

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
February 13, 2007**

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

*Mayor and Commissioners Reports*

Commissioner Hill reported that February 27<sup>th</sup> was the cutoff date for summer help applications to be submitted. Commissioner Hill next thanked the Police Department, Danny Robinson and Roger Fath for shutting off a leak at the historical Harkey house. Hill asked if there was any need for water in the house and if not she would leave the water shut off to avoid future problems. Hill next informed everyone that wood is being cut and split to be sold in the campground therefore no one is to remove wood from any of the parks. The proceeds of the sale of wood will be used to fund events in the parks.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the month of January the Hillsboro Police Department handled 17 motor vehicle accidents and made 8 warrant arrests. They have also issued 19 traffic citations, 16 written warnings, 9 non-traffic warnings, 4 ordinance violations and 4 verbal warnings.

Commissioner Trost reported he is still analyzing the effect higher electrical rates will have on the income from the municipal tax.

Commissioner McCammack reported there has been two major water leaks lately one at the prison and one in Schram City. Both leaks were repaired in a timely manner.

Mayor Baran reported that I.D.O.T. has informed him that portions of Hamilton Street and Springfield Road are to be resurfaced this summer. Mayor Baran asked City Attorney Jarman to send them a letter asking that the yellow pedestrian crossing light be replaced at Wood and Hamilton that was removed during the last highway improvement. Baran also informed the Council that Morris Dodd has again been contacted concerning a forthcoming meeting with the U.S.E.P.A. concerning the cleanup of the Eagle Zinc property.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$169,354.24*

City Attorney Jarman reported he is continuing to work on documentation to secure a loan for the new water plant loan from Rural Development.

City Engineer Hunt was unable to attend, but left the Council documentation of projects Hurst & Rosche is working on for the City.

Mayor Baran asked the Council for approval of support and financial commitment in applying for a CDAP grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 to aid in funding of the new water treatment plant.

*Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to adopt **Resolution 2007-1** supporting the pursuit of a CDAP grant to help fund the new water plant. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve **Resolution 2007-2** committing City funds to supplement the CDAP grant financing a portion of the funding of the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Richmond informed the Council of legislation changes that necessitated changes in the present Auxiliary Police ordinance.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Ordinance #1454** amending the present Auxiliary Police ordinance omitting the wording conservator of the peace. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Richmond next discussed the need to amend the animal control ordinance establishing a penalty for not removing excrement left by your pets. City Attorney Jarman was asked to prepare an amendment to the ordinance for the next meeting.

Commissioner Richmond next read to the Council the bids that were submitted for new police vehicles. The first bid was for two 2007 sedans with bids from Bob Ridings in Taylorville in the amount of \$21,225.00 each, Victory Lane Ford Litchfield for \$22,293.00 each, Wright Automotive Hillsboro for \$23,462.00 each. The next set of bids was for a 2007 sport utility vehicle with the low bid coming from Landmark Ford in Springfield in the amount of \$23,390.00. Other bids were Bob Ridings in Taylorville for \$25,965.00, Victory Lane in Litchfield for \$25,232.32, Wright Automotive Hillsboro for \$23,460.72. The next vehicle bid was a 2007 ½ ton 4 door pick-up with the low bid from Bob Ridings Taylorville in the amount of \$22,175.00 for a Ram 1500. Other bids were \$28,585.00 on a Ford 150 from Victory Lane in Litchfield and Wright Automotive \$25,270.40 on a Ram 1500 and \$26,398.85 on a Ford 150.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the purchase of 4 new Police vehicles to be ordered and paid for in May. The vehicles were awarded to the low bidders those being Bob Ridings in Taylorville for two 2007 sedans in the amount of \$21,225.00 each and a 2007 ½ ton Ram 1500 in the amount of \$22,270.40. The 2007 sport utility vehicle was awarded to Landmark Ford of Springfield in the amount of \$23,390.00. There was also \$726.00 added to the Sport Utility vehicle for paint scheme. The total would be \$88,015.00. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt **Ordinance #1455** authorizing the use of City owned streets, alleys, and City owned property for the placement of municipal utilities. Motion carried 5-0.*

Police Sergeant Brewer informed the Council of an upcoming opportunity to contract the purchase of new K-9 that would be hand picked and trained by Chad Larner one of the more knowledgeable K-9 trainers around.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to contract the purchase of a new K-9 from Chad Larner in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.*

Richard Slepicka of the Natural Resource Committee read a letter requesting the City to begin budgeting for restoration of Glenn Shoals Lake. The Committee felt restoration expenditures

should be prioritized. Their idea was to use money brought in from the rental of dock fees to fund future projects. The income from this line item would be approximately \$30,000.00.

The Council conceded that it was time to begin protecting the Lakes, but wondered if the budget could withstand a \$30,000.00 loss.

Mayor Baran thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and time.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve a budget change in May diverting all income from dock fees to lake restoration. Motion carried 5-0.*

Mayor Baran again discussed with the Council the feasibility of the construction of a water line interconnect between Hillsboro and Litchfield to be used in times of emergency only. Baran thought there might be grants available under Homeland Security. Mayor Baran told the Council he would meet with the Mayor of Litchfield and try to formulate some guidelines before returning to the Council for permission to proceed.

Commissioner Hill informed the Council she has increased the camp fees to be more inline with fees in other campgrounds similar to ours.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt **Resolution 2007-3** designating a “504 coordinator” who would be the contact point concerning handicapped accessibility. This person would be the City Clerk, Dave Booher. Motion carried 5-0.*

There was a brief discussion concerning a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the County concerning GIS mapping.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Montgomery County concerning the use of GIS mapping. There would be a one-time setup fee of \$400.00. Motion carried 5-0.*

The Council next discussed items for future agendas. Commissioner Hill stated we need a stronger littering and loitering ordinance for the Main Street area. There was also a discussion concerning snow removal on Main Street sidewalks as to whether it should be up to the City or business owners. The concern was liability on behalf of the City.

The next agenda would include amending the litter ordinance, approval of cleaning sludge lagoons, appointments of Greg Singletary and Caleb Payne to the Police Auxiliary.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:13 by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk