

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
June 13, 2006

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Hill gave a big thank you to Zack Shelton and his Boy Scout troop who weather proofed the Bluegrass stage and the 4th of July Pavilion. Hill reported the Natural Resource Committee is developing long and short range plans. Hill next reported Peter Berrini of Cochran and Wilken has completed the sediment study on Glenn Shoals Lake. Commissioner Hill next reported she is accepting applications for new Campground hosts and restroom cleaners. New electric facilities are being installed for tent campers, the beach is beautiful and the pool is running well. On a sad note Commissioner Hill informed everyone that Merle McFarlin of Merle's Family Fun Center, has colon cancer and is undergoing treatment. Hill next reported that Sam Whitlow and his crew have been busy mowing and trimming. Hill also noted that a new sewer line is being installed at Challacombe house. Commissioner Hill also informed the Council of the recent seminar she attended for newly elected officials. At the seminar Hill was informed you could get a free rate analysis to determine if you rates are producing enough revenue. Hill also found after listening to speakers at the seminar that the City needs to have a disaster drill to insure all governmental entities are prepared.

There was a brief discussion concerning property at 811 E. Seward Street where the City was issued a court order to demolish the house and have it removed. Mayor Baran gave instructions to City Attorney Jarman to document expenses file a lien on the property.

Commissioner Hill next gave the report for Commissioner Richmond who was on vacation. Hill reported for the Police Department that for the month May there have been 37 police reports and 17 accidents. They have issued 26 traffic citations, 15 non-traffic citations, 14 written warnings, and 17 verbal warnings.

Hill next reported for the Fire Department that the Firefighter II Classes are ongoing, the "first responders" class will be starting soon. The Department is looking into boat prices, because the transom on the current rescue boat is bad. The burn building has been completed and there is a need for a hydrant at that location to be used in training. Mayor Baran and Commissioner McCammack would be talking with Montgomery County Rural Water to see what arrangements could be made.

Commissioner Trost discussed the upcoming budget and presented the Council with a copy of what he would like to see approved. Trost stated he cut a lot from this year's budget. The cuts effect the administrative portion of the general fund the most. The ads and subscriptions have been reduced and the Municipal League Fall seminar expenses have been removed, community relations expenses have also been reduced. Trost also discussed how the new Police and Fire

pensions are effecting the budget and next year's tax levy needs to include these amounts. It would take nearly 2 years before you would see the return from those levies. Trost asked the Council to review the changes and contact him by Friday the 23rd so any changes can be made. Trost also asked the Departments to try and restrict their overtime and gas consumption.

Mayor Baran asked if that included no City vehicles to seminars and 3M meetings. Trost stated that is what he proposes.

Commissioner McCammack asked Water Superintendent Fath to discuss water conservation.

Water Superintendent Fath reported we are now in a summer pattern of water usage, so far usage is a little down from last year at this time. Fath reported with the increased summer usage some of the chemical reactions that are to take place in the treatment plant aren't happening until out in the system. This is part of the reason for consumers seeing discolored water. Fath asked the public to help by conserving as much as they can and follow the water conservation ordinance. Fath asked the public to please call if they see or suspect a water leak so it can be fixed as soon as possible.

Mayor Baran discussed the recent advertising by Illinois Consolidated involving their new TV service. Mayor Baran felt it was false advertising when the company is not able to serve everyone in the City at this time. Commissioner McCammack stated there was a new substation being installed on Summer Street that will help potential customers to the south and east.

Mayor Baran next discussed the Eagle Zinc property and reported the City would no longer be interested in using the property for portion of the new water treatment plant. Talks are continuing establishing remediation criteria for the Eagle Zinc property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to pay bills in the amount of \$196,144.33. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported the Seamon property on Wood Street is being cleaned up. Jarman mentioned there would probably be a request to amending the Challacombe mineral lease to allow them to pool 640 acres. This will allow them to sink a deep gas well and hopefully increase production. Jarman also mentioned he would have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting that would govern utility lines involved with a building demolition. The Council also instructed Jarman to proceed with small claims court against Lois's Groom Room and her defaulting on her Revolving Fund loan. The former Vernish property on Seward Street was discussed, due to the fact the new owners are not complying with the nuisance abatement.

City Engineer Scott Hunt stated he would be submitting the final design of the new water treatment plant to the Illinois EPA for their review. Hunt also noted there will need to be some meetings with Commissioner McCammack and Superintendent Fath concerning the pricing of some of the equipment. Hunt also recommended the City consider pre-qualifying contractors before the bid letting of the new water plant. Hunt reported the sidewalk survey for this year MFT is getting underway. Hunt also reported he has given the Mayor copies of the plans for H & R Estates for the Councils review.

Commissioner Hill discussed the need for "no parking" signs to be placed on the first hillside east of Lake Hillsboro beach. These are needed for employees to be able to mow the grass in the area.

It was decided that Commissioner Hill and Attorney Jarman would look further into the situation and come up with a plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Wayne Dowalder to a position of full time Volunteer Fireman. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt *Ordinance # 1434* making both sides of Columbia Street “no parking”. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a copier lease with Da-Com in the amount of \$141.00 per month for 4 years. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a 5-year copier lease with Watts Copy for a base amount of \$180.00 per month. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve labor expenditure not to exceed \$1,001.00 for electrical work in the Lake Park. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve *Ordinance # 1435* establishing the prevailing wage rate. Motion carried 4-0.

Steve Kenny was present to discuss a retaining wall he had mistakenly placed on a portion of City property. Mr. Kenny had also removed the present sidewalk in front of his residence and plans to replace it with a new walk. Mr. Kenny showed the Council illustrations of his intentions for the property. The Council agreed the property when completed would be an asset to the neighborhood, but the problem with the wall on City land needed to be addressed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to instruct the City Attorney to draw up an easement allowing the wall on City property. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve this year’s biathlon route to be held in conjunction with the July 4th festivities. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items; budget approval, no parking area at old lake, demolition ordinance, dive boat, establish fees for freedom of information request.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Booher, City Clerk