

Hillsboro City Council Special Meeting
July 25, 2008

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Bev McCoy, City Clerk Pro-tem in the absence of Clerk Booher. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Trost explained the need to increase the water rates earlier than the scheduled increase in May of 2009. Trost stated the rates should have been increased a few years ago when the new tower was constructed to help make those payments.

Mayor Baran also explained the loss of a \$350,000.00 grant has hurt. The sale of the airport property for \$350,000 will be used to help fund the \$402,000 change order to install new water lines. Mayor Baran went on to state the balance would be borrowed from the Challacombe account.

Terry Richmond was present and asked the Council if this assures there would be no increase next spring.

Commissioner Trost stated he did not anticipate any future need for an additional increase before May of 2010, but who can say what may happen.

Commissioner McCammack stated any unscheduled increase would probably be dictated by Rural Development, who is funding the majority of the new water plant.

Mr. Richmond asked if all other entities we sell water to would see the same increase.

Mayor Baran confirmed all parties would see the 18% increase.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioner Trost to meet with the Journal-News to explain the reasons for the early increase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve **Ordinance #1481** moving the May 2009 water rate increase to August 1, 2008 in the amount of 18%. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hill voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve **Resolution 2008-5** which was a resolution of support in connection with Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for the Hillsboro Area Hospital in the amount of \$8,000,000.00. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Trost voting present as he is an employee of the Hillsboro Hospital.

Mayor Baran announced the City has retained retired State Police Officer Leland Storm to study and critique the Hillsboro Police Department at the cost of \$1000.00. The review should be completed in less than 60 days. Mr. Storm was planning a meeting for July 30 or 31 to explain his purpose and goals for the review. Mr. Storm will be interviewing any City employees that would have contact with the workings of the Police Department. Mayor Baran stated this study was in relation to the vote of “no confidence” taken by the Officers concerning Chief Satterlee. Mayor Baran felt this would be the most fair and unbiased way to address the issue.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:46 am by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly McCoy, Clerk Pro-tem