

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
April 8, 2008

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported that she would like the assistance of all City departments and citizens to identify any street signs that are in need of repair or replacement. Commissioner Hill next informed the Council about Cory Casey who in order to earn a badge for Scouting put blacktop patch in the holes leading to the Girl and Boy Scout camp. Hill next told everyone that the campground is open under new hosts and so far so good. Commissioner Hill informed everyone that work is progressing at the pool to have it open on time and mowing assignments for this summer have been discussed.

Commissioner Hill next discussed the fact that as of now she has no one to operate the marina. Hill stated the marina has operated at a loss for the City in the past and this needs to be changed if it is to remain open. One suggestion was to sell the marina or to operate it with the lessee paying all expenses.

Commissioner Hill announced that spring cleanup will be held from April 28 to May 3rd from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. Residents will be responsible for bringing their items to the Street Department to be placed in dumpsters.

Along those same lines Commissioner Hill discussed the current brush pickup procedure and stated she has calculated the cost to exceed \$32,000 per year. Hill will ask that the present ordinance be changed to reflect limbs will only be picked up after a storm.

Commissioner McCammack brought up an idea of charging a fee for brush pickup. Mayor Baran felt this would infringe on private hauling businesses trying to make a living and was against such a proposal.

Commissioner Hill next presented the Council with a cost for using radio transmission to turn the gas pumps off and on at the Street Department. The pumps would be operated by a dispatcher in the Fire Department and the gas log be maintained there. The cost of the unit and installation would be \$1474.00. Hill asked this be placed on the next agenda.

Commissioner Sherer reported that K-9 Officer Leetham and Rico have been busy the past two months. The pair made 9 drug related service calls in February and 22 calls in March.

Commissioner Sherer reported he is continuing to work on proposal for trash pickup at all City facilities outlining the responsibilities of each party.

Sherer next reported on the ongoing process of 911 allowing dispatching from Hillsboro Fire dispatch. A walkthrough was held on March 15th and at the 911 Board meeting on March 18th the City was given tentative approval.

Commissioner Sherer next informed everyone that there will be a qualifying shoot for the Litchfield National Guard held at the Hillsboro Police range on May 2nd and 3rd. The shoot will take place from 8:00 am to 9 pm.

Commissioner Sherer also noted that the High School Criminal Justice class will in the near future be making a field trip to the Police Department and shooting range.

Commissioner Sherer next read a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeal granting a temporary use permit for a concession trailer at the Clark gas station.

Commissioner Sherer also informed the Council of an emergency training exercise the Village of Irving was having in which the Hillsboro Police Department would have some limited involvement.

Commissioner Trost reminded everyone to be working on their budgets. Trost also discussed the need to look at some of the fee structure in the City especially our building permit fees.

Commissioner McCammack stated the Waste Water Department is treating too much storm water and this infiltration into the sanitary lines needs looked into.

Mayor Baran stated he is again asking IDOT to review the Rt. 16 railroad via-duct and make necessary repairs to the structure.

Mayor Baran reported an agreement has been reached with Ameren IP for the connection of electricity to the new raw water pump station with no additional cost to the City. Baran stated there would be 4 poles installed on the Glenn Shoals dam to supply power to the station and streetlights would be attached to them at a later date.

Mayor Baran also informed the Council there had been a meeting that day with Rural Development to help secure additional funding for the water plant if needed. The meeting went well and he was sure details could be worked out.

City Attorney Jarman reported that he has sent notices to 3 people for non-payment of fire calls and he would pursue small claims actions if payments are not forthcoming.

City Engineer Hunt reported roof trusses for the new treatment plant have arrived and they will begin installing on Wednesday. Some of the trusses suffered damages in an accident and had to be repaired. Those repairs would be certified by the company supplying the product. One truss was beyond repair and would be replaced.

Hunt announced there would be a bid opening on April 22 at 9:00 am for this year's Motor Fuel Tax program.

Commissioner Hill noted that some of the pavement striping in the bid document needs to be addressed and there are some changes that need to be made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to pay this month's bills in the amount of \$193,338.65. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to appoint Dr. Roger McFarlin to a 3 year term on the Natural Resource Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to hire Kyle Meyer in the Water Department that fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Garry Williamson. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve *Resolution WTP 2008-11* allowing for the payment of \$622,373.55 for expenses incurred in the construction of the new water plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Bob Albracht asked the Council to consider naming the new water treatment plant. Mr. Albracht gave the Council a brief history of Mayor Baran's history with the City as an employee, Commissioner and finally Mayor. Mr. Albracht also elaborated on the work that Mayor Baran had gone through to see the new plant become a reality. Mr. Albracht next asked the Council to consider naming the new water treatment plant after Mayor Baran.

The Council thanked Mr. Albracht and stated they would take the suggestion under advisement and possibly agenda the subject for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to go into closed session at 7:46 pm to discuss contract negotiations involving the sale of raw water to the coal company. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the audience that after the closed session there would be no formal actions taken on any of the negotiations.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 9:00 pm with those in attendance being Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:01 by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk