

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
February 14, 2005

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners and Mayors Reports

Commissioner Hill reported the repainting of the shower building in the campground was nearing completion and then the old green restrooms would be demolished and replaced. The grounds in the campground have been aerated and they will soon be limed and seeded. The department has also been clearing the old railroad right of way between School and Ash Street with the help of the Vandalia Prison work camp.

Commissioner Richmond reported that 10 vehicles had received abatement notices and all 10 have complied. There has been 3 building permits issued and condemnation proceedings have begun on two properties. The Police Department in January have responded to 13 accidents and made 8 warrant arrests. There were a total of 18 verbal warnings, 5 ordinance citations, 21 written warnings, 39 traffic citations, and 22 non-traffic citations this past month.

Commissioner Richmond next informed the Council of a 3-year renewal contract he had just received for the Hillsboro's Fourth of July fireworks. The contract needed to be acted on as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to renew the fireworks display contract with S & N Display Fireworks Inc. for a 3 year period at an amount of \$4725.00 per year. This is an increase of \$250.00 per year to keep the same amount of fireworks. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond next discussed the need to address the awarding of a 50/50 IDNR grant amounting to \$9,500 for pagers and a pump that slides into a pickup for the Fire Department. Decisions for allocating the grant money would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Trost announced he had received a Revolving Fund loan application, but could not bring a recommendation to the Council without some additional information being submitted.

Commissioner McCammack stated there would be a meeting this Wednesday to discuss filter options for the new water plant. McCammack also noted the Waste Water Department has reported someone opened a manhole and drained their swimming pool into the sewer system. McCammack stated removal of manhole covers should not be allowed and fines should be in place. McCammack next discussed problems with the demolition of buildings without an inspection. There is currently a building on Main Street having sewer problems, which are believed to be caused by a drain not being adequately closed off on a demolished building next door. City Attorney Jarman stated this could be avoided if the City would implement a demolition "permit" process. Commissioner

McCammack also mentioned that he would like to have a meeting with Commissioner Richmond concerning the curve at the corner of Welch and Ash Street.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that the first payment from Ameren IP has been received and put in interest bearing accounts. The rail spur near Eagle Zinc is still progressing slowly. The Planning Commission has been instructed to research the parking problem on Seymour near Beckemeyer School and the squaring of Hillsboro's corporate limits by annexation.

City Treasurer McCoy asked the Council for approval to pay this months bills in the amount of \$146,514.78.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$146,514.78. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman working on the Vernish property on Seward Street. Condemnation proceedings would be started on the Perkins cabin at the old lake and the mitigation agreement for trees at Central Park was ready to be signed.

City Engineer Hunt was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to adopt **Ordinance 1425** amending the Natural Resource Committee from members being residents of Hillsboro to residents within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran presented the Council with a list of 6 nominations for the Natural Resource Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to appoint six members to the Natural Resource Planning Committee. Those members being Richard Slepicka, Dr. Roger McFarlin, Carl Reynolds, Mark Joy, Alan Holman and David Chesser. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to amend the present campground rules ordinance with **Ordinance 1426**. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to amend the Marina lease agreement. The new agreement gives the City 100% of the boat slip rentals and requires the lessee to pay a deposit to insure the agreement is adhered to. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to increase the revolving fund loan of the Red Rooster by \$10,000.00 at 4% interest for 10 years. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to donate \$250.00 to the Post Prom Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Repairs for fencing at the Sports Complex were tabled until a later date.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the mineral lease agreement concerning the Challacombe mineral rights. The City would get bonus money of \$381,150.00 and if there were no drilling in the first year the payment to the City would be \$25/acre. The royalties would be 25% of the net profit. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond gave a brief summary of a few of the problems encountered in dealing with vehicle abatements and were offered some solutions. Commissioner Richmond will return to the Council with his recommendations at the next meeting.

C. J. Liddell and Richard Small, representing the Kiwanis Club, were present to request permission to host a circus on City owned property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to allow the Kiwanis Club to host a circus on City property along Smith Road on March 9th as long as there is no conflict with the Sports Association. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve Hurst & Rosche Engineering to oversee the 2006 MFT program at the standard percentage rate. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill discussed the need to employ an independent engineering fund to review and update costs of projects recommended in the Clean Lakes Study on Glenn Shoals Lake. Commissioner Hill felt this could be accomplished with little or no cost to the City using grant fund allocated to the Clean Lakes Study. The Council agreed with her plan and that she should proceed forward.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to give their recommendations at the next meeting as to an increase in salary for the Council that will take office in 2007. The Council could not recall when there had been any increase in at least the past 10 years.

Upcoming Agenda Items

Changes to the vehicle nuisance ordinance, approving grant expenditures in the Fire Department, increase in Council salary, speed limits on City Lake Road and problems at the corner of Welch and Ash.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:53 by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk