

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
February 23, 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, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the meetings on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Mayor Baran presented plaques of appreciation to three members of the Planning Commission for their service to the City and community. Those past members were Tom Baker, Mary Francis Paulding and Don Burton.

Commissioner Hill reported the Fire Department had received two grants written by Commissioner Trost.

Commissioner Trost stated the grants were from IDNR and Homeland Security with the IDNR grant being a 50/50 and the Homeland Security being a 95/5 percentage grants. They will be used to purchase turnout gear and pagers.

Commissioner Hill reported the remodeling at the Police Department was going well.

Commissioner Sherer presented the Council with copies of the fish survey conducted by IDNR this fall. The report stated there would be rule changes concerning fishing on Glenn Shoals in 2011. Commissioner Sherer recommended moving forward and implementing the changes this year by City ordinance. A copy of the report will be available at City Hall. Commissioner Sherer next informed the Council of an upcoming meeting with the Natural Resource Committee who may be looking at grant funding for a handicapped fishing pier at Glenn Shoals Lake. Sherer next reported that he has received numerous applications for Sid Blankenship's position and would be reviewing them with a recommendation hopefully by the first meeting in March.

Commissioner Trost presented the Council with a spreadsheet concerning the employees who have taken early retirement and a scenario for cost savings to the City. Trost stated we need to look at flexibility in the replacement of those positions.

Commissioner McCammack discussed the need to repair the roads in the campground and asked if they could be repaired with MFT funds and, if not, how they should be paid for.

Mayor Baran read a note from Hillsboro Hospital thanking all the City Council who participated in the Valentine's Day fundraiser. Mayor Baran also gave Commissioner Trost a grant application involving funding for programs to help people quit smoking.

Mayor Baran next discussed a stimulus grant that has been applied for through Congressman Phil Hare's office that would replace water lines and resurface Tremont Street.

City Attorney Silas McCormick reported they are still working on the "Chances" building and notices of non-payment for fire runs have been mailed.

City Engineer Hunt discussed the need to address the stimulus funds allocated for making repairs on Tremont Street. Hunt would be meeting with Commissioner McCammack to decide how best to use those stimulus funds. Hunt also reported a pre-bid meeting would be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> concerning the Deer Run Mine utilities construction.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that he had received a request for a donation to the Post-Prom Committee to help fund activities for the graduating high school seniors.

Commissioner Trost stated the City has contributed to this cause in previous years.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to contribute \$100.00 to the Post-Prom Committee. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Sherer voting no.

Fire Chief Lyerla informed the Council that he had submitted a bid to the City of Fairview Heights for their used aerial fire truck and it has been approved. The amount submitted was \$100,250.89.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the purchase of a used aerial fire truck in the amount of \$100,250.89 contingent on approval of the bank loan. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer commented that the recent fire on Vandalia's Main Street confirmed the need for an aerial truck.

A proposed ordinance designating FOIA officers was tabled until next meeting to clarify some responsibilities.

A final pay request for Plocher Construction was tabled until a couple of punch list items are completed.

A proposal to amend the current parking ordinance on west Tremont Street was tabled as there is also another street that may need a parking ordinance change.

Mayor Baran discussed an item that was on last meeting's agenda authorizing the closure of an alley in Hillcrest. Mayor Baran stated he understood that all the properties abutting the alley were in favor of the closure, but upon a later review two owners had either not been contacted or were not in favor of the closure.

Commissioner Sherer offered to get in touch with the party who had contacted the property owners and explain the reason why no action is taking place at this time.

Mayor Baran presented the Council with three recommendations for reappointments and a new appointment to the Library Board.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner to appoint Terry Baker, Doris Enochs and Jane Chesser to the Hillsboro Library Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would establish FOIA officers; amend parking on Tremont Street and an ordinance permitting the disposal of surplus property.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:44 by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk