

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
January 8th, 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, McCammack and Sherer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor and Commissioners reports,

Commissioner Sherer gave the year end reports for the Police and Fire Departments. Statistics for the Police Department are as follows. There were 6 aggravated assaults with 2 arrests, 7 burglaries with 3 arrests, 38 reported thefts with 19 arrests, 1 motor vehicle theft with 1 arrest, 30 arrests for violations of the cannabis control act, 3 arrests for violations of the controlled substance act and 20 arrests for violations of the drug paraphernalia act.

The Hillsboro Fire Department reported 119 incidents for the year. They were categorized as 43 fires, 1 explosion, 7 rescue calls, and 29 hazardous conditions calls with no fire, 6 service calls, 16 good intent calls, and 17 false alarms. There were 33 personnel associated with the Fire Department and they received 2530.5 hours of training.

Commissioner Trost reported the City has received two tax payments, but unfortunately these will be used to help pay back the tax anticipation warrants issued earlier this year. Trost stated the City should receive at least one more installment from the County.

Commissioner McCammack reported his departments are continuing to work on water leaks. McCammack also reported that there had been an IEPA inspection at the waste water plant that went well. Commissioner McCammack also asked the Police Department to check on barricades that have to be left up during repairs to insure that none have been altered or removed.

Mayor Baran gave the City Attorney a request from Ameren to continue to discharge waste into the City sewers for his review. Mayor Baran next asked Attorney Jarman to prepare an amendment to the present liquor ordinance allowing for the times of sale of package beer and wine to be extended from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. This would then be presented to the Council for their approval at the next meeting.

City Attorney Jarman reported that there has been some progress in the "Chances" building. The City now has the deed to the property and is holding it in a trust until the back taxes to the County have been abated. When this is done the property can be sold at a fee that would cover the legal fees involved. Mayor Baran stated there are parties interested in purchasing the building. Jarman reported that rental payments on the Challacombe lease in Texas have been paid and there would be one more check to come this year. Mayor Baran asked Attorney Jarman if we could be sure we are receiving all that is due to us as we have no way of knowing what is taking place in Texas. Jarman stated there are certificates that have to be filed in Texas and copies will be sent to the City verifying all that is taking place.

Commissioner Trost asked the City Attorney if he had ever received maps from the Planning Commission outlining areas for future annexation. Jarman stated he had not seen any, but would check to be sure.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to pay this month bills in the amount of \$192,094.64. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a discussion on the agreement to sell the Airport to Hillsboro Energy L.L.C. and it was decided there would be no need to go into closed session. The Council was in agreement on most of the terms of the agreement, but wanted clarification included verifying that the sale price also included relocating the airport in suitable “operation ready” location and remove the time constraints included in the present agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the new airport sale agreement in the amount of \$350,000 with some minor changes to be made by the City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve Resolution WTP 2008-8 allowing for the payment of \$715,359.98 for construction of the new water plant. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve a permanent easement of ingress and egress to Charles and Vesta Ellis of 818 City Lake Road. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a permanent easement of ingress and egress to Dustin and Heather Greenwood of 812 City Lake Road. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran introduced Bill Flowers who was in attendance on behalf of New Wave Communications to answer any questions the Council or public might have. Mr. Flowers explained that when the weather breaks they will be doing more construction on their end to improve cable services. Mr. Flowers was also introduced to Marty Niehaus, who handles the local programming, to discuss his future programming needs.

Upcoming agenda items would be an amendment to the liquor code and a possible wage opener involving one of the union contracts due to differences in the two agreements.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 pm by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk