

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
June 8, 2010

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.

Mayor and Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Hill reported that bids specifications will be prepared for the new tanker truck with a bid opening scheduled for July 12, 2010. Commissioner Hill reported the new energy efficient lighting has been installed at the Fire Department which is funded through an Ameren grant. This program will also be available next year. Commissioner Hill next reported the City has received approval for the grant funding from Rural Development in the amount of \$21,900.00 for a new squad car. Commissioner Hill thanked the "law dogs" for their donation of \$1,200.00 to the Police Department. The donation will be used to outfit the new interrogation room.

Commissioner Sherer stated Sam Whitlow and Henry McDonald have been mowing and cutting weeds. Commissioner Sherer thanked Sid Blankenship for his painting of the pool and getting the pool ready for operation. Commissioner Sherer also thanked Clerk Booher and Water Supervisor Fath for setting the chemical balance of the pool. Commissioner Sherer informed everyone that he had met with a group from the County interested in having murals painted on the walls around the courthouse square. The intent was to create a historical theme and possibly incorporate the north wall of the Escape. Commissioner Sherer hoped to raise money for any of the City's share of the expense.

Commissioner Trost stated there would be a budget hearing at 6:30 pm before the July 13th meeting with approval scheduled at the 7:00 pm July 13th meeting.

Commissioner McCammack informed everyone that the State of Illinois may have set a new record for delinquency in their prison water account. They currently owe the City nearly \$190,000.00.

Commissioner Hill informed everyone that the City needs to adopt an ordinance assigning an Open Meetings Act designee. Mayor Baran stated he would take the training and be the Open Meetings Act designee on behalf of the City.

Commissioner Trost reminded everyone that the City needs to hold a TIF meeting in the near future.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that IDOT will be funding all of the resurfacing on Route 127 and Route 16 this year. The City was originally going to be responsible for \$4,000.00 for parking areas but this will now be paid in full.

City Engineer Hunt reported work on the rail spur is progressing slowly as they are having trouble achieving the proper compaction rate. They need a period of dry weather to obtain the

desired compaction. Hunt reported the Tremont resurfacing project is still in the planning stages and communications are ongoing with IDOT. Hunt informed the Council there had been a pre-bid meeting earlier that day concerning the installation of raw water intake screens and there will be a bid opening on June the 17th. Engineer Hunt next reported that the sewer main for Phase I of the Deer Run Mine has been installed on Tremont Street and they are currently working on the new raw water line on Smith Road.

Commissioner McCammack stressed that during the construction of Phase 1 emergency personnel need to be notified when roads are closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$247,193.47. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve *Ordinance #1511* establishing a prevailing wage ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve an agreement with Norlight to place an antenna on the water tower allowing for wireless broadband internet. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt reported they only had one bid for this year's MFT program and recommended awarding the contract to Litchfield Bituminous.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the bid of \$84,953.40 from Litchfield Bituminous for this year's MFT program. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda concerned the F.O.P. contract which was moved to the bottom of the agenda as there might be a need to go into "closed session" to discuss the terms.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that he had received a letter from Bruce Gunn announcing his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the resignation of Bruce Gunn from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 5-0.

Raymond Dorf spoke on behalf of the Airport Board concerning the recent transactions between the City and the Coal Company and the subsequent closure of the airport. Mr. Dorf read a letter stating the Mayor and Council had failed the Airport Board and citizens of Hillsboro by not enforcing the terms of the contract in which they had an option to relocate the airport and build new hangars.

Mayor Baran explained the reasons for the Councils' actions or perceived inactions due to financial constraints and FAA rulings.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the resignation of Airport Board members: E.J. Ullman, Raymond Dorf, Stan Hughes, Brian Sullivan, Darrell Campbell and Doug Schulte. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Sherer and McCammack voting no.

Commissioner Sherer questioned whether the Council should consider seeking a judicial interpretation of the contract. No action was taken by the Council and the former Airport Board members were not interested in any litigation.

Mayor Baran read a letter from E.J. Ullman stating everything has been completed and notification given that the Hillsboro Airport was no longer in service effective May 10th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to officially close the Hillsboro Airport. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner McCammack voting no.

Commissioner Sherer informed the Council of discussions that have taken place with the Natural Resource Committee concerning the acquisition of a handicapped-accessible dock and fishing platform.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to permit the Natural Resource Committee to pursue a 100 % funded grant for a handicapped-accessible fishing pier to be located at the North Marina. Mayor Baran would be authorized to sign all necessary documents to obtain the grant. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve pay request #1 from Haier Plumbing for work involving Phase I of the Deer Run Mine utility contract in the amount of \$ 420,355.52. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve an agreement with Hurst & Rosche Engineers to do the design and construction administration of the Tremont Street, Industrial Drive and Smith Road resurfacing project. This would be contingent to a suitable agreement with the coal company for funding and reimbursement. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran asked for Council approval to go into “closed session” to discuss contract negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Motion was made at 8:32 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to go into “closed session” to discuss terms of a collective bargaining agreement with the Police Department as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 9:10 pm and reported after discussions he was optimistic a contract could be approved at the next regular meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk