

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
February 9, 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, McCammack and Sherer. Commissioner Hill was unable to attend.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Commissioner Sherer reported that maintenance supervisor, Sid Blankenship, would be retiring and his last day of work would be February 26, 2010. The position would be advertised this week. Commissioner Sherer informed the Council he had been researching the placement of rustic street lights for the courthouse square area. It was found the City would have to purchase and maintain the fixtures and each one would be separately metered. Due to costs this idea would need further exploration. Commissioner Sherer next informed the Council on the latest report from IDNR which would implement new rules on Glenn Shoals Lake for the year beginning 2011. Trot lines and jug fishing would be prohibited in the new rules. Commissioner Sherer stated he would like to amend the current ordinance and begin implementing the new changes this year.

Commissioner Sherer next discussed a request from the current winter campground host to open a bait shop near his campsite. An appointment would be made to meet with Mayor Baran and discuss the request.

Commissioner Trost reminded everyone that next month work should begin on next year's budget. Commissioner Trost gave everyone a brief update on the current budget status. Trost also informed the Council that he has been working on a small equipment grant for the Fire Department.

Commissioner McCammack discussed the recent snowfall and how people need to have their cars off Main Street so the snow can be removed. It is also beneficial if people throughout town have their cars off the streets to make plowing easier.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that he had received a request for monetary support from the Post-Prom Committee. Mayor Baran reported the rail spur project is on hold due to weather.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to pay this month's bills in the amount of \$261,944.47. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief, Joe Lyerla, gave the Council an update on their 1971 aerial truck as reviewed by a mechanic. The engine is shortlived with the cost of new engine running \$30,000.00 and you still have a 1971 truck. A replacement was found in Fairview Heights that could be purchased for \$112,000.00 or less.

Commissioner Trost stated the City is currently spending \$60,000 per year to pay off the fire trucks bought in 2004 but could refinance and extend the loan out to 2016 adding three more years. The yearly payments would be reduced to around \$54,000 per year.

The Council instructed Chief Lyerla to negotiate on the price and they would vote on the purchase next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Joe Boston as Superintendent of Public Works. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to appoint Randy Keiser as acting Superintendent of Public Works in the absence of Joe Boston. Motion carried 4-0.

Richard Small was present on behalf of the Kiwanis organization to ask for Council approval to host the Kelly-Miller circus at the sports complex. The Sports Association and school district had been contacted to make sure there was no conflict on the date selected. Mr. Small also produced a certificate of insurance for the event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve a Kiwanis sponsored circus at the sports complex on April 21, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Richard Small next asked the Council for approval to host the 10th Roubaix bike race on April 10, 2010. There have already been 446 racers to pre-register.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the 10th annual Roubaix bike race to be held on portions of the City's streets. Motion carried 4-0.

An ordinance establishing FOIA officers was presented to the Council for their review and suggestions. The ordinance would be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve pay request #3 to Oberkramer Contracting for work on the new rail spur. The amount was \$118,968.12. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve change request #4 from Oberkramer Contracting involving unsuitable fill material. The amount of the change order was \$16,331.00. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer Scott Hunt reported the closeout documents for the 2009 MFT program have been completed and sent to IDOT.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to purchase a lawn mower from Lessman Sales using Challacombe funds in the amount of \$6,990.00. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer reported on the finding of the pre-qualifying committee involved with selecting prospective bidders for the Deer Run mine water and sewer utilities. The committee was able to select 5 contractors qualified to bid the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the following companies as recommended by the pre-qualifying committee. They are Haier Plumbing & Heating, Vogel Plumbing, Korte-Luitjohan, C & S Companies, Inc, and Kinney Contractors. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve an educational rocket launching program involving Beckemeyer's Space Exploration program. The event would be held at the Sports Complex on Saturday March 20th at 1:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday March 28th at 1:00 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran presented the Council with his recommendations to the Planning Commission to replace the positions of Tom Baker, Don Burton and Mary Francis Paulding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the appointments of Tobin Ott, Mark Reitz and Jeff Eisentraut to the Planning Commission to fill vacancies. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to appoint Vito Passariello to the Natural Resource Committee to fill the vacancy of Dr. McFarlin. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran read a letter asking for an alley to be closed in Hillcrest. Also attached was a list of all of the residents in favor of the closure.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to instruct the City Attorney to draft ordinance closing an alley in Hillcrest as requested by the residents adjacent to the alley. Utility easements would be included in the ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran read a proposal from IDOT for work to be done this summer. IDOT intends to redo Route 16 and 127 from the Wood Street intersection on Hamilton south to Senator Miller Drive and east on School Street to the viaduct. The proposal also includes resurfacing the parking areas on Main Street from Mill Street to City Hall and the parking areas on 127 across from the Shell station. The City would be responsible for half of the parking area resurfacing cost of \$4,200.00 which could be paid with motor fuel tax funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the \$4,200 cost for parking improvements related to IDOT's resurfacing of Routes 127 & 16. The cost would be reimbursed under MFT funds. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items would be the purchase on an aerial fire truck, ordinance establishing FOIA officers and a possible change to the parking ordinance on Tremont Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk