

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
August 8, 2006

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

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

Commissioner Hill led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Hill reported the roof on City Hall has been repaired and painting of the exterior has begun. The back of the "Escape" building has also been painted. The Central Park pool will be closed Wednesday and Thursday of Old Settlers. The Pool will also be open from 12 to 6 p.m. on the weekend of August 26th and 27th and September 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Hill also stated they would be placing picnic tables along Main Street for use during the Old Settlers celebration.

Commissioner Richmond reported that for the month of July the Police Department has responded to 8 accidents and made 9 warrant arrests. They have also issued 15 verbal warnings, 17 written warnings, 9 city ordinance violations, 30 traffic citations and 16 non-traffic citations. There were also 13 arrests made during the month of July.

Commissioner Richmond also informed everyone that the Old Settler's car show will be on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> with Main Street being closed from Wood Street to the North side of the Courthouse Square.

Commissioner Richmond reported that for the month of July, Code Enforcement has issued 8 vehicle abatement notices of which 4 have complied and 4 were towed. There has been 7 building permits issued. There have been 4 clean up abatements served and all have complied.

Commissioner McCammack stated the oil and chipping of roads has been completed for this year and we were unable to do 10 roads that had been scheduled. These will be added to next year's list and be completed then. Seymour Avenue was not done, but will be done later this year. McCammack also informed the audience that if you have water or sewer problems do not assume the City is aware of it, please call and notify someone within the City.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to review a report from the Planning Commission concerning the parking problems at Beckemeyer School. Mayor Baran asked the Council to have their recommendations ready for the next meeting. Mayor Baran also informed the Council and audience that DECEO had rejected the City's request for a \$350,000.00 grant for the new water treatment plant. The City will be resubmitting for next year. Mayor Baran also complemented Nick Pretnar for his news article concerning the territorial conflicts between the Hillsboro Fire Department and the Taylor Springs Fire Department.

City Attorney Jarman reported on this situation and explained progress is being made between all entities. Fire subscription contracts from Taylor Springs and Hillsboro will all be sent to the 911 Coordinator and existing dual contracts need to have procedures worked out.

City Treasurer McCoy asked the Council for approval to pay this month bills.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$247,109.79. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported on four properties that have had abatements sent to them. The Seamon property on Wood Street has complied with their notice. The Jones property on Mechanic Street has not completed their abatements and they will be notified. The owner of a cabin at Lake Hillsboro has been sent a 30-day summons for not complying with the abatement notice. The City will demolish the cabin by court order if the abatements are not satisfied. The Hurst cabin at Lake Hillsboro is scheduled to be demolished by the owner.

City Engineer Scott Hunt reported they have submitted the final design plans for the new water treatment plant to IEPA for their approval. The review could take four to six months. Hurst & Rosche is currently working with Rural Development establishing a capacity agreement. Rural Development has approved a capacity of 3 MGD, but the City wants to build a 3.5 MGD plant. The 2006 MFT program has been completed for this year. There were some streets that did not get done this year, but will be added to next year's list. Plans are still underway to oil and chip Seymour Avenue and cost estimates should be received soon. Hunt also gave the City a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 to survey the former Rapp property.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint John Stretch to the position of Chief Deputy of Police. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman explained to the Council that two houses at the South end of Williams Street are accessing their property from City owned property. Williams Street was never extended to those properties. Thus, an easement would be necessary for them to access their homes. This would save any confusion if any of the properties were to sell.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to adopt an easement allowing homeowners at the end of Williams Street to legally have access to their properties. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to establish specifications and advertise for a rescue boat for the Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Mark Smith as a member of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department Dive Team. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond led a brief discussion concerning political signs within the City limits of Hillsboro. The present code states signs must be removed seven days after elections are over. Commissioner Richmond would like to set a maximum date they can be displayed before an election. City Attorney Jarman would draft an ordinance to this effect and send copies to the Zoning Board for their input as well as the Council. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Agenda items 14 and 15 were tabled due to some legal wording that needs completed before any actions could be taken.

Rick Lynch had asked for permission to add a dining deck to the “Bleachers” restaurant, but was not present to explain his plans. Commissioner Richmond stated he would talk with Mr. Lynch and report back to the Council.

Approval of Challacombe mineral lease changes was tabled until more information is received.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to adopt [Resolution 2006-1](#) allowing for the sale of surplus City property along the old railroad right of way. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill asked the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance allowing individuals to lease a maximum of two lake frontage lots on Glenn Shoals Lake. Those with more than two would be grand fathered in until such time they give any of the lots up. This change would be addressed at the next meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the expenditure of \$1460.00 to Lessman Sales for a leaf bagger to be used at Challacombe House. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended 4 people to be part of a committee to pre qualify contractors for the new water treatment plant.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint a committee to pre qualify contractors for the new water treatment plant. The committee would consist of Chairman Roy Thomas, Roger Fath, Dennis McCammack and Mark Joy. Motion carried 5-0.

Larry Keiser was present to discuss his expulsion from the campground. Commissioner Hill stated she had already discussed all she was going to on the subject. Mayor Baran stated he could not and would not override her decision and gave the Council opportunity to question the decision if they chose to. There was no action taken.

Joe Scroggins had asked to be on the agenda to discuss his expulsion from the campground, but was not in attendance.

Upcoming agenda items would be amendments to the sign ordinance, the deck at “Bleachers”, amending the lake lot lease ordinance, appointments to the Library board and addressing the Planning Commissions findings on parking at Beckemeyer.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk