

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
August 11, 2009

Mayor Baran called to 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.

Mayor and Commissioners reports:

Commissioner Hill reported the Street Department has been helping with fixing the drainage problem on the East side of the new water tower. The Police Department has been getting ready for Old Settlers.

Commissioner Hill also informed everyone that the Kiwanis, Hillsboro Police Department and Shop & Save worked together to distribute I.D. Kits to parents to log important information on their children. The parents would store these in a safe place and hopefully never have to use them in the case of a missing child.

Mayor Baran took this time to comment on the recent use of the “missing child” alert system that has been implemented and how well it worked in the community.

Commissioner Sherer informed the Council that his Department has also been working on the erosion problem near the new water tower. He has been looking at grants for a handicapped fishing dock and warning sirens. Commissioner Sherer is also looking at weather alert systems similar to lost child alert system.

Commissioner Trost stated he has been working with First MidState on the refinancing of the 1999 water and sewer bonds.

Commissioner McCammack took this time to thank Water Superintendent Roger Fath for all of the extra hours he has been putting in at the new water plant. Since going online the plant has experienced raw water problems that we have never experienced before.

Commissioner McCammack also discussed a drainage problem in east Hillsboro and noted that the sewer lines will be smoke tested in the near future for storm water connections to the sanitary sewer system. If problems are found they will be corrected as soon as possible.

Mayor Baran reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of Old Settlers. He next informed everyone of a pre-bid meeting on August 21 at 1:00 pm for the new rail spur with a bid opening on September 11th at 1:00 pm. Mayor Baran also informed everyone of receiving a grant from IDOT in the amount of \$189,000.00 for road repairs.

City Attorney Jarman stated the documents for the renewal of the Challacombe mineral lease need to be mailed as soon as possible. He has also been working on the final sale documents for property at the north end of Glenn Shoals. Jarman also informed the Council of a request from Harry Logan to vacate a street adjacent to his property in east Hillsboro.

Commissioner Hill asked the status of the “Chances” building and was informed that Montgomery County Housing Authority is trying to purchase the property for residential living on the upper floors and a business location on the street level.

City Engineer Hunt informed the Council that Plocher Construction should have their work completed in September and request the final payment. Hunt also stated that IDOT has approved the 2009 MFT program. Hunt next informed the Council that all the necessary NPDS permit applications have been submitted referencing the new water plant. Hunt recommended the Council consider placing screens on the intake tower inlets to protect the raw water pumps.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$249,501.10. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the appointment of Mark Fenske to the Auxiliary Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

The annexation of the Slepicka property was tabled until an ordinance can be prepared.

The hiring of a campground host was tabled until further notice.

Waste Water Superintendent Brett Reynolds expressed the need to replace many of the pumps used in the sewer collection system and treatment facility.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to replace four pumps associated with the Waste Water Plant as money becomes available. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill informed everyone that with the changes made in handicapped parking spaces around the square the lines need to be repainted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the striping of the parking spaces around the square at a cost of \$2,980.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the purchase of a computer for the Police Department that will be used in correlation with the in-car video systems. The cost is \$1,199.99 from Bosscotech. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief discussion on the proposal received to make repairs on the water intake structure at Glenn Shoals Lake. The repairs would be made by divers.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Pro-Dive to make repairs on the intake structure. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Trost discussed the need to place Commissioners back into positions as described by City code.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to reorganize Council positions to that of Commissioner of Health and Public Safety, Commissioner of Public Property, Commissioner of Public Improvements (water, sewer and streets) and Finance Commissioner. The motion also allowed for the Mayor to make the appointments to each position. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran appointed Connie Hill as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Chris Sherer as Commissioner of Public Property, Dennis McCammack as Commissioner of Public Improvements and Geoff Trost as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the appointment of Hill as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Sherer as Commissioner of Public Property, McCammack as Commissioner of Public Improvements and Trost as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would consist of the annexation of the Slepicka property, vacating of a street in east Hillsboro and replacement of vests in the Police Department.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:47 pm. by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk