

HILSBORO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2010

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 meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported that probationary Auxiliary Officer Finske has been made full time. Commissioner Hill also stated that Auxiliary Chief Knodle wished to thank retiring Sam Whitlow for all of his help and for his previous service in the Auxiliary Police Department. Commissioner Hill reported that the Fire Department is currently soliciting bids for a new tanker truck with bids to be submitted by August 24th.

Chief of Police Satterlee thanked all of his officers and the auxiliary for their efforts during the recent flooding. Satterlee went on to report that all is going well in the Department. Chief Satterlee reminded everyone that this Saturday will be the Old Settlers "Fun Run", Sunday will be the "Car Show". And, Main Street will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday evening to prepare for "Old Settlers". Chief Satterlee also noted that a new hiring list is being compiled for the Police Department and applications are available on the Department's website. All applications must be submitted by August 30th to be considered for the 2-year hiring list.

Commissioner Sherer reported that his Department has been mowing grass and cutting weeds. Commissioner Sherer updated everyone on the status of the "Sherman" building and the schedule of repairs.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that a structural engineer from Hurst & Rosche reviewed the structure on August 5 and found excessive water damage from holes in the roof. Their short-term recommendation to alleviate some of the safety concerns was to remove the upper windows and frames and board them up as well as fix the holes in the roof.

Commissioner Sherer noted he had been in contact with the City Attorney to formulate a method to avoid issues with vacant buildings in the future. One method would be to register all vacant buildings and impose a registration fee. Liens could be placed on the property for non-compliance. The City of Springfield has such a program and copy would be presented to the Planning Commission for their review to see if it could be adapted to fit Hillsboro.

Commissioner Sherer next informed the Council that he would be meeting with the Police Chief to discuss the request for historic stop signs at Wood Street and Main.

Commissioner Trost informed the Council that he has received a draft copy of this year's audit and will be meeting with the auditors in the near future to review their findings before a final version is presented to the Council.

Mayor Baran reported work has started again on the rail spur and an issue with a water line running from Oak Street to Bliss Place will be addressed in the near future.

City Attorney Cullen reported a suit had been filed on behalf of the City concerning the "Chances" building and they have 30 days to respond.

City Engineer Hunt reported work on the Tremont Street resurfacing project will begin around the end of August or first of September. Hunt reported the raw intake screen project will start within the next 30 days. Hunt next informed the Council that the bores under the railroad for the Deer Run Mine Utility project have been completed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve this month's bills in the amount of \$304,684.53. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran introduced Ann Foster who wished to address the Council concerning a drainage issue.

Ms. Foster informed the Council that she owned property at 1115 South Main and she was concerned about a large drainage culvert that runs underneath the home on that property. There is concern that the integrity of the culvert could be diminishing and could lead to structural damage of the home. Ms. Foster asked the Council to investigate the problem.

Mayor Baran stated he would have the City Engineers look into the situation for their recommendations.

Commissioner Sherer outlined to the Council some things he would like to see completed at the Challacombe House. They were remodeling of the kitchen, roof repairs and the installation of a new kitchen floor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the bid of Tim Lipe Construction for remodeling of the Challacombe kitchen in the amount of \$4,200.00. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hill voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer to accept the bid of Holcomb Construction for roof repairs and work to insure handicap accessibility in the amount of \$4,310.00. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Trost voting no.

Commissioner Trost felt the bid should have gone to the low bidder which was Tim Lipe Construction in the amount of \$4,114.75.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to have Chambers Floor Covering replace the Challacombe kitchen floor for the amount of \$2,421.86. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve Beeler's Custom Cabinetry to install new cabinets and counter tops at a cost of \$9,414.00.

There was a discussion among the Council as to whether the cabinets actually needed replaced or could be refinished or replaced at a cheaper price. There were a few different scenarios presented that could reduce those costs.

Motion to accept the bid of \$9,414.00 failed 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the installation of a caustic soda feed system at the water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve Hurst & Rosche Engineering's services to prepare and submit application to the IEPA for the feeding of caustic soda. Motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held concerning a request from Bondurant Plumbing for property in the Industrial Park. The remaining property had been given to the Sports Association but they were willing to allow a portion for the location of a business. Mayor Baran stated he has been in contact with the Rapp family to see if they would be willing to donate back a parcel of property that had been given to them years ago for a business, which never materialized. Commissioner McCammack wanted to check and see if there were any resolutions or ordinances involved with the transfer of property from the City to the Sports Association. McCammack would also like to see a letter of approval from the Sports Association permitting a portion of land to be used for a business. Any decision from the Council would be at the next regular meeting after these two items have been clarified.

A pay request from Haier Plumbing Inc. was tabled as all of the necessary paperwork had not been received.

There was a brief discussion on the installation of insulation in the process area of the new water plant to combat condensation. City Engineer Hunt stated it would help on maintenance of the building such as painting and moisture damage to electrical equipment. The cost of the insulation would be about \$28,000.00 of which Hurst & Rosche would pay 15%. The estimate was a few months old so confirmation will need to be made as to the current costs. The Council will again address this issue at the next meeting when costs have been verified.

The Council next addressed the issuance of "peddlers permits" for the "Farmer's Market" hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Currently a vendor at the "Market" must buy a \$10 peddler's permit and a \$5 permit from the Chamber. Mayor Baran asked

Commissioner Sherer to review the current practice and see if there are any alternatives to lessen the burden on the vendors at the "Farmers Market".

The Council next discussed a request for a speed zone and signage from Seymour Avenue to Edgewood Drive. The County is also considering a speed zone West of Edgewood Drive to the hill leading to Shoal Creek.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to amend a portion of the City's motor vehicle code establishing a speed zone from Seymour Avenue to Edgewood Drive. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran presented the Council with a list of six names to be considered for the seven person Historical Preservation Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Kelly Powell, Pam Hopper, Christine May, Barbara Adams, Ken Meade and Leslie Pollard to the Historical Preservation Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council held a brief discussion concerning the proposed labor agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police. Commissioner McCammack wanted clarification that the latest proposal left the residency requirements the same as the previous contracts. He was informed this item would remain the same as before, six miles from City Hall.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the current contract proposal as negotiated with the Hillsboro Police Department. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Trost and Sherer voting no.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that the stoplights at School and Main Street are in need of some more repairs. The cost of the additional repairs could be as high as \$30,000.00 and the State of Illinois is asking the City to pay for the repairs. The State would then reimburse the City as funds become available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to not repair the stoplights at School and Main Street with City funds that would be reimbursed by the State at a later date. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran read a letter of resignation from Sam Whitlow who will be retiring on August 20, 2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept the resignation of Sam Whitlow effective August 20th. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council next discussed how to best fill the vacancy created by Sam Whitlow's retirement. After deliberating the pros and cons of hiring a laborer or a supervisor the consensus was to replace the vacancy with a union position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to advertise for bids for the vacancy created by the retirement of Sam Whitlow. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would be; pay request #3 from Haier Plumbing, a decision on insulating the process area of the water plant, and a decision on property in Industrial Park.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk