

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
January 13, 2009

Commissioner Trost opened the meeting in the absence of Mayor Baran, who was unable to attend due to family matters.

Roll call was taken and those present were Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited and minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

Commissioner Hill reminded everyone that there is a two hour parking limit on Main Street and tickets could be issued. Commissioner Hill also commended her Street Department for working to try and keep drains and gutters open along with keeping ice off of the streets.

Commissioner Sherer stated he had received only one bid for the surplus dive van. The bid was opened and found to be in the amount of \$ 1,051.00 from Mr. Hogue of Litchfield. A decision on the bid would be made at the next meeting.

Commissioner Trost informed everyone that Mayor Baran's wife, Carol, was improving after her surgery. The family appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers. Trost also read a letter of resignation from zoning member Cory Davidson.

City Attorney Jarman stated he had received an easement request from the Village of Butler concerning the installation of their new sewer line, which would connect them to Hillsboro's system. Further documentation will be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Commissioner Sherer asked the City Attorney his opinion on the City cleaning ice and snow from the walks in the business district. Attorney Jarman stated that if you don't do a good job you open yourself up to liability. His recommendation would be to formulate a policy and adhere to it.

City Engineer Hunt reported they have begun starting various pieces of process equipment for testing. Hunt expects it to be 6 weeks before they begin treating water. Hunt also reported the 2008 dam study has been completed and the report will be presented to the Council soon.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$191,792.71. Motion carried 4-0.

Anne Foster was present to discuss a drainage problem at 1115 South Main. A culvert extends from South Main to the East side of Route 127 that seems to be having a problem. Ms. Foster wanted the Council to be aware of the problem and how this is causing a problem with the foundation at the house at 1115 South Main. Street Department Supervisor Danny Robinson was present and noted that he had entered the culvert and removed nearly a half pickup of debris from the pipe and noted the flow has improved. Mr. Robinson also stated there was more in the pipe that would also be removed. Ms. Foster was glad to hear of the removal but still asked if someone could visit the property during the next rain to better understand what was taking place. Superintendent Robinson gave her his cell number and asked her to call when the problem next occurs.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve *Resolution WTP-2008-20* for payment of \$149,208.61 for work at the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve *Change Order #7* concerning the new water treatment plant in the amount of \$18,052.15. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the 2009 Maintenance Agreement with Hurst & Rosche Engineers for the 2009 MFT Program. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Trost began brief discussion concerning a possible early retirement program in which the City could see a cost savings in wages. The program would only work if the majority of the retiring positions were not filled. The Council was in favor of such a plan but noted meetings would need to be held to see how the loss of these positions could be covered.

Commissioner Trost next asked for approval of a new fee structure for building permits. Commissioner Hill presented the Council with a revision implementing fees recommended by her and Code Enforcement Officer John Booher for review. City Attorney Jarman would put the recommendations in ordinance form and have it ready for action at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve *Ordinance 1491* limiting parking on Oak Street from Fairground to Route 16 to the West side. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items would be a decision on the bids for the surplus dive van, Butler sewer easement, appointment to the Zoning Board and early retirement.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk