

Hillsboro City Council  
February 10, 2009

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, Hill and McCammack.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Mayor and Commissioners reports:

Mayor Baran took this time to thank everyone for the outpouring of support during his wife's illness.

Commissioner Hill reported the Street Department has been cleaning culverts and drains as well as working on water leaks. Commissioner Hill mentioned she had been talking with City employees and union representatives about being able to cover positions vacated by employees who may retire. This would need to be done without replacing all of these positions. Hill also informed the Council of a very productive meeting with employees concerning a different health insurance option that would help the City save money.

Commissioner Trost also discussed meeting with the union representatives and employees concerning the possibility of offering early retirement and how positions could be impacted. Trost was also present for a portion of the health insurance meeting and was thrilled by the participation by City employees. Commissioner Trost also discussed the option of purchasing electricity from another source in an effort to save money and felt this needs to be pursued. Trost next informed everyone that it is once again time to start work on their annual department budgets.

City Attorney Jarman stated he has an agreement for the Mayor to sign concerning the lawsuit to recover costs that have been and will be incurred to remove atrazine from drinking water. Approval to pursue such an action was made at an earlier Council meeting. Jarman also informed the Council that he has a draft copy of an annexation agreement from Hillsboro Energy LLC that needs to be reviewed.

City Engineer Cody Greenwood informed the Council that the new water treatment plant was 98% complete. Electricians are completing the control wiring, filters are being backwashed, individual pieces of equipment are undergoing startup and disinfection of all the tanks and piping will begin soon. Greenwood also informed the Council that they could see change order #8 in the near future involving a heater for an eyewash station and door sweeps. Lastly Greenwood stated the recent dam inspections have been submitted to IDNR.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to pay bills in the amount of \$212,448.70. Motion carried 4-0.

Next Mayor Baran introduced Kathy Dagon who was present to give the Council an update on the Lincoln statue and events leading up to it's unveiling. Also present to give background

information on President Lincoln and events being planned were Roy Hertel and Nancy Slepicka. The Council was also informed that funding for the statue is at 50%.

Mayor Baran and Commissioner Hill presented Ms. Dagon with personal donations toward the funding of the project.

Mayor Baran next read a proclamation of support of the events planned for the City and Hillsboro School district commencing with Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 2009 and ending with the unveiling of the Lincoln statue on August 15, 2009.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the proclamation of support for events commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> year of Lincoln's birth and the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Old Settler's Days. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve pay resolution WTP2009-21 in the amount of \$105,945.38. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the appointment of John Unger, a retired banker and Lake Patrol officer, to the Police Pension Board filling the vacancy of David White.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint John Unger to the Police Pension Board. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt **Resolution #2009-1** approving an early retirement incentive as offered by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran stated due to his absence the last month he would like to meet one on one with each Supervisor and their Commissioner to catch up on events.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk