

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
August 25, 2009

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 by all.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Hill reported they are going to need a pony motor for the snorkel truck.

Commissioner Sherer reported on the new "video gaming" act which legalizes video gaming and allows for the State and municipalities to place a tax on the gross receipts. Commissioner Sherer asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to this effect.

Commissioner Sherer also informed the Council that he was in contact with Ameren to discuss placing ornamental street lights on Main Street. He also noted that he was looking into the cost of stocking fish in Glenn Shoals Lake.

Commissioner McCammack noted the Waste Water Department is doing testing for IEPA compliance and working on pumps.

Commissioner McCammack also informed everyone that the town has been divided into four areas for pickup of storm damage. He asked everyone to have patience as limbs will be picked up as soon as possible. McCammack also informed everyone that the Lion's and Sertoma Clubs would be volunteering to help with limb pickup on Thursday evening for two hours. The City will furnish two men and trucks to assist the volunteers.

Commissioner McCammack next thanked everyone who helped with the Old Settlers cleanup.

Mayor Baran informed Commissioner McCammack that CMS Surplus Property in Springfield may have some pumps and motors that could be used at the Waste Water Department. Mayor Baran next reported that a pre-bid meeting had been held for the new rail spur and there were 17 contractors interested in bidding the project.

City Attorney Jarman reported he had been in talks with the coal company concerning contract changes in the water agreement. Jarman also informed the Council of a request to purchase some City owned property in Lakewood Estates. The property sale would have to allow the City a utility easement as there is a lift station on the property.

Commissioner Sherer noted that he had been in contact with the Lieble's concerning the repair of their dam. They would like to see an agreement from the City committing to

paying for the repairs. The agreement would also acknowledge the work to be done on the Bullington pond.

Attorney Jarman also noted that Barbara Adams, Attorney for the Montgomery County Water Company was present to ask the Council's thoughts on the coal company connecting to Montgomery County Rural Water on a temporary basis.

The consensus of the Council was to approve an agreement at the next meeting, but verbally gave permission to begin connection at this time.

City Engineer Scott Hunt informed the Council there would be a bid opening at 9:00 am August 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2009 Motor Fuel Tax program and a bid opening on September 11 for the rail spur. Hunt also stated he has nearly completed the Operations and Maintenance agreement involving the new utility services supplying the coal company. If the Council is in agreement these would then be forwarded on to the coal company for their consideration.

Commissioner McCammack stated he would be coordinating an "open house" for the water plant along with Commissioner Sherer's "open house" for the Challacombe house.

Commissioner McCammack noted the need to update the sewer agreements so that all read alike. The current contract with Schram City does not expire until the current bonds are paid off. Schram does seem to be in violation of a portion of the contract. Therefore, Commissioner McCammack, City Attorney Jarman and Schram's Attorney Mike Glenn need to have a meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve Ordinance #1501 annexing the Richard and Nancy Slepicka property. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to consider renaming the "Plaza" to the "Lincoln Plaza" to help commemorate the location of the new statue.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to rename the "Plaza" to the "Lincoln Plaza". Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Sherer voting no.

Lincoln Statue Committee members, Barbara Adams and Kathy Dagon thanked the City for their work in installing the Lincoln statue and presented the Council with a photo commemorating that event.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve Hurst & Rosche Engineers to submit a five year land application sludge permit request to the IEPA at a cost to \$3,400.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a pay request from Hurst & Rosche Engineers for miscellaneous Task #7 involving water plant observation. The amount is to be determined by the approved fee schedule and paid as funds becomes available. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to vacate a platted but never constructed street (Miller) in East Hillsboro as requested by Harry Logan. Motion carried 5-0.

An appointment to the Fire Pension Board was tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the purchase of a 2007 backhoe at a cost of \$62,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill informed everyone that the current bullet proof vests being used by the Police Department will be out of warranty in October and new ones would need to be sized and ordered before that time. Grants have been applied for to help cover the costs.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to purchase bullet proof vests in the Police Department at a cost of \$6,200.00. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief explanation of an ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation refunding bonds that would be placed on the next agenda to be approved by ordinance. The refunding would generate a substantial savings to the City.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to accept the resignation of Mike Rappe` from the Police and Fire Board.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to accept the resignation of Mike Rappe` from the Police and Fire Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would be the water contract with the Coal Company, an approval for a temporary water connection to the coal mine property, bond ordinance, appointment to the Fire Pension Board and the awarding of MFT bids.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 pm by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk