

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 22, 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.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Mayor Baran reported there would be a tire collection at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Butler on August 9th. Documentation for the new rail spur has been gathered and sent to Union Pacific for their signatures and then will be forwarded to I.D.O.T. for their review so bid letting can begin. Mayor Baran also stated grievances between the City and the F.O.P. have been settled.

City Attorney Jarman presented pictures to the Council concerning some of the properties at the trailer park. Work has been progressing slowly with the abatement of these properties and they need some prodding. Mayor Baran instructed the City Attorney to give them a call.

City Engineer Hunt reported work is ongoing at the new water treatment plant. They are painting inside the process area and working on the stucco portion of the exterior. Installation of the new water line from the plant to the tower has also started. Hunt reminded everyone there would be a monthly pay meeting on July 29th at 11:30 am.

Hunt stated the MFT 2008 contract has been signed and sent to I.D.O.T. concerning the micro-surfacing of Main Street.

Hunt also reported paperwork for the modification of the water treatment plant's NPDS permit will be sent to the IEPA for their approval.

Mayor Baran asked the City Engineer to check with Ameren and find out when they intend to complete extending electric service to the new raw water pump station.

Mayor Baran read a letter of engagement from Patton and Company concerning the City audit and asked for Council approval to sign the letter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to accept the agreement with Patton & Company for the audit in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

An ordinance annexing the property of Bert Everett would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve *Ordinance 1479* allowing for a 10-year extension of the current Enterprise Zone agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Jim Lohman was present to address the Council on a couple of issues. First, Mr. Lohman thanked the Council for the cutting of weeds at the intersection of Crittenden and Ash Street. Mr. Lohman's next question involved the sewer line issue at the end of Vawter Street. Mr. Lohman's concern was there might be more than one residence on a service line. Commissioner McCammack assured him that this was no longer the case. Mr. Lohman next addressed the issue of a new water line on Vandalia Street being installed that was not a 6" as required by City ordinance. Mr. Lohman next asked about a 6" line that was promised on University Street extending from Mechanic to Yale. Lohman stated this would allow the Montgomery County building to connect without boring under Seymour and allow better water service for those properties on University. Mr. Lohman next discussed periods of low water pressure on Crittenden when cement mixers are being filled at Fuller Brother Redi-Mix. Placing a chart recorder on the nearest hydrant was discussed to monitor pressure fluctuations. Mr. Lohman next discussed the fact that sidewalks are not being replaced after being removed during water or sewer line repairs. The bond for sidewalks needs to be increased as it costs more to replace the sidewalk than the bond fee. The City is also at fault for not replacing sidewalks after utility line repairs are made. One such place is on Vandalia Road near Pizza Man.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the agreement with Ameren to supply electric power to the new raw water pump station. Motion carried 4-0.

The Petchers' were present to discuss dogs running loose in East Hillsboro. They felt like the animal control officer should patrol more often. Mayor Baran asked Commissioner Sherer to look into the situation and see what could be done.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve *Ordinance 1480* calling for a budget appropriation in the amount of \$13,897,665.00 for fiscal 2008-09. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items would be a special Council meeting on July 25th at 11:30 am to approve a bond resolution for Hillsboro Area Hospital and changing the dates for a water rate increase. The next regular meeting would include an ordinance annexing Bert Everett.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk