

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
January 9, 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.

Commissioner Richmond led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Hill gave a brief review of her departments work in 2006. Last year in the campground a new restroom was built, grass was planted and the annual Haunted Forest was a great success. At the North marina new steps and handrail were built and the restroom was rebuilt. Work is continuing on the brood pond, and the "Clean Lake's" study was completed. A handicap fishing dock has been built and a screened room was added to the beach house. A restroom was added to the park office, new electric was installed near the Firemen's club, and picnic tables were added or repaired. Repairs were also made a Central Park pool and the playground area. New kitchen appliances were installed at Challacombe house and a new roof was put on the garage.

Commissioner Hill next discussed her desire to do some major remodeling at the Challacombe House and was asking for guidance on how to begin the process. Hill was informed that any City project would need signed off on by an engineer. It was decided that Commissioner Hill would meet with City Engineer Scott Hunt and City Attorney Jarman to best decide on how to proceed with the plans and then the construction phase must go out for bid.

Hill next noted that there has been new tree plantings around town and a tree on Main Street has been replaced and the cost needs to be reimbursed by the person who destroyed it.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the month of December the Police Department has responded to 13 vehicle accidents and made 7 warrant arrests. They have also issued 23 traffic citations, 14 non-traffic citations, 12 written warnings, 4 verbal warnings and 1 city ordinance violation.

Richmond reported for the Code Enforcement officer that this past week there have been 5 vehicles given notices to comply with the derelict vehicle ordinance.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Fire Department that the new dive boat is nearing completion. The firefighter II class is ongoing. Richmond next presented Commissioner McCammack with a list of fire hydrants that need attention.

Mayor Baran complimented all the Departments for their work cleaning the City of debris from the recent ice storm. Mayor Baran also thanked Jerry Spinner who donated the use of one of his trucks and trailers for the cleanup.

Mayor Baran next informed everyone of an anonymous donation of \$54,000.00 that has been made to help establish scholarships for the Lincoln Land School of nursing that would be used to train nurses at the Hillsboro campus.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$144,694.35. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported on the status of the Perkin's cabin at the Old Lake. The court has ruled that he has 90 days to comply with the nuisance abatement. A status hearing will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Jarman next reported on a handicap accessibility survey that had been completed on City Hall and was in need of review by the Council. This was one of the required documents to meet the requirements for the new water plant loan.

City Engineer Hunt reported that he is continuing to work with Rural Development to secure the water treatment plant loan. Hunt also reported they should have work completed to seek a CDAP grant allowing for a 36" inch sewer line relocation and installation of a 16 inch water main. Hunt next reported the 2006 MFT sidewalk replacement program has been completed. Grading and seeding of the new sidewalks will take place in April.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the lease assignment of cabin #9 from Humphrey to Durling. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a brief discussion on a proposed contract from IDOT to upgrade the signal lights to L.E.D. lights. The cost to the City would be around \$1,100.00 payable with MFT funds.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to enter into an agreement with I.D.O.T. to upgrade the present traffic signals. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve using Hurst & Rosche Engineers to administer the 2007 MFT program. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council of a plan to build a home on the lot at 811 Seward Street. The former property was demolished under court order and the City has a lien on the property. In order for a home to be built the City, County and Public Aid office must forgo their present liens. This would put a parcel of property back on the active tax rolls.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to relinquish the City's lien on the property at 811 East Seward as long as a home is built within the next two years. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** to purchase 48 new water meters and software to paid for in May of 2007. The cost would be \$9,821.00. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council entered into a long discussion concerning the Hurst cabin located on the Old Lake. The cabin is in disrepair and needs to be demolished. White construction has been in contact with Mr. Hurst and would like to remove the cabin. They have contacted the City concerning the

use of the City barge to remove the debris from the premises. Commissioner Hill will contact the Whites and get all specifics for their plan and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hill discussed the need to increase the price of boating permits. Her plan would amount to a \$10.00 increase on the average.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to instruct the City Attorney to draw up an ordinance increasing the fees for boat permits to be voted on at the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items will be the purchase of police vehicles, appointments to the Volunteer Fire Department, demolition of Hurst cabin and the renewal of NPDS permit by Hurst and Rosche.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk