

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
January 22, 2008

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 previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports,

Commissioner Hill asked that anyone seeking summer employment with the City to submit their applications by the end of January.

Commissioner Sherer discussed the proposed Litchfield Fire District and how the boundaries could siphon nearly 70 rural fire subscribers from Hillsboro Fire protection. Sherer stated the Hillsboro Fire Department had not been consulted and were not involved with any of the Litchfield District rules or boundary decisions. Response times in some of these areas did not appear to be considered. The Litchfield Fire District would be supported with tax dollars and not subscription fees.

Commissioner Sherer also informed the Council that the Hillsboro Volunteer Firemen have agreed to match City funds up to \$10,000.00 to help purchase a new dive rescue vehicle. Due to City fund constraints they would wait until the funds become available

Commissioner Sherer reported there has been some restructuring in the Police Department with Officer Davidson resigning as K-9 Officer and Sergeant Brewer taking that position. Commissioner Sherer next updated the Council on the condition of the in-car video cameras. The present cameras have become obsolete and parts can no longer be purchased. The ones in use now were purchased with grant money, but this is no longer available. Plans need to be made to phase these out and purchase new ones at a cost of around \$3,000.00 each for the 9 cars.

Commissioner Sherer also reminded everyone that he is still looking for a school crossing guard to fill the position left by C.J. Richmond. The position requires being available 3 times per week.

Commissioner Trost readdressed the new Litchfield Fire District proposed boundaries stating this loss of present Hillsboro subscribers would hurt the upcoming new budget. Trost also stated that after the first meeting in February budget worksheets would be given to all departments.

Commissioner McCammack asked everyone to have Street Superintendent Robinson in their prayers as he has just had major surgery. Commissioner McCammack also discussed the growing pile of wood chips located on City property near the School Street bridge. It was the consensus of the Council that these chips are not what most people are looking for and they are becoming a nuisance that needs to stop. Commissioner McCammack stated he would contact the necessary parties and see that no more are deposited at this location.

Mayor Baran reported that he had been in Union meetings this afternoon and because of these meetings would ask for a brief closed session meeting later in the agenda.

City Attorney Jarman stated he had nothing extra to report. Mayor Baran asked Attorney Jarman to meet on Thursday morning to continue legal proceeding on the "Chances" building to get back taxes waived. Mayor Baran also asked Commissioner Hill and Code Enforcement Officer Booher to prepare safety guidelines and time tables that need to be in place before anyone takes possession of the building. Mayor Baran also stated that all legal costs would be paid by any new owner.

City Engineer Hunt stated work is progressing well at the new water treatment plant. Work has begun on the new raw water pump station located below the new dam. Hunt also reported that Plocher Construction would have pricing for a possible change order allowing for the installation of 16" water main from the new plant to the water tower. A cost would also be prepared to install a 10" water main from Vawter Street to the new tower. These prices would be presented to the Council at the next meeting. Hunt also announced they are currently working on the closeout documents for the 2007 MFT program.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to agree to an amendment extending the hours beer and wine can be sold by convenience stores from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to adopt **Ordinance #1471** extending the hours of beer and wine sales by convenience stores until 1:00 am. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner McCammack voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve an ordinance allowing the City to make purchases from the State and Federal Surplus property programs. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt a *Resolution* authorizing a call handling agreement with Montgomery County emergency telephone system board for the Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt a *Resolution* authorizing a call handling agreement with Montgomery County emergency telephone system board for the Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

A mutual aid agreement with the Hillsboro Ambulance Service was tabled and would be addressed at another time.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept a proposal from Hurst & Rosche Engineers to prepare and oversee the 2008 MFT program. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council he had received a request from the Hillsboro Post Prom Committee asking the City for a donation again this year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to donate \$250.00 to the Post Prom Committee as was done previous years. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Sherer voting no.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that there are some issues with the present union contracts and asked to go into a closed session to update the Council on the circumstances.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to go into closed session at 7:53 pm to discuss union contract longevity wage discrepancies. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the meeting at 8:05 pm with the full Council in attendance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to allow for a wage opener as requested by Local 773 to discuss longevity pay. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would consist of a mutual aid agreement with the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service, union wage openers, pay and change requests concerning the new water plant and electrical agreement with Ameren concerning the new raw water pump station.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:08 pm by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk