

City of Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 25, 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 McCammack.

Commissioner McCammack led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Baran began by presenting Keith McLaughlin and Eric Fath with certificates of recognition for their quick thinking in performing the Heimlich maneuver on City water plant employee Dick Elam who was choking on food. Their actions probably saved his life.

Mayor Baran next discussed the recent fire in which the historic Mizera barn on Rt. 185 was destroyed. There was a dispute between Hillsboro Fire Department and Taylor Springs Fire Department as to who had jurisdiction. Mayor Baran stated the primary goal should be work together and get the fire extinguished and worry about jurisdiction later. Mayor Baran stated he took responsibility for part of the confusion for not expressly notifying 911 in writing of the agreement the Fudoli and Murphy families had made when they annexed a portion of their property into the City. In the agreement signed by all parties, the City of Hillsboro agreed to give them free fire protection for their part in helping with the annexation of Graham Correctional. Mayor Baran stated he would inform the 911 coordinator and the Taylor Springs Fire Department in writing concerning the agreement with the Fudoli's and Murphy's.

Commissioner Richmond reported the 1st Responder class is nearly completed and the Firefighter II Class is still going on. Commissioner Richmond also asked the Mark Smith's name be placed on the next agenda for appointment to the Hillsboro Fire Department dive team. Richmond also asked that specifications and a bid date for a replacement rescue boat be placed on the next agenda. Commissioner Richmond next discussed the usage of golf carts on City streets in Pinnacle Point during a recent neighborhood golf party. The Council felt that any confusion this caused could be eliminated in the future if they would request the closing of the street for a block party at least one week in advance.

Commissioner Trost used the recent tornados and power outages in St. Louis as an example as to why the City should be considering a plan of action for these types of natural disasters.

Commissioner McCammack informed everyone that the road repairs on Kinkead Road have been completed and it looks very good.

At this time, Mayor Baran informed Commissioner McCammack that, in his absence last week, he authorized for the emergency replacement of a lime feed pump for the Water Treatment plant, as the other one had quit functioning properly. Water Superintendent Fath informed him that the other one should be replaced under warranty.

Mayor Baran next informed everyone that he had received a document from Rural Development that needed immediate attention so funding for the new water plant could be secured.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to allow Mayor Baran to sign the new loan obligation document in the amount of 5.7 million in funds for the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported work is still progressing on expanding the Challacombe lease to allow for gas exploration. Mayor Baran mentioned he had received a document from Hurst & Rosche Engineering that the building was structurally sound, but needed the basement pumped out as soon as possible and the doors secured. Jarman stated he would inform the owner that the City would get these recommendations done and that man-hours would be recorded.

City Engineer Hunt informed everyone that he was submitting a sewer line application for the new water treatment plant to the IEPA for approval. Hunt also mentioned Rural Development has asked for more documentation concerning the validity of constructing a 3.5 million gallon per day water plant. Hunt next asked the Council to consider committee members to pre-qualify contractors for the new water plant.

Sam Arnold director of the “Humanitarian Home Renovation Network” had requested to be on the agenda to discuss ADA compliance regulations, but was not in attendance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve **Ordinance # 1438** establishing the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to hire Tim Hopper in the Police Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran presided over Mr. Hopper’s “Oath of Office” and Chief Satterlee presented him with his badge.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve **Ordinance #1439** annexing the Buerkett property located at 204 W. Kinhead Road. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve **Ordinance #1440** amending campground rules and establishing delinquent fees for reservations. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items are amendments to the Challacombe lease, appointment of Mark Smith to the Fire Department Dive team and setting bid dates and specifications for a new rescue boat.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk