

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
March 14, 2006

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports,

Commissioner Hill informed everyone that the program to plant trees along the creek at Central Park had to be altered due to utility lines. The new plan involves planting trees along the creek between School Street and the corner of Welch and Crittenden.

Commissioner Hill next discussed damages to trees in the business district of Main Street. Hill noted there was one tree that was removed due to an accident and has not been replaced and there are other trees that have been vandalized. City Attorney Jarman stated he would follow up on the removed tree and contact the insurance company involved. Concerning other damage to trees, those could be addressed with a City ordinance violation or by criminal damage to public property.

Commissioner Hill announced the campground would open April 1. The grounds have been seeded for new grass and repairs are being made on the restrooms.

Hill noted she has received one proposal to date for restoration work on Glenn Shoals Lake. Requests were sent to seven firms and at least two more will be sending proposals.

Hill discussed a letter she had received concerning the possible problems if the dam at Structure #5 would fail. This will be addressed with the help of C.J. Liddel of the NRCS office.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Police Department in the month of February they have responded to 14 traffic accidents and made 9 warrant arrests. There have been 10 verbal warnings given, 14 written warnings, 3 ordinance violations, 46 traffic citations and 17 non-traffic citations.

Commissioner Richmond reported for Code Enforcement Officer Booher that he has given 8 vehicle abatement notices and 7 seven have complied, while one had to be towed. He has issued 3 building permits and issued 4 cleanup abatements and one garage demolition. All have complied.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council they would be installing 2 manholes on Marshall Street to alleviate a sewer problem.

Mayor Baran read a thank you from the Hillsboro Post Prom Committee for the recent donation.

City Treasurer McCoy asked the Council for approval to pay this month bills.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$173,023.90. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported that tax buyers were purchasing the Vernish property on Seward Street. They have been informed of the issues the City has concerning the cleanup of the property. The Seamon property on Wood Street was addressed in court today and they have 30 days to comply with their abatement notice or sell the property. If nothing has been done after 30 days the City has court permission to demolish the structure.

City Engineer Hunt reported continuing work on the pre-design of the new water treatment plant and discussed the upcoming 2006 MFT program. The MFT program for 2006 may involve the blade mixing and improvement of Kinkead Road as well as \$20,000 to \$30,000 of sidewalk repairs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to hire the following people at Central Park Pool, Emily Puckett, Allison Brohammer, Megan Donham, Kasey McCammack, Tara Lockett, Sarah Puckett, Lauren Daniels, Anna Blankenship, Devon Maroney, Katie Homa, Hope Schulte, Alicia Osborn, Maria Pretnar, Katie Jarman, Ross Paller and Cory Evans. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill to lease the Marina to Jim and Margret Moore. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Hill noted they would be relocating to Hillsboro so they will be close to the Marina.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to approve an amendment to the Enterprise Zone that had been approved by the Mayors of the Enterprise Zone. The amendment extends the zone to the West of Interstate 55 adjacent to Litchfield.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve **Ordinance #1429** amending the present Enterprise Zone Ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hill explained to the Council that a new tractor was needed at the Sports Complex. The Sports Association, the City and the School District were in agreement to share the cost three ways.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the purchase of a Kubota tractor in the amount of \$16,495.00. The purchase would be divided three ways among the City, the Sports Association and the School District. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council of the need to replace a tractor used in the Waste Water Department. Repairs on the tractor were in excess of \$5,000.00. McCammack stated he was not willing to put that much money in an older tractor. McCammack asked that his request for a new tractor be placed on the next agenda with the purchase to come from next year's budget.

Mayor Baran introduced Tom Connor of Hurst & Rosche who was present to explain his plans for a new subdivision west of Lakewood Estates. Mr. Connor presented the Council with 4 copies of the platted subdivision as well as giving a visual presentation of the location of the proposed

subdivision. Connor stated the subdivision would host 92 lots with a walking path giving access to Glenn Shoals Lake. Connor estimated the lots when sold and built upon would generate between 300,000.00 to 400,000.00 in yearly property tax money to the County. The subdivision would have roads similar to those in Lakewood Estates. There will be no sidewalks or curbs and gutters. Mayor Baran thanked Mr. Connor for his presentation and stated he would agenda the subject of acceptance of the proposed subdivision for the next regular meeting.

Nancy Slepicka was present to give the Council an update of this year's proposed Roubaix bike race. The date for the event would be April 8, 2006. The race promoters are expecting 400 riders again this year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve April 8 as the date for this year's Roubaix bike race. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council and audience of the need for an emergency closed session meeting to discuss personnel.

Motion was made at 7:45 by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to go into a closed executive session to discuss a personnel problem. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:35 with roll call. Those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Richmond, McCammack and Hill.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:36 by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk