

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
January 24, 2006

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

*Commissioners and Mayors reports,*

Commissioner Hill reported we have had studies done telling us the problems associated with our lakes and it is time to seek direction in addressing those problems. Hill stated she would like to contact engineering firms to research the solutions that have been suggested and give the Council some hard dollar figures to work with.

Mayor Baran stated he would be appointing a new Resource Planning Committee to review past findings and help work to find solutions to the problems.

Commissioner Hill stated that we are seeking funding for a 10.8 million dollar water plant project and now would be the time to add additional funding for the protection of the water supply.

Mayor Baran stated he hoped we could find a firm that would work on a contingency basis to be paid if and when project funding could be secured for the watershed.

Commissioner Hill noted that the stove and oven at the Challacombe House no longer work and will be replaced soon.

City Attorney Jarman stated he thought the mineral lease agreement for Challacombe should be completed by next Council meeting.

Commissioner Richmond reported that he would present the Council with changes to the current vehicle nuisance ordinance for their input. These changes would then be put into ordinance form.

Commissioner Richmond next announced that we have just been notified that the Police Department was approved for a grant that puts computers in all the squad cars. The City's share would be \$3,000.00.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve an expenditure of \$3,000.00. This would complete the City's portion of a \$12,653 grant placing computers in the Police Department vehicles. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Trost reported on delinquent Revolving Fund loans. There were 4 bankruptcies S&T Woodworking, Durbin's Bakery, Mays Crafts and Cathy Howard. There are two accounts in arrears those being Lois's Groom Room and Merle's Family Fun Center.

Due to the lack of payments from Lois's Groom Room the City Attorney was told to begin collection proceedings.

Mayor Baran took this time to compliment the Sullivan family on the work they were doing to protect and beautify their building.

City Attorney Jarman reported court proceedings would be started on the nuisance abatement failure of the Melows at 421 Crittenden Street.

Commissioner Richmond thanked City Attorney Jarman and Ordinance Officer Booher on the job they were doing with the nuisance abatements around town.

City Engineer Hunt reported the final paper work has been completed for this past years MFT program and will be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve an engineering agreement with Hurst and Rosche concerning the relocation of a sewer line at the old water plant. The estimate to move the line was \$350,000 to \$400,000.00. Hurst and Rosche's contract calls for the payment of \$21,500 for design work and \$8,000 for observation. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill proposed changes to the current marina lease agreement for Council approval.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to change the marina lease agreement to state that the lessee must pay a \$500.00 deposit to cover any breach of contract and the lessee will no longer receive any percentage of the boat slip money. The slip space for the marina operator will also be removed. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack suggested we talk to our insurance carrier to verify \$300,000.00 insurance coverage to be carried by the marina operator is sufficient.

There will be an ordinance prepared for the next meeting with changes to the campground rules.

Commissioner Hill discussed a request from the Sports Association to have the City pay for repairs to fencing at the complex. The amount to repair the fencing has been quoted at \$1600.00. Commissioner Hill asked to have a chance to review the request before making any decision.

Commissioner Richmond discussed the problems associated with people running the stop sign at South Main and Fairground. Richmond stated the problem has been discussed before and no one has been able to come up with any solution. The problem was created when the State widened Route 127. Commissioner Richmond asked that everyone remain cautious when entering the intersection.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to purchase software to allow direct deposit payments of water bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill discussed the need for new bathrooms in the campground. The present ones are over 35 years old and non-repairable. Revenues from the campground increased by \$10,000.00 last year and to maintain this the restrooms need to be replaced.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to authorize the replacement of the two metal restrooms in the campground at a cost of \$6,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion on where to place the funds the City will be receiving from Ameren IP at the end of this month. Commissioner Trost has researched interest rates from the local financial institutions. The Council asked Commissioner Trost for his recommendation and he stated he would like to meet with the City Treasurer before any final decision is made.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to allow Commissioner Trost to research the placement of funds designated for the new water plant into accounts that would best serve the City. Motion carried 5-0.

There had been a request for a Revolving Fund loan from the Red Rooster. Commissioner Trost asked to table this decision until the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Richmond opened bids on the surplus squad car (1997 Crown Victoria). The bids were 1) Clint Lemon \$656.99 2) John Hamilton \$1,025.00 3) Bay Ridge Motors \$555.00 and 4) Government Cars Distribution \$1008.00. Commissioner Richmond would be reviewing the bids and notifying the winner the next day.

There was a discussion of the purchase of a burn building for Fire Department training that could also be used periodically by the Police Department. The building sells for \$84,500.00, which would be paid for with a split from the Volunteer Fund and the Fire Rural Fund over a four year period with an additional contribution of \$2000.00 from the Police Department.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to purchase a training building to be used by both the Fire Department and the Police Department. The cost of which is \$84,500.00 to be paid for over four years. Motion carried 5-0.

*Upcoming Agenda Items*, possible changes to the ordinance requirements for selection to the Resource Planning Committee, the appointment of a Resource Planning Committee, ordinance changes to the marina lease agreements and campground rules. Repair of the fencing at the Sports Complex will be addressed. The Council will make a decision on the request for a Revolving Fund loan to the Red Rooster.

Mayor Baran informed the Council he will also be instructing the Planning Commission to research the parking problem on Seymour near the school as well as mapping and squaring up the City boundaries.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:12 pm by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk