

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
January 23, 2007

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Richmond, McCammack and Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner and Mayors reports:

Commissioner Hill reported the Hurst cabin at Lake Hillsboro has been demolished and the debris will be removed as soon as the weather cooperates. The departments under her are making repairs to structures and getting ready for warm weather. Commissioner Hill next announced that she would accept applications for summer help until February 27th. All other Commissioners agreed to the same date for their summer help.

Commissioner Trost discussed the condition of the Revolving Fund Loans that have been granted. Presently there are 3 loans in default and these are Lois's Groom Room, Son Clayton and Merle McFarlin. Commissioner Trost would talk with Mr. McFarlin who fell behind in his payments due to severe illness, and see what could be worked out. Commissioner McCammack stated he would like to at least see the interest paid at this time. Commissioner Trost next discussed the present status of all departments' budgets. Trost stated that we are 75% of the way through this year's budget and on the average expenses have been around 82% of the allotted amounts with incomes nearly 79% of expected.

Mayor Baran reported that he and Litchfield Mayor Tom Jones had met and would like both Council's to consider pursuing a grant to construct a water line linking both communities to allow for backup in case of an emergency. Baran stated he would like the Council to approve this venture at the next Council meeting. Mayor Baran next asked Commissioner Trost to research what effect the Ameren IP rate increase would have on our utility tax income and if we should change our present ordinance. Mayor Baran also mentioned that U.S. Representative Phil Hare would be at the Challacombe House on Saturday at noon to meet with constituents from the area.

Commissioner Hill stated that fish from our lakes are being tested by the Department of Fisheries and they will advise the City of their findings.

Mayor Baran next introduced Gerry Spinner who was a big help in cleaning up the debris after the ice storm. The Mayor and Council presented Mr. Spinner with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate for the donation of his truck and trailer to help with the cleanup.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to advertise for bids on new Police vehicles. The bids are to be submitted by February 13th at 4:00 pm and opened at the Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Chris Papin to full time status with the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Nick Hefley and Rusty Kirby to Hillsboro Auxiliary Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve Hurst & Rosche to submit a NPDS permit application to the IEPA on behalf of the water treatment plant. The cost was to be \$3,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill had presented the Council with a suggested increase in boating fees for their consideration at the last meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt *Ordinance #1454* restructuring the fees for boat permits. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the purchase of a new electric motor starter for the water treatment plant at a cost of less than \$2,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the resignation of Viki Billington from the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended Dr. Bob Mulch to replace Mrs. Billington on the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept the appointment of Dr. Bob Mulch to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt introduced Cody Greenwood who is now a full time engineer with Hurst & Rosche and could be filling in for him at future meetings. Hunt next reported the final design has been sent to Rural Development. Hunt hoped the paper work would be in order to ask for bids on the new water treatment plant by late February. Plans have also been sent to Ameren IP for approval of the plans for the relocation of a sewer line at the existing water plant site. Hunt next reported the final closeout documents for 2006 MFT has been sent to I.D.O.T. for approval. There will be a meeting on Wednesday discussing MFT plans for 2007.

Mayor Baran announced there was a need for a special meeting to be held on January 26th at noon to approve Hurst & Rosche to write a DECO grant for the new water treatment plant.

Upcoming agenda items would be the raising of camping fees and amending the Auxiliary Police ordinance.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 pm by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Booher, City Clerk