

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
August 26, 2008

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.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Commissioner Hill gave kudos' to all the departments involved with the cleaning up of the streets after the Old Settlers celebration. Commissioner Hill also noted that only 3 part-time workers were hired this year to help with the cleanup in a move to help save money. Hill also informed everyone that her departments are gearing up for the last big holiday weekend of the summer, Labor Day.

Commissioner Sherer also thanked the Hillsboro Police Department, Auxiliary Police, Street Department and Fire Department for their assistance during the Old Settlers celebration parade and cleanup. Commissioner Sherer also noted he had sent copies of an "Emergency Action Plan" for all the Council to review.

Chief Satterlee also took this time to thank the Hillsboro Police Department, Auxiliary Police, Illinois State Police and the Montgomery County Sheriffs Department for their assistance during the Old Settlers Celebration. Chief Satterlee also informed the Council that an ordinance establishing truck routes could be ready for the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Sherer stated he would work with Commissioner McCammack to draft a golf cart ordinance allowing golf carts on City streets.

Commissioner Trost attempted to clarify a budget item discussed at the previous meeting. Trost stated that the Waste Water plant was over budget by \$18,000.00. This was due to an \$18,000.00 IEPA permit fee paid early in the budget year before revenues began to come in.

Commissioner McCammack stated he could not understand why he had to pay \$18,000 to dump treated water into a creek. This practice has been done since the 1930's. McCammack noted that the Hillsboro plant has been nominated by the IEPA as a Class I "plant of the year". To prepare for the upcoming inspection the Waste Water department would need to add \$3,000.00 flow meter. Commissioner McCammack informed the Council that a claim with Ameren IP in the amount of \$5,000.00 has been denied. Ameren stated they had no reports of any problems during the time frame of the pump failure. McCammack told the Council that the waste water department camera truck is now rented to other municipalities at a fee of \$175.00 per hour, which includes an operator.

Mayor Baran read a letter from the Farm Bureau thanking him and Chief Satterlee for getting one of the carnival rides moved from in front of the building for safety reasons. Mayor Baran also thanked all the departments and the Old Settlers Association for their work in making this another successful celebration.

City Attorney Jarman stated he is working on the closing documents for the sale of the airport property to the coal company. The two remaining issues are annexation into the City and getting the property zoned properly. Mayor Baran again discussed the “Chances” building and what is needed to get the property sold.

Commissioner Hill asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance or resolution stating no one could open documents that are not specifically addressed to them. Commissioner Hill stated she had instructed City Hall staff to tape and mark documents “confidential” that needed privacy.

Mayor Baran stated he had talked with Mr. Dave Boone concerning his property and getting it cleaned up.

City Engineer Hunt reported the new water transmission lines have been installed and the sampling procedure is being followed to put them into service. Hunt also informed the Council that IDOT has approved the plans for micro-surfacing Main Street and a meeting will be set to coordinate dates and times for completion.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve an expenditure of \$3,000.00 to improve the drainage at the corner of Highland and Freeland Streets. Motion carried 5-0.

The next three items on the agenda involved the sale of City properties and change orders for the new water treatment plant were tabled until a future date.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the hiring recommendation of the Police and Fire Board by hiring David Rogers as an engineer/dispatcher in the Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve *Resolution 2008-7* authorizing the issuance of capital improvement revenue bonds for Hillsboro Area Hospital Inc. Motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Trost an employee of the Hospital voting present.

Commissioner Sherer explained an offer from Whiteside Communications allowing for the swapping of 4 outdated pagers for 1 new pager. The Fire Department has approximately 15 of these older units.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a 4 to 1 trade with Whiteside Communications of the Fire Departments’ outdated pagers. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran explained to the Council that the trial period of Deputy Chief Stretch was about to come to a conclusion and Mayor Baran felt, due to present conditions, the period should be extended another 6 months.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to extend the trial period of Deputy Chief Stretch another six months. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Sherer voting no.

Mayor Baran asked the Council for any discussion of upcoming agenda items before asking for approval to go into closed session to discuss personnel.

Upcoming items would again be the sale of City owned property, a change order for the new water treatment plant, and pay request number 16 on the new treatment plant.

Motion was made at 7:40 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:18 pm. Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:19 by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk