

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 11, 2006

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 and Hill. Commissioner McCammack was unable to attend.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner's and Mayor's report

Commissioner Hill reported the 4th of July festivities were a success. Hill next reported that mosquito spraying in town has begun and contract spraying in other communities would be starting soon. Hill reported the Park Department is in the process of repairing picnic tables and have also been working on painting the Welcome to Hillsboro signs. Commissioner Hill also reminded everyone of a benefit being held for Merle McFarlin on July 29th at the Moose Club to help with his medical expenses.

Commissioner Richmond reported for Code Enforcement Officer Booher that there have been 7 vehicle abatement notices delivered and 6 have since complied. There have been 6 property cleanup notices sent and all are in the process of complying. There have been 6 building permits issued. Officer Booher also made one warrant arrest.

Commissioner Richmond next reported that, for the month of June, the Police Department has handled 15 accidents and made 8 warrant arrests. They have also given 5 verbal warnings, 10 written warnings, 4 parking tickets, 7 City ordinance citations, 18 traffic citations and 19 non-traffic citations, as well as executed 15 arrests.

Mayor Baran reported he had received an estimate from Hurst & Rosche Engineers of \$550.00 to structurally inspect the "Chances" building at 307 S. Main Street. Mayor Baran stated he would give them approval to begin the inspections. Mayor Baran also read a letter from Rick Vogel expressing interest in buying City owned property behind the property he had just purchased at 1317 School Street. The City attorney stated this could only be sold through sealed bids or at appraised value. Commissioner Hill volunteered to speak with Mr. Vogel and explain the process to him. Mayor Baran next informed the Council and audience of a low interest loan program available through Rural Development for home repairs for people with low income. Information would be available at City Hall.

Mayor Baran reminded everyone that Kinkead Road will be closed this Wednesday and Thursday for resurfacing.

City Treasurer Bev McCoy asked for approval to pay this month's bills.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$214,499.94. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported on two revolving fund loans. The loan for Lois's Groom Room would have to go to small claims court to recoup money that the loan is in default. Little Country Loft that also has a revolving fund loan has filed for bankruptcy.

Veronica Green was in the audience to get an update on the removal of railroad ties across from her property on School Street. Mayor Baran played back a phone call he had received from the railroad assuring the City the ties would be removed.

City Engineer Hunt was unable to attend the meeting.

The appointment of a deputy chief in the Police department was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Hill gave a brief discussion on some changes she would like to see in the campground. Most of the changes were involving rates and penalties for late payments of fees. These would be placed in ordinance form for approval at the next meeting.

Steve Kenny had asked to be on the agenda concerning the space between his building at 426 S. Main and Bank of America at 420 S. Main. Mr. Kenny was not present to explain his situation so no action was taken.

City Attorney Jarman explained to the Council the policies involved in a public access channel and the way they may be used. The City presently does not have a Public Educational and Governmental (PEG) channel, they have an educational and governmental channel (EG), but it has been used over the years as a PEG channel. If the City wanted to adhere to the EG guidelines many of the programs now being shown would have to be taken off. The Council decided to leave as is and allow the showing of "Loose Change" to be aired on the channel.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt Ordinance #1437 amending the current liquor ordinance. The changes allow for the permitting of beer gardens with written permission by Liquor Commissioner and advice and consent of Council. They will not be permitted more than 4 times per calendar year and no music after 11:00 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve "Bleacher's" request for a beer garden on Old Settlers. The garden is to be enclosed by a 6 ft. privacy fence. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hill reminded everyone that there is a car show at Central Park this Saturday from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Upcoming agenda items: appointment of a Deputy Chief, changes in campground rules, and the hiring of a new police officer.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 pm by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk