

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
July 8, 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, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports:

Commissioner Hill reported events on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend went well and there were only 3 empty sites in the campground. The marina has opened and responses from the public are good. Hill reported the pool passed inspection by the Department of Public Health. Spraying for mosquitoes is now being done. Commissioner Hill took this time to thank Gene Traylor for the work he has done rebuilding a merry-go-round for the campground with parts from old ones and saving the City money. Gene is also saving the City money by rebuilding the rear end on the John Deere backhoe at a cost of \$900 for parts. Commissioner Hill also informed the Council that the backup backhoe is a time bomb and needs replaced. Commissioner Hill next discussed the landscaping of property on a utility easement. Hill explained City employees try to be careful with property when making any utility repairs, but sometimes it can't be avoided. Commissioner Hill asked the public to "look before they plant".

Commissioner Sherer reported everything went fine at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Jeff Knodle did a good job at his first big job as Chief of the Hillsboro Auxiliary Police Department. Commissioner Sherer next informed the Council that 6 people were tested for the Police Department hiring list and only 3 qualified to go and take the written test. Those results have not been tabulated as of yet. Sherer stated they have received 8 applicants for the opening at the Fire Department and arrangements are being made for a test date. Commissioner Sherer next informed the Council that the dive team had inspected the intake screens at the old lake and could not find any large gaps. They felt anything entering the intake piping could not be coming from this lake, but they still wanted to check a couple more things.

Commissioner Trost discussed the upcoming budget. On the subject of the general fund he shows a loss of \$160,165.00. The City has 2 parcels of property that might be for sale and if sold could generate \$70,000.00. There are 3 options that could help with the \$90,000 deficit and those are 1) keep \$100,000 from the sale of the airport in the general fund and have the water fund borrow the \$100,000 from Rural Development they would be short on the change order; 2) cut 3.25% from each expense item in the general fund; or 3) layoff 2-3 full-time general fund employees. Commissioner Trost asked for the Council to review these and be prepared to pass a new budget at the next meeting.

Commissioner Trost next spoke of the status of the water fund and stated with the current rates there would be a negative \$113,430 in the water fund. There are only two options: the first would be to raise rates in August 2008 instead of May 2009, which would give the budget a positive amount, and the second option would be to cut all expense items by 8%, which seems impractical as costs increase.

Commissioner Trost next spoke of the Sewer fund stating it should have a positive bottom line of about \$5,000.00.

Commissioner McCammack reported the Sewer Department would be submitting a claim to Ameren for damages to motor caused during periods of low voltage. The claim would be for around \$5,000.00.

Mayor Baran commended newly appointed Auxiliary Chief Knodle, the Hillsboro Police Department, and the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department for the jobs done this past 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Mayor Baran introduced Chris Daniels to speak on a future agenda item which is a 10 year extension to the Enterprise Zone. The extension would keep the Enterprise Zone in effect until February 28, 2020. Daniels announced there would be a public hearing on the proposal on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Jarman informed the Council he had reviewed the golf cart ordinance used by the City of Breese and felt the City might have some issues that need to be addressed before an ordinance is drafted.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioner McCammack and Commissioner Sherer to try to have a rough draft by the next meeting.

Attorney Jarman next informed the Council that there is nothing new on the “Chances” building and the only way to speed things up would be to file a complaint in court. Mayor Baran approved filing the complaint in court. There is also nothing new on the status of the abatements at the trailer park.

City Engineer Hunt reported paper work has been sent to the contractor doing the Main Street resurfacing and when it is returned there will be a meeting to set a date for its completion. Hunt reported they are continuing to work on the drainage plans for the Hixson rail spur and awaiting a grant agreement from IDOT.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to pay this month’s bills in the amount of \$202,542.75. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve pay Resolution WTP 2008-14 in the amount of \$199,811.10 for construction of the new water plant. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the replacement of media in the sand filters at the wastewater plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack stated he would like to table the purchase and installation of new screens at the intake tower of Glenn Shoals Lake.

Mayor Baran presented the Council with a request from Bert Everett to have 3 lots annexed into the City.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance annexing the property of Bert Everett. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran presented the Council with two names to fill vacancies on the War Memorial Committee after the loss of Tom Connor and Bernard Rappé. Those names would be Gary Zerrusen and John Ernst.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Gary Zerrusen and John Ernst to the War Memorial Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to adopt *Resolution 2008-4* authorizing the release of certain closed session minutes. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hill voting no.

#### **RESOLUTION 2008 – 4**

#### **RESOLUTION REPORTING REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hillsboro reviewed the minutes of the closed sessions on July 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hillsboro as follows:

1. Minutes of the following closed session no longer require confidential treatment and can be released for public inspection:

May 24, 2005  
July 12, 2005  
July 26, 2005  
September 27, 2005  
November 8, 2005 – Ameren Contract  
May 9, 2006 – purchase of Rapp Property  
June 27, 2006  
January 22, 2008

2. Minutes of the following closed sessions still require confidential treatment and cannot be released for public inspection.

November 8, 2005 – Personnel  
March 14, 2006  
May 9, 2006 – Personnel  
May 15, 2007  
May 22, 2007 – Personnel



/s/ David A. Booher  
City Clerk

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a lease assignment on a lake cabin from Scott Lee to Steve and Julie White. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran announced he would like to go into closed session to discuss an ongoing personnel matter.

City Engineer Hunt asked the Council to consider putting screens on the inlet of the Glenn Shoals intake tower before running the new pumps this winter. The screens would help prolong the life of the pump.

Motion was made at 7:56 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the audience that there would be no decisions made after the closed session.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 9:01 pm with roll call and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk