

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
June 9, 2009

Commissioner Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Commissioner Trost informed the group that Mayor Baran is home recovering from his recent heart surgery and is doing well and thanked everyone for their well wishes during his illness.

Minutes of the May 26<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved.

Commissioner Hill reported that she would be putting two job openings up for bid in the Street Department to be effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Hill also stated that Mayor Baran requested she draft a letter to the USEPA from the Council concerning the proposed Eagle Zinc cleanup.

Hill also reported that the Street Department has been cleaning drains to help with the recent heavy rains and cleaning the maintenance building.

Commissioner Hill informed the Council that she attended a NAGS (Natural Area Guardians) meeting and received input on a couple of areas the City could save some money by limiting the mowing in those areas. One area was the South end of the Sports Complex property where the grass could be allowed to grow and only cut periodically to allow for the nesting of birds.

Commissioner Hill also reported that in the near future there would be a presentation on how to make repairs on our brick streets.

Commissioner Hill informed the Council that there would not be enough Auxiliary Police Officers available for traffic control during the fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They will be available for most of the events earlier in the day.

Commissioner Hill noted that the John Deere backhoe that was ruined by fire has been replaced and the intent is to replace the older Case backhoe this year with Motor Fuel Tax funds.

Commissioner Trost presented the Council with a draft copy of the proposed budget for their review.

Commissioner Sherer reported the Central Park Pool is now open in its 71<sup>st</sup> year and hopes were to have the Challacombe House open by early July.

Commissioner McCammack reported the Waste Water Department has installed new pumps and attended a chlorine safety class.

Water Plant Superintendent Fath reported operations at the new plant have been running smoothly for the past month. Fath asked the Council to consider allowing him to enter into a maintenance agreement with Hach Chemical for all of his monitoring stations. The accuracy of these stations is important to the operation of the computer system controlling the chemical dosages. The agreement would be a cost of around \$6,000 per year.

Commissioner McCammack took this time to report to everyone that Graham Correctional facility is currently over \$171,000 in arrears.

City Engineer Hunt reported that Plocher Construction should have most of the punch list items involving the new water plant construction completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. They intend to leave the capping of the old raw water line supplying the old treatment plant until fall in case of any unforeseen problems. The final pay request will be ready for the first meeting in July.

Hunt reported that the 2009 MFT program will be limited to the replacement of sidewalks and a backhoe. Hunt stated an application for an NPDS land application sludge permit will be sent to the IEPA this week involving the new water treatment plant.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to pay this month's bills of \$282,757.68 as money becomes available. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve this year's prevailing wage ordinance **#1498**. Motion carried 4-0.

Don Cranfill was present to discuss the possibility of purchasing approximately 8 acres of City owned property on Lake Hillsboro. Mr. Cranfill stated the land is bordered by his property and neighbors Yoder, Tucker and Niehaus. The property is landlocked and the only access is by water. Those adjacent land owners would be willing to purchase the property and divide it among themselves. The neighbors were willing to have an appraisal done but asked to dispense with the survey as they knew their property lines.

Commissioner Sherer stated he would defer the question of whether a survey was needed to the City Attorney.

Upcoming agenda items would be the possibility of a new hire in the Street Department, the closure of a portion of Main Street on August 15 for the Old Settler's car show and August 16<sup>th</sup> for the dedication of the Lincoln statue.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:29 pm by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk