

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
December 12, 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, Hill and McCammack.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioner's reports

Commissioner Hill reported her department has poured the concrete floor for the new restroom to be constructed on Fourth of July point. Due to the ice storms that hit Hillsboro her department has been assisting the Public Works department in the removal of debris. Commissioner Hill gave kudos' to all the departments for their work in clearing the limbs from streets and boulevards.

Commissioner Richmond also took this time to commend all of the departments for their ongoing efforts with the cleanup from the ice storm.

Commissioner Trost reiterated the comments of the other Commissioners. Trost next discussed a request from National Bank for the City to agree to remain subordinate concerning the refinancing of a loan for the Red Rooster. City Attorney Jarman stated he would talk with the bank to get a time frame for this agreement. Jarman informed the Council that nothing really changes concerning the City and the present Revolving Fund Loan involving the Red Rooster.

Commissioner McCammack stated his departments have all been assisting in the brush pickup and assistance from the State will be arriving on Monday. They are supposed to supply 4 trucks an end loader and 4 crews to assist in the cleanup. McCammack also reminded everyone of the surplus property auction that will take place at the Fire Station on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Baran echoed the sentiments of the entire Council concerning the cleanup efforts put forth by all the City Departments. Mayor Baran did mention that the overall disaster plan needs work, there needs to be a more coordinated effort between 911 and the surrounding communities. Baran next informed everyone that design work has begun on the rail siding north of Hixson Lumber and bids could be let as early as February. The rail siding will be paid for with a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to pay this month's bills in the amount of \$185,575.53. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported there would be a bench trial January 2nd concerning the condemnation of a cabin at Lake Hillsboro.

City Engineer Hunt reported the construction permit for the new water treatment plant has been received and plans have been sent to Rural Development and we are awaiting their approval. The new water treatment plant project could go out for bid in late January or early February. Hunt reported a bank in Springfield concerning funding assistance for the new treatment plant had contacted him. Documents would be sent to them for their review. Commissioner Trost stated he would contact local banks to see if they were interested in the possibility funding assistance for the new treatment plant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the appointment of Brandi Merriman to the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt explained to the Council that Moniger excavating had submitted a change order to replace a portion of sidewalks on Marshall Street and Tremont Street. The cost for these replacements would be \$6,783.66.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Moniger Excavating's change order in the amount of \$6,783.66 to replace additional sidewalks. The motion also approves Moniger's pay request for completion of original bid in the amount of \$44,063.71 contingent on approval of Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Sergeant Brewer presented the Council with his proposal for continuing the Police Departments equipment replacement program. The plan involves the purchasing of 4 new squad cars to replace 4 older units. This helps keep all vehicles under warranty to defray repair costs. Approval for the program will be scheduled at a later date.

Sergeant Brewer next informed the Council that his K-9 is approaching 15 years old and needs to be retired this year. It is the recommendation of the Police Department that the City acquires a replacement K-9 and appoints a new K-9 officer (Randy Leetham).

City Attorney Jarman presented the Council with two resolutions to be passed abating taxes involved with City Ordinances 1284 and 1351.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Resolution # 2006-4** abating taxes associated with City Ordinance 1284. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to adopt **Resolution # 2006-5** abating taxes associated with City Ordinance #1351. Motion carried 5-0.

Sergeant Brewer asked the Council if they would consider appointing Officer Leetham as the new K-9 Officer so he would be ready when a training class is offered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Officer Leetham as the K-9 Officer to take Sergeant Brewer's place. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond discussed the terrible littering on City Lake Road and that cameras may be installed to catch the offenders. The offenders would then receive a \$200 ticket in the mail.

Council Discussion of upcoming agenda items consisted of the extension of the Police equipment replacement program and approval of the 2007 MFT agreement with Hurst & Rosche Engineers.

Mayor Baran complemented all the Commissioners and Departments for all that has been accomplished this past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk