

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
March 10, 2009

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.

Mayor Baran asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Mayor Harold Whitten who recently passed away.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Hill reported that her departments are running smoothly. Hill also reported that repairs will be made to the walls in the Police Department hallway to rid mold potential due to the water leak that occurred last December. The plan would be to make more room for evidence and interrogation as well as free up more storage used by City Hall for files.

Police Chief Satterlee reported his department would again be hosting Mr. Draper's Criminal Justice class sometime in April. Satterlee also informed everyone that the Police Department is contemplating hosting an open house in May.

Commissioner Sherer stated items under his report would be addressed later in the agenda.

Commissioner Trost reported that all departments have received their budget worksheets and need to begin working on them. Trost also reminded everyone that even if your current budget shows you have dollars that weren't spent, that does not mean the money is available. Commissioner Trost informed everyone that budgets will be tight again this summer as most of general funds tax money won't arrive until late fall.

Commissioner McCammack updated everyone concerning the poor condition of a primary sewer line on Tremont Street that will need major repairs or replaced in the future. A 10" sewer line on Wood Street has also been repaired this past week. McCammack next informed everyone that on March 23rd the new water plant should begin treating water, but on a limited basis for a while.

Mayor Baran announced that the Montgomery County Economic Development organization will be having a night of networking on March the 19th at the Lincoln Land facility in Litchfield. Rural Development will be in here on Wednesday March 25th at 9:30 am to discuss the City's experiences during the loan process concerning the new water plant. Mayor Baran gave Commissioner Sherer a survey from Rural Development concerning any changes in scope the Sports Complex may have had.

City Attorney Jarman stated he had received a request to vacate an alley between Ash Street and McClelland and would have the necessary documents for the next meeting. Jarman is also working with Code Enforcement Officer Booher to get a property on St. Louis Street cleaned up.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$229,146.98. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to enter into an emergency agreement to supply water to the Hillsboro Area Hospital. In the agreement costs would not exceed normal fees and with the amount of water to be supplied limited to the discretion of the City Council. Motion carried with 4 yea votes and Commissioner Trost, a hospital employee, voting present.

City Attorney Jarman presented the Council with an easement agreement and map for the new sewer line extending from the Village of Butler to the Hillsboro Waste Water Plant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve an easement from the Village of Butler to locate a sewer line on the City of Hillsboro right of way. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Trost informed the Council of a "Revolving Fund" loan request from Dennis Jorn of "Bossotech" computer sales. The request has been reviewed by the loan committee and was found to be in order.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a "Revolving Fund" loan request from Dennis Jorn in the amount of \$15,000 at 4% interest for a period of five years for products and inventory. Mr. Jorn would also list the City of Hillsboro as additional insured on his business policy. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Booher explained to the Council that we have been shopping for an alternative group health insurance to help save the City money and still give the employees equal benefits. A plan has been selected but before an actual dollar amount can be computed the insurance carrier needs a one month check as earnest money. This amount would be \$20,292.40.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve an earnest money payment of \$20,292.40 to explore a cost saving alternative group health insurance plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer approached the subject of summer help asking the Council if their intent was to keep the pool and beach open this year.

Commissioner McCammack commented that in his opinion there needs to be at least two guards at the beach at all times.

Mayor Baran stated this was also the recommendation of our Risk Management Insurance carrier.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the hiring of pool and beach personnel at the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack read a letter from Waste Water Superintendent Ron Merriman stating he would be retiring from the City effective April 10th, 2009. McCammack complimented Mr. Merriman on the work he has done for the City.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the resignation of Waste Water Superintendent Ron Merriman effective April 10, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran next touched on the sale of City owned property to help fill budget shortfalls and asked Commissioner Sherer to meet with Commissioner Trost on the subject.

Upcoming agenda items would consist of an application for grant funding in the watershed, hiring of summer pool help, replacement of retiring Waste Water Superintendent Ron Merriman, and an update on the feasibility of purchasing electricity on the open market.

Commissioner McCammack questioned forming a committee to study future upgrades at the Waste Water Plant. Mayor Baran stated he would like to have grant funding in place for the study, before a committee is selected.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:42 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk