

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
June 27, 2006

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Richmond and Hill. Commissioner McCammack was unable to attend.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioner Richmond to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Baran next asked everyone for a moment of silence in memory of Ryan Buckley who was killed in Iraq.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

*Mayor and Commissioners report,*

Commissioner Hill reported her department was constructing a handicap dock and installing new electricity in the campground area for tent campers. Commissioner Hill also thanked Danny Robinson and his crew for helping with a water line repair in the campground. Hill also reported the Natural Resource Committee will be the reinstatement of the "tree program"

Commissioner Richmond reported testing for the hiring of a new police officer is being conducted with the Police and Fire Board. Three of the candidates passed the strength and agility testing and they are awaiting results of the written. After the results are computed interviews will begin.

Mayor Baran reported for Commissioner McCammack that a ditch has been fixed and the resident, Andy Huber thanked them for a job well done. Mayor Baran also asked on behalf of the water treatment plant that an emergency expenditure be approved to purchase lime feed equipment.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the purchase of lime feeding equipment for the water treatment plant in the amount of \$2,593.46. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran reported he has been negotiating with an entity on the sale of raw water that would help with some budget constraints. Mayor Baran thanked Commissioner Hill for her assistance in these initial planning stages.

Mayor Baran asked City Attorney Jarman to check the status of property on Ash Street that has had a previous nuisance complaint filed on it. The property has since sold, but the cleanup still applies to the new owner.

City Engineer Hunt the documentation for funding of the new water treatment plant through Rural Development needed some clarification, before it would be accepted. Hunt also mentioned that Rural Development might not allow guaranteed pricing and single sources of vendors. Mayor Baran asked Hunt to contact Rick Koester of Rural Development for an in person meeting. Hunt stated plans for H & R Estates subdivision have been submitted to the IEPA for their approval.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the retirement of Deputy Police Chief Darrell Turcol effective June 30, 2006. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran and Commissioner Richmond presented Deputy Chief Turcol with a watch and a plaque on behalf of the City of Hillsboro. Chief of Police Satterlee presented Turcol with his badge to commemorate his retirement.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve this year's fireworks display and celebration. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt this years Resolution concerning the Old Settlers Parade route. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a brief discussion involving the "Chances" building on Main Street, which is abandoned and in disrepair. Permission has been granted to the City to inspect and secure the premises. There have been concerns of people living in the building without anyone's knowledge. Mayor Baran stated he would have Hurst & Rosche inspect the building to see if it is structurally sound.

Barb Johnson of Hunt Street was present to express her concerns over people burning garbage at night. Mrs. Johnson stated they could smell burning garbage 4 to 5 nights a week and that the Police log shows 50 burn calls received after dark the past year. Commissioner Richmond stated the Police have responded to all the calls and Sergeant Brewer stated none were repeat offenders. It was suggested a message be placed on the water bills to remind people burning of garbage or in barrels is not allowed. Commissioner Richmond stated his Department and Commissioner McCammack's Department would research the problem.

Veronica Green of 1624 School Street was present to ask when the old railroad ties across from her were going to be removed. They smell of creosote in the hot weather and harbor animals. Mayor Baran stated he had been in contact with a supervisor for the railroad, who was unaware of the problem and would see that it is corrected. Veronica asked that the property be restored and maybe wild flowers and native grasses be planted.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the easement to construct a retaining wall on the Steve Kenny property at 1133 Marshall Street. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Terry Hozian to the Auxiliary Police Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Ordinance 1436** appropriating \$12,591,000.00 for the 2006-2007 budget. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Richmond informed the Council that he would be meeting with Street Superintendent Robinson concerning the placement of 2 new "slow" children playing signs.

Rick Lynch, owner of Bleacher's Bar & Grill was present requesting permission to have a beer garden during Old Settlers on the west side of his building. Mr. Lynch presented the Council with

a drawing of his proposed beer garden. He would place temporary fencing establishing the perimeter of the garden locating it 3 feet from the sidewalk on the west side. Entry would only be allowed through the opening on Wood Street with a greeter to make sure no alcohol leaves the fenced area. There would be an I.D. checkpoint within the fenced area there would also be 3 or 4 port-a-potties provided. Commissioner Richmond recommended a meeting with the owner and his police chiefs to discuss security and have a recommendation for the Council at the next meeting.

Nick Pretnar was present on behalf of the 911 Truth Movement to find out why a video (“Loose Change”) he had sought to put on the local access channel was not being shown. Mayor Baran explained he had originally agreed to show it along with Charter Cable and Marty Niehaus. Mayor Baran discovered the video fell under a political nature that according to documentation in a Charter Communication file failed to meet the guidelines and thus withdrew his permission. Mayor Baran was unable to reach Mr. Pretnar to inform him of the change of planes. After much discussion Mayor Baran suggested the City Attorney review the request and insure it meets all criteria to be allowed on the local access channel. Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Richmond requested copies of video for their review.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to have the City Attorney review the request and give his legal opinion at the next Council meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items; decision on beer garden and decision on use of local access channel.

Mayor Baran informed everyone there was a Council request to go into executive session to discuss a budgetary matter, but no decisions would be made during or after the meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond** and seconded by Commissioner Trost at 8:18 pm to go into closed session to discuss budgetary items. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:40 pm.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:42 pm by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Richmond. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk