

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
January 12, 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 by all.

Minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Commissioner Hill gave statistics for the past year in both the Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department reported 11 structure fires, 6 vehicle fires, 10 grass fires, 15 cancelled or false calls, 5 smoke in building and odor of gas leaks. The Fire Department also had 9 mutual aid calls, 7 accidents, 5 dive rescue, 13 carbon monoxide calls, 4 emergency assists, 9 power line down, 1 anhydrous leak, 1 illegal burn and 5 good intent calls. The department also received 2076 hours of training.

Commissioner Hill also reported the Fire Department has a new computer program that will help identify hazards when using the "jaws of life" on new cars and trucks. The snorkel truck has passed inspection but we need to begin looking at replacement costs. Hill next informed the Council that the overhead doors at Station 2 have no insulation. This needs to be addressed with the costs of heating the facility.

Commissioner Hill reported in 2009 the Police Department issued 396 traffic citations, 251 non-traffic citations, 229 written warnings, 48 ordinance citations, 10 parking citations and 110 verbal warnings. The department responded to 86 accidents and completed 370 case reports.

Commissioner Hill next discussed incentives or perks that used to be received by auxiliary personnel and employees and asked something be reinstated at the next meeting.

Commissioner Trost suggested guidelines be put in place and noted that there could be tax implications.

Commissioner Sherer reported the repairs going on at the Harkey House encountered a situation involving termites that had to be dealt with. This led to a cost above what was previously approved but needed action.

Commissioner Trost read a letter from Kevin Hide of First Midstate thanking everyone for their assistance in the recent bond refinancing.

Commissioner McCammack reported the waste water department treated 358 million gallons of sewerage in 2009 as well as 130 million gallons of storm water.

Commissioner McCammack also commented on the recent snow removal and reminded everyone to have their vehicles off the streets to allow for better clearing of roads.

Mayor Baran discussed the rail spur project and some of the problems that have been encountered. Mayor Baran also mentioned he is still working on getting reimbursed for the interest that will be accrued from the bank loan used in paying the grant expenses.

Mayor Baran also commented on the recent snowfall asking businesses and homeowners to be mindful of handicapped people and strive to keep their walkways cleared.

Mayor Baran next passed out a draft ordinance concerning “video gaming” for the Council’s review before the next regular meeting.

City Attorney Mark Cullen also reported on the “video gaming” stating the enforcement of the new law would be by the State gaming board and would also be an extra source of revenue for the city. Mr. Cullen informed the Council that the revolving fund loan for Eisentraut’s should be finalized this week. Attorney Cullen also reported he had been in contact with “American General” who hold the mortgage for the “Chances” building and has yet to make any headway.

City Attorney Cullen also discussed a policy he had written concerning sick leave abuse and proper documentation of violations.

It was suggested to hold a meeting with the Council, Supervisors and the City Attorney to go over the procedures for documentation of offenses pertaining to violations of the labor agreement.

City Engineer Scott Hunt informed the Council that work would begin on the documentation closing out of the 2009 MFT program and hoped to have something on the 2010 program for the next meeting. Hunt also reported the 36” encasement piping has been installed under the new rail spur. The NPDS permit for the new water treatment plant has been received. Hunt informed the Council that forms have been submitted to IDNR concerning the placement of screens on the intake tower at Glenn Shoals as well as a self-cleaning system for the screens. The question to IDNR is: will they allow it and does it take a permit for the installation. The IEPA has issued a construction permit for the raw and finished water lines to Deer Run mine. The construction permit for the sewer line should be received by the 14<sup>th</sup>. IDOT has given the green light for any bores that need to be made under state roads for the new water lines serving the mine.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to pay this month’s bills in the amount of \$218,796.62. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the Council appoint a committee to pre-qualify contractors to install the new water and sewer lines to Deer Run mine.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Roger Fath, Brett Reynolds, Dennis McCammack and Scott Hunt as a selection committee to pre-qualify contractors to install the water and sewer lines to Deer Run mine. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve pay request #2 from Oberkramer Contracting in the amount of \$434,043.80 for work on the new rail spur. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a pay request from Oberkramer Contracting for installation of a 36 inch encasement pipe under the new rail spur. The cost of the installation was \$31,658.25. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Scott Hunt presented the Council with a series of dates and procedures that would start the Deer Run Mine Phase 1 utilities installation.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve dates which would allow for the bidding of the new utility service lines to Deer Run Mine. January 14 would be the advertisement for pre-qualification of contractors with the deadline to submit the pre-qualification form by the date of February 1, 2010. A determination of pre-qualified bidders would be made by February 9, 2010 followed by advertisement to bid on February 15, 2010. The bids for the project would be opened on March 16, 2010 with awarding of bids on March 23, 2010.

Commissioner Hill read the bids received for four new police vehicles. Bids were from Victory Lane Ford, LandMark Ford, Roger Jennings and Wright Automotive.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the bids from Wright Automotive in the amounts of \$22,550.12 for a Ford Expedition, \$21,882.20 for a Ford F150 pickup, \$22,593.00 for a Dodge Ram 1500 and \$20,928.00 for a Dodge Charger.

Questions followed the motion. Mayor Baran asked Sergeant Brewer to answer any questions the Council had. Mayor Baran also reminded everyone that the Council previously approved advertising for bids following a capital outlay program as recommended by the City auditors. Commissioner McCammack asked what would happen to the 2004 vehicles being replaced. Sergeant Brewer stated some would be used to update older vehicles. The 2004 Dodge Dakota would be used to replace the 2001 Chevy truck used by Code Enforcement and Lake Patrol. The 2001 could then move to the Parks Department to replace or supplement their fleet. The other 2004 will replace the spare patrol vehicle. The two 2004 Dodge Durango K9 units would be sold by sealed bid. Four vehicles are under warranty at all times, but costs on the others is reduced as they were purchased new rather than used. Commissioner Sherer asked Sergeant Brewer why pickup trucks were chosen. Brewer responded that the trucks were multi-faceted, and due to their heavy duty suspension there is less wear. Secondly, the trucks are less conspicuous when used in surveillance and controlling speeders. Thirdly, they can be used to haul stolen merchandise as well as transport prisoners because they are quad cabs. Commissioner Sherer asked if these were done everyday with Brewer responding no, but often enough that the little difference in price is justified. Commissioner Sherer asked as to the number of unmarked vehicles. Sergeant Brewer stated there are currently 3 unmarked with 4 marked and this would continue with the new vehicles. Commissioner Sherer asked for a report at the next meeting showing how the unmarked vehicles are more productive than the marked ones. Commissioner McCammack asked if the bid price also included the transfer of emergency lights, radios and etc. Sergeant Brewer informed the Council that those expenses are taken from the Police Rural Fund, which is funded by fees received from the

patrolling of Schram City. This fund can only be used for equipment per city ordinance. Currently there is enough in the fund to cover those expenses. The cost of outfitting an unmarked vehicle is less than that of a marked vehicle due to the difference in emergency lighting and striping. Commissioner Trost commented that the capital outlay program has been good and is budgeted for. Commissioner Trost questioned why the Dodge Charger over the Crown Victoria? Sergeant Brewer responded that the Charger has a V8 that reduces to running on 4 cylinders as the extra power is not needed thus saving in fuel. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Sherer and Trost voting no.

Commissioner Trost noted he is in favor of the vehicle rotation program but would like to see more cars than trucks and SUV's.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council of a situation that took place over the holidays where water leak was slow to be repaired due to lack of equipment. McCammack stated the current trash pump did not operate as it should and they lacked the tool to crimp and shut off a plastic line.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the purchase of a trash pump in the amount of \$1446.00 as well as a pipe crimper in the amount of \$530.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a "concurrence of lease" for the Hillsboro Country Club. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to increase the line of credit with Hillsboro National Bank from \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 to aid in the grant funding for the new rail spur. Motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held concerning the new State laws regarding the appointments of Freedom of Information officers and Open Meetings Act officers. Mayor Baran asked the Council to have suggestions for filling those positions for the next Council meeting. Appointments would be made at that time. Online training for those appointments would be available as of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming agenda items would be appointment of FOIA and OMA officers, 2010 Motor Fuel Tax agreement and a video gaming ordinance.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 pm by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk