

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
June 24, 2008

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting and executive session were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner McCammack reported that he had a copy of an ordinance from Breese, Illinois that allowed golf carts to be used on City streets. A copy was given to all the Commissioners and the City Attorney for their review and input at a later date.

Commissioner Trost informed the Council that it looks like the real estate tax bills will not be sent out until August or later.

Mayor Baran thanked everyone for their support and concern after his wife's recent stroke. Mayor Baran next read a letter from Sheriff Vazzi acknowledging his department would honor Chief Satterlee's request for assistance.

Commissioner Sherer reported that last Friday was the last day for acceptance for applications for the Fire Department Engineer/Dispatcher position. Testing for the position would be held in the near future. Testing for any future openings in the Police Department would be held this Saturday. Commissioner Sherer revisited the issue of late night or overnight parking on Main Street. It was the opinion of most that with ordinances for snow removal and street cleaning already in place the ban could be lifted. Commissioner Sherer noted that Sergeant Brewer suggested they might put a permitting process in place to identify those cars needing to park there.

The upcoming resignations of Sam and Barb Whitlow from the Auxiliary Police Department were also announced.

Mayor Baran explained to the audience that after the agenda was printed a situation has come up involving personnel that needed Council attention.

**Motion was made at 7:09 pm by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 7:38 pm.

City Attorney Jarman reported the agreements with Hillsboro Energy concerning the sale for the airport and untreated water have been finalized.

Commissioner Sherer asked Attorney Jarman the status of the nuisance abatement proceedings with respect to the trailer park. Jarman stated he has yet to file a complaint with the courts.

City Engineer Hunt reported on the pay request meeting held that day stating the next request would be in the amount of \$179,215.00. This request would be reviewed by Hurst & Rosche and be ready for Council decision at the next meeting.

Waste Water Superintendent Merriman informed the Council of the need to replace the media in his sand filters at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00.

Commissioner McCammack asked for time to review the finances for that department and place the request on the next agenda.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept the bid of \$88,142.94 from Missouri Petroleum to micro-surfacing Main Street. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept the resignation of Louise Carter from the Fire Department effective June 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt *Ordinance # 1477* allowing for an increase in sewer rates to mirror that of the water and sewer bonds schedule. The new rate would go into effect June 1, 2008. Motion carried 4-0.

A decision on a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds for Hillsboro Hospital was tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost allowing for the partial closure of Pleasant Street for a motorcycle show on July 19th if necessary. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Sherer explained the current ordinance involving the appointment of auxiliary Lake Patrol officers and the new State statutes involving auxiliary officers. Under present statutes auxiliary officers have no arrest authority as they are not conservators of the peace.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to adopt *Ordinance #1478* allowing the appointment of auxiliary lake patrol officers with the designation of “conservators of the peace” and also designating their authority to carry weapons or not. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to appoint John Unger as a “conservator of the peace” Lake Patrol officer with permission to carry a weapon. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Superintendent Fath addressed the Council with a need to place screens on the raw water intake towers to protect large fish from plugging the lines or damaging the new pump that will be in place late this year. A large catfish had become lodged in the raw water line last week halting

the water plants ability to treat water. Fath informed the Council that new screens would cost of approximately \$20,000.00.

Commissioner McCammack again asked to review the funds before making a decision at this time and asked that it be addressed at the next meeting.

Upcoming agenda items would be replacement of media at the Waste Water Plant and inlet screens at the lakes.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 pm by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk