

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
August 14, 2007

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports:

Commissioner McCammack reminded everyone that water is our number one commodity and we all need to help conserve in this hot dry weather. McCammack asked the public to keep an eye out for water leaks and report them to City Hall. Commissioner McCammack also commended all departments on job that was done repairing sidewalks on the Southeast corner of the square. During replacement a storm drain was also rerouted so as to quit putting runoff into the sanitary sewer system.

Mayor Baran applauded all the departments and their cooperation in getting the sidewalks replaced.

Commissioner Hill reported the Hillsboro Lake study has been completed and application for grant funding has been submitted. If the grant is received it would be used for rip rapping the Old lake and dredging the area South of the bridge. Hill also reported the summer help is gone for the season and the pool will close on August the 19<sup>th</sup>. Hill reported her department has also completed the painting of City Hall, the Escape and the guardrail on Seward Street. Commissioner Hill next discussed how hot it was during the Old Settlers car show and her concern for people during the upcoming celebration. Hill designated the Escape as a cooling center where people could get relief from the heat during Old Settlers.

Commissioner Sherer commended the Police Department's new K-9, Rico who has been instrumental in several drug and weapons recoveries. Commissioner Sherer stated he had hoped to have both new "Charger" patrol cars in service by Old Settlers, but unfortunately only one has arrived. Sherer also informed everyone that the Fire Department would be having a "fill the boot" drive for Muscular Dystrophy on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that the official o.k. has been received from Union Pacific Railroad on the construction of the new rail siding, but we are still waiting for I.D.O.T. approval. Mayor Baran next discussed an unsigned letter he had received concerning many infractions throughout the City. Mayor Baran stated he would not give credence to an unsigned letter, if a citizen has a complaint they need to file and sign it.

Mayor Baran next instructed City Attorney Jarman to research the vacating of a platted alley located between Dr. Balen and the Fuller property on Broad Street. Fullers have made a request to have the alley vacated.

Mayor Baran next informed everyone that there was an easement needed for new water and sewer lines for the new water treatment plant. David Hayes has stated he would grant the easement across the South end of his Hayes Abrasives property.

City Engineer Hunt reported the dirt work at the new water treatment plant began on this past Monday. Hunt asked the public to bear with us during the first couple of weeks of dirt work as due to dry conditions there would be dust clouds. Hunt discussed a change order to make the color of the powdered activated carbon silos the same as the building. The cost for the custom color would be about \$400.00. There could also be a change in the contract involving an interior elevator due to State regulations being changed since the award of the contract. Hunt asked City Attorney Jarman to hold off on the agreement with Ameren concerning electric service for the new raw water pump station until details can be agreed upon.

Commissioner Trost informed the Council of the need to seek alternate funding to help with the payment of salaries and bills until property taxes are received. Commissioner Trost stated he had checked interest rates at the local banks and Hillsboro National Bank had the lowest rate at 4.34 %.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve tax anticipation warrants in the amount of \$504,900.00 from Hillsboro National Bank. The monies are to be paid back as soon as the County disperses the City's share of property taxes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to pay bills in the amount of \$225,813.35 as money becomes available. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to adopt **Resolution #WTP 2** allowing for the payment of bills in the amount of \$256,708.00 and \$7,085.00 for the new water treatment plant. These payments are to Plocher Construction and Hurst & Rosche Engineering. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer Hunt presented the Council with a final plat for lot in Edgewood Subdivision for their approval.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the final plat for an addition to the Edgewood Subdivision owned by David White. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to adopt **Ordinance #1466** vacating a portion of City right-of-way adjacent to lots 10, 11, and 12 on the west side of Knisley Bowling Alley. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack discussed the need for a new pump at the wastewater plant. The cost of this can be delayed or split into 3 installments to make it easier on the budget.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the purchase of a new pump at the wastewater plant at the cost of \$5,332.00 to be paid in 3 installments. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to approve a request from Mark Seaton of “Set Shots” for a beer garden to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seaton assured the Mayor there would be no overly loud music or foul language.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve “Set Shots” request for a beer garden and a one-man band to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm until 11 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items,

City Engineer Hunt informed everyone that the 2007 oil and chipping program would begin on the following Monday and plans for resurfacing Main Street should be ready for the next Council meeting. Montgomery County has asked Hurst & Rosche to submit an application to the IEPA for a waterline extension for the new animal shelter.

Mayor Baran reminded everyone that the facility would have to annex into the City before they would be allowed to hook onto the City sewer system.

Commissioner Trost reminded everyone to hold expenses down as best they can due to the lack of funding.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:49 by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk