regulatory buoys have been purchased for Glenn Shoals Lake and will be installed next week. Hill also discussed the houseboat that is partially sunk on Glenn Shoals Lake. The boat must be removed before May 1st or the City will take possession of the boat.

Commissioner Hill next noted she has talked with Zack Shelton of the Boy Scouts and they have volunteered to waterproof the Bluegrass stage and the pavilions as a project.

Hill also informed everyone that "4th of July point" is a part of the campground and anyone staying there after 10:00 pm must be paid and registered with the campground host.

Hill next mentioned that the company that supplied our skate park equipment would like to use our site in a marketing brochure. Along those same lines Hill stated that the skate park had recently been vandalized and those involved would be caught. Trash and graffiti will not be allowed in the parks.

Commissioner Hill informed everyone that WAND-TV would be in Hillsboro to complete a brief summary of things to do and see in the area. The segment will be shown at 5:00 pm on Thursday evening and again at 10:00 pm.

Hill stated work was progressing on getting the Central Park Pool ready to open by Memorial Weekend.

Commissioner Richmond reported on a meeting he had had with ambulance personnel, who suggested the City organize a team of “first responders”. These would consist of police and fire personnel who complete 50 hours of training. Any equipment needed would be provided by the ambulance service.

Commissioner Richmond next discussed a series of old invoices recently received from Wright Automotive. Some of the invoices are dated 2002 and 2003 and his opinion was they should not be paid. The bills were given to Commissioner Trost to investigate and make a recommendation.

Richmond next discussed eliminating parking on Main Street from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. allowing the street to be swept properly and snow to be removed. This would be addressed later with an ordinance. Richmond next suggested an additional ordinance change-prohibiting left hand turns on Main Street except in intersections.

Commissioner Trost reported the City has received a Revolving Fund loan application, which is being reviewed. Trost also noted he had preliminary budgets from everyone except the Wastewater Department and the Police and Fire Department. A budget meeting for the Police and Fire Department is scheduled for Thursday.

Mayor Baran read a letter from Animal Control Officer Whitlow reminding everyone to keep his or her pets on a leash and cleanup any animal waste.

Mayor Baran next informed the Council there is a leadership conference being held in the near future sponsored by the Illinois Municipal League. Baran asked anyone interested to make his or her reservations through City Hall.

Mayor Baran next reported remediation on the Eagle Zinc site is moving slowly and he has been in contact with the Director of the USEPA District V.

City Attorney Jarman reported the tree on the Seamon property on Wood Street is being cleaned up and the property will be sold at auction in May. The purchaser must abide by the City’s previous order of nuisance abatement for the site. Jarman also mentioned a nuisance abatement notice that had been sent to 910 Ash Street. Mayor Baran explained that property was sold this past weekend to John Laurent and he would be rectifying the problems. Mayor Baran then asked the City Attorney about the status of the loan for Lois’s Groom Room. Jarman stated he had not heard from her. Mayor Baran stated he should proceed with small claims court.

City Engineer Hunt reported the 2006 MFT program has been approved by IDOT and there is a bid opening on May 1st at 10:00 am. Hunt also noted the firm has been working on the final design of the new water treatment plant and hoped to have it to the IEPA within the next 30 to 45 days. Hunt stated they are continuing work with Rural Development to secure funding for the new treatment plant. Mayor Baran mentioned the

City is also still trying to get other funds and word on them should be received in late May.

Mayor Baran next recognized Doug Abolt of Consolidated Communications. Mr. Abolt was present to inform the Council and public of the plans for getting everyone digital television over their phone lines. Mr. Abolt explained Consolidated Communications was expanding the areas as quickly as possible, but can only go where line conditions allow them at this time. Their intent is to have the product available for everyone in the City limits of Hillsboro within the next 3 years.

Commissioner Hill explained an ordinance she had prepared limiting time house boats could be on the lakes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to adopt *Ordinance #1431* limiting houseboats to 7 days on the lakes at a time and then must be off the lakes for at least 7 days. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hill next addressed the need to establish rates for campsites that have lake frontage in the campground.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to set rates at \$20 per night for those campsites with frontage on Lake Hillsboro. This will be addressed in a future ordinance change. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Richmond explained the need to take one of the current patrol boats out of service for safety concerns, but still stressed the need for two boats.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to purchase a 1999 center console boat with a 50 hp motor in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to hire the firm of Cochran & Wilken, Inc. to complete a study of Glenn Shoals Lake to verify earlier findings in a "Clean Lakes" study. The contract amount was not to exceed \$25,900.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the appointment of Mark Noyes and Ed Delaney to the Fire pension board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the appointments of Mark Noyes and Ed Delaney to the Fire pension board. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran next recommended the reappointment of Paul Tomazzoli to the Police and Fire Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Paul Tomazzoli to a 3-year position on the Police and Fire Commission. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Richmond discussed the need for additional emergency sirens, as everyone cannot hear the one in town. Costs to add more sirens to the system are being researched.

Upcoming agenda items

Items to be addressed are a speed limit request for Old Oaks Drive, approval of MFT bids, overnight parking on Main Street, no left turns on Main Street and pricing on extra emergency sirens.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:02 by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk