

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
December 14, 2010

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 and McCammack.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Mayor and Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Hill reported the Police Department will be holding a "night shoot" on December 21st starting at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Hill noted with the recent ice and snow storms the Department's Dodge Chargers are having problems getting around.

Commissioner Trost again discussed the need to sell surplus property that is being housed at the water plant. It was decided to advertise for bids on the properties to be submitted by 4:30 on January 11th.

Commissioner McCammack thanked all those involved with the recent snow removal.

Mayor Baran discussed a problem with stabilization of a bank behind Mrs. Marcolini on School Street that has been rectified with help from Rick Vogel. Mayor Baran stated he would like to deed this portion of the old railroad right-of-way to Mr. Vogel. Mayor Baran also informed the Council of a storage building on Ash Street located on a portion of what is now City owned property. He would like to see that portion of those lots deeded back to Rex Fuller.

Mayor Baran also stated that he would like to schedule a meeting on January 6th at 7:00 pm at the "Escape" to help decide its future as a teen center.

City Attorney Cullen reported he had reviewed and revised the proposed rules and regulations of the Police and Fire Board with possible approval at the next meeting. Deeds have also been prepared for properties involved in Phase II of the Deer Run Mine raw water project.

Attorney Cullen informed the Council of a January 11th tax hearing concerning the "Chances" building that could help determine the next step in securing the structure.

City Engineer Hunt reported working on change orders for the rail spur involving the loading facilities. Hunt reported the airburst system for the raw water intake screens should be installed this coming week. Hunt also reported there would

be a pre-bid meeting for Phase II of the Deer Run Mine utilities on January 11th at 10:00 am with a bid opening on January 20th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve bills in the amount of \$312,510.48. Commissioner Trost stated this was more than normal due to risk management insurance premiums. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to cancel the second meeting in December due to the upcoming holidays. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the next fiscal years tax levy in the amount of \$811,593.00. Motion carried 4-0.

William Flowers of New Wave Communications was present to request the City renew their franchise agreement which expires in March.

Mayor Baran asked for a copy of the agreement and any changes that would be implemented. The Council would review the request and make a decision at the first meeting in January.

There was a discussion on a secondary supplier of electricity as the current rates look favorable to extend or sign a new contract. Quotes were received from Direct Energy and Ameren Energy Marketing.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to allow Commissioner Trost and the City Attorney to review the proposals and select the best one for the City. The motion also authorized Mayor Baran to sign the contract that was selected. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack to approve pay request #3 from Korte-Luitjohan for work on the raw water intake screens in the amount of \$42,232.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a proposal of \$ 3,700.00 from Hurst & Rosche Engineers to submit the NPDS renewal application for the water treatment plant. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a proposal of \$ 4,200.00 from Hurst & Rosche Engineers to submit the NPDS renewal application for the waste water treatment plant. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to commit to an expenditure not to exceed \$2,500 to supplement engineering costs for the widening of the intersection of School and Eccles Street. The balance of the \$18,000 fee would be paid by the State. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council of a need to implement a replacement program for water meters as many are currently inoperable.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to purchase 252 new radio read meters. The meters would be purchased by the water and wastewater departments as they both receive revenue from the meters. The meters would be paid for in 3 monthly installments for a total cost of \$ 38,178.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the Council approve giving a \$50.00 Christmas bonus and ham to all City employees for Christmas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve a \$50.00 bonus plus a ham to all City employees for Christmas. Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Trost voting no.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:58 by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk

