

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
August 22, 2006

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, Richmond, McCammack and Hill.

Pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner's and Mayor's reports

Commissioner Hill reported that the Central Park pool would be open for the next two weekends from 12 to 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Richmond asked that the bids for the new dive boat be submitted to City Hall by 4:00 pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Richmond also discussed a parking problem at the corner of Seward and Broad Streets. His recommendation at the next meeting would be to remove two angle parking spaces and replace them with one parallel parking space.

Commissioner Trost discussed the status of the Revolving Fund Loans noting 2 were in default -- those of Son Clayton and Lois's Groom Room. Trost asked the City Attorney to contact Lois on making her payments. Trost also thanked all the Departments that helped at the house fire which occurred this past week.

Mayor Baran reported that he and Morris Dodd have been working with the USEPA concerning the Eagle Zinc property and a meeting would be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Baran also reported he is still pursuing additional grant funding for the new water treatment plant. Mayor Baran next discussed a report that he had heard the City had budgeted, but was not willing, to install an emergency siren at Lakewood Estates. The Mayor read from the minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup> where the City had priced sirens and elected to pursue grants to pay for them.

Commissioner Trost stated he had been researching grant funding and as of yet could not find any grants to help with the purchase of emergency sirens.

City Attorney Jarman reported on properties that need addressed. The Jones property on Mechanic has been sent a reminder, as they have not complied with all the items on their abatement notice. Complaints have been filed at the Courthouse concerning the cottage at the old lake that has fallen into disrepair. The Melow property on Crittenden has a complaint ready to be filed at the Courthouse. Jarman stated he has been in contact with John Hurst who is planning on demolishing his cabin and rebuilding. Mayor Baran mentioned the former Seamon property on Wood Street still has a problem with weeds.

City Engineer Hunt reported he is continuing to work with Rural Development concerning design capacity issues. Hunt also presented pre-qualification forms to the Committee selected to review prospective bidders for the new water plant. Hunt next reported the 2006 MFT sidewalk

replacement plans are 95% complete. Hunt also stated the survey for the property the City has purchased from Joe Rapp should be completed soon.

Kyle Putnam of Patton & Company was present to review this year's audit with the Council. Putnam reported there is some good news in the general fund due to increases in revenues. There has also been a \$30,000 increase in recreational fees. There has also been an increase in expenses, but nothing too extreme. Departments need to be focus on budgetary items they can control. Water and Sewer revenues are not keeping up with expenses and the City needs to keep rates in line. The City needs to continue to exchange ideas with other communities and keep accentuating the positives. Putnam also reported from her experience auditing other communities that grant funds are very limited and the City should not rely on them too much.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept the audit report for 2005 from Patton & Company. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief discussion by the Council concerning the findings of the Planning Commission report on easing traffic congestion at Beckemeyer School. The first two options presented by the Commission involve a considerable amount of funding and construction of a new road on the property. The third option limited parking on Seymour Street to the East side of the street, but involves routing more cars onto Mechanic Street. The Council tabled any decision at this time until some more options can be studied.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond adopt **Ordinance #1441** allowing for the sale of 2 city owned lots along the old railroad right of way at the appraised value of \$1,000.00 to Rick Vogel. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran introduced James Milanos who was present to object to the proposed new lake lot rule changes allowing only two lease lots per household. Milanos also complained about lots near his that were not abiding by their lease agreements. Mayor Baran informed Mr. Milanos that this would be looked into and rectified. Commissioner Hill asked Mr. Milanos what would be next on his list to try and remove people from lots near him. Milanos finished by voicing his opposition to the proposed new rule involving the leasing of lake lots.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Ordinance #1442** allowing only two (2) lease lots per household. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt **Ordinance #1443** limiting the time political signs can be on display. They must not be displayed until 45 days before any election and must be removed within 7 day after election. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve Illinois Consolidated's plan for constructing a substation on Summer Street to improve television service to customers within the city limits. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended 3 reappointments to the Library Board.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Barabara Adams, Mark Noyes and Terry Baker to the Library Board for 3 year terms. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond discussed the proposed outside dining area at Bleacher's with the Council. Commissioner Richmond City Attorney Jarman and Rick Lynch (Bleachers' manager) will meet to discuss the request and report back to the Council.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioner Hill oversee work at the "Chance's" building and see that the doors and windows are secured and a drainpipe is reconnected. Mayor Baran also asked the wood on the front of the building be painted.

Upcoming agenda items would be the outside dining at "Bleachers", setting a date for a T.I.F. hearing, and addressing the parking at Seward and Broad Street.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk