

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 10, 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, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports;

Commissioner Hill reported the restrooms at 4th of July point have been completed, but they may need to be taken off their present septic tank system and added to the sewer system. Hill next discussed the water problems with the North Marina restrooms and asked the Council for help in which direction to proceed. The restrooms are presently supplied by well water and the pump has burned and would need replaced. Another option would be to connect to Montgomery County Rural Water which passes nearby. The Rural water option would get away from the hard water stains caused by the well water, but for 6 months of the year we would have to pay for any water used.

Commissioner Hill next informed the Council that work is progressing on the Clean Lakes Report being done by Peter Berrini. The report will address two concerns, one being the amount of water we have available beyond what is needed by our present customers, and two the completion of the Clean Lakes report for Lake Hillsboro. These reports should be completed by late August. Commissioner Hill explained that study currently shows that Lake Hillsboro would be a good candidate for grant funding. The City could fund \$200,000.00 which would be matched by a Clean Lakes Grant that could then be piggy-backed to a 60/40 Federal 319 grant and give the City nearly a million dollars worth of funding.

Commissioner Hill next informed the Council that she, Mayor Baran, Morrie Dodd, and Tom Gooding had met with a representative from Patrick Engineering concerning the cleanup of the Eagle Zinc site. After meeting with the Engineering firm, it was soon apparent they were better informed with the Eagle Zinc situation than the City. Commissioner Hill stated City Engineer Scott Hunt would be asked for his assistance in the near future concerning any cleanup.

Commissioner Sherer thanked the Auxiliary Police Department for their work on July 4th and 6th concerning the firework displays. Commissioner Sherer also informed the Council that Officer Leatham and his dog Rico have gone through all of the necessary training and are now certified. They will be used for narcotics detection and criminal apprehensions. Sherer next informed the Council of a need to create a new hiring list for the Police Department. Chief Satterlee, Deputy Chief Stretch and Sergeant Brewer are working out the details in compiling the list that will be in effect for a 2 year period.

Commissioner Trost thanked all the Commissioners and City Hall employees for their work on the new budget.

Commissioner McCammack noted the drainage problem that plagued the pool a couple of weeks ago has been fixed, but noted that more work needs to be considered as the routing of the drainage water could tear up the street.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that Union Pacific has signed off on the final designs for the new rail spur and that I.D.O.T. funding would be forthcoming.

Mayor Baran next explained to the Council that he had been contacted by Mrs. Mary Knisley who felt the City was picking on the Knisley family by pursuing nuisance abatements on their properties. Mayor Baran explained that there was no intent to do so as the City is continually working on nuisance abatements all around town. Mayor Baran apologized to the Knisley family if they feel they are being singled out as this is not the case.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to pay this month's bills in the amount of \$243,483.34. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman stated he had been working with the Natural Resource Committee concerning any contracts to sell raw water. Jarman also stated the Ameren agreement involving the old water plant has been completed and is ready for signatures.

Attorney Jarman next discussed an old request concerning vacating a portion of North Main for expansion of the bowling alley. Commissioner Hill stated the subject had been addressed, but she had forgotten what the decision was. It was agreed to put the subject on the next agenda.

City Engineer Hunt informed the Council of a pre-construction meeting that was held involving the new water treatment plant, where Plocher was given the notice to proceed. Hunt informed the Council that Plocher would begin construction later this month with completion by July 1, 2009. There will be an official ground-breaking on August 3rd at 11:30 am. Hunt next discussed the contract involving Ameren and 3 phase power for the raw water pump station. There are questions that need addressed concerning the billing for the installation and Mayor Baran asked City Attorney Jarman to work out the details to complete the agreement.

Hunt next reported on the Emergency Action Plan involving the lakes that the City had recently approved. There were some minor changes that had to be sent to I.D.N.R. for their approval and after that there will be an orientation meeting involving the City, the Sheriffs Department, and E.S.D.A.

Chris Daniels was present from the County to explain a request from the City of Litchfield to expand the Enterprise Zone in order to include the proposed ethanol plant to be located South of Litchfield. Ms. Daniels explained there would be a need to amend the present Enterprise ordinance and approve an intergovernmental agreement involving all the municipalities in the Enterprise Zone, to which most of the communities have already agreed.

Mayor Baran reminded Ms. Daniels that in earlier discussions concerning this request it was orally approved with the provision that any land added would be taken away from another portion of Litchfield's share of the Enterprise Zone. Mayor Baran wanted to make sure this

concession did not slip through the cracks and asked for a copy of the minutes from that meeting. Commissioner Trost also asked for a copy of the minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve an ordinance amending the Enterprise Zone allowing Litchfield to expand their portion of the Enterprise Zone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve an intergovernmental agreement amending the Enterprise Zone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve fiscal year 2008 budget appropriation ordinance number 1464, appropriating \$18,577,125.00. Eleven million of this was for the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended to the Council the appointment of Geoff Springer to the Library Board to fill the vacancy of Cassie Gunn.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Geoff Springer to the Library Board. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Scott Hunt recommended the Council approve pay request #1 from Plocher Construction to cover his bond and insurance expenses.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a resolution allowing for the payment of \$366,349.00 to Plocher Construction. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill discussed a request from the Sports Association to add two handicapped parking spaces to the North parking area. Commissioner McCammack asked if this would be within the guidelines concerning required spaces for handicapped in parking lots. It was decided that before any ordinance change would be made research to determine the amount of spaces needed would be conducted. The Council also discussed the need to resurface the parking lot at the Sports Complex, but the cost of oil and chip is prohibitive. McCammack stated the City might be able to use road millings from resurfacing of highways if some becomes available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to instruct Attorney Jarman to prepare an ordinance establishing the number of handicapped parking spaces at the Sports Complex. Motion carried 5-0.

Rick Lynch of Bleacher's Grill asked for Council permission to have a beer garden on July 28th, August 11th and August 18th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve "Bleacher's" request for beer gardens on 7/28, 8/11 and 8/18. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer gave his recommendations for member of a burn committee that would revisit the current burn ordinances and give their recommendations to the Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Bob Pachesa, Gale Johnson, Brad Collins, Alan Marfell and Wayne Dowalder as members of the burn committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to reappoint Sam Whitlow as Auxiliary Police Chief for a period of one year. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer next discussed the “Chances” building and the need to begin proceedings to get the property into a condition that is not so dangerous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to place public notice, as prepared by the City Attorney, on the “Chances” building in accordance with City Code Section 25-5-3. Motion carried 5-0

Upcoming agenda items would be the request from Knisley’s to extend the bowling alley to the West and possible bidding of the new rail spur.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 pm by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk