

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2010

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.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the Public Hearing and regular meetings on March 9th were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners' Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported that the 2-hour parking limit on Main Street has been ignored and enforcement will begin this week. Commissioner Hill also commented on the amount of litter on Main Street and asked store owners to help police the cigarette butt issue with receptacles.

Commissioner Sherer thanked Joe Boston and Henry McDonald and his crew for installing a drain cover at Central Park pool. Commissioner Sherer next commented on a pothole on Corporate Drive and whether it was the City's responsibility to repair.

Commissioner Trost asked everyone to continue working on their respective budgets.

Commissioner McCammack also discussed Corporate Drive and where its boundaries were. City Attorney Scott Hunt would check to see if they had any records identifying the limits of the drive. Commissioner McCammack asked Superintendent Boston to update the Council as to the status of the street sweeper.

Street Superintendent Boston informed the Council that he has received an estimate on mechanical repairs on the street sweeper and it was in the amount of \$23,000.00. The vacuum head and brooms need replaced and the water pump that wets the streets also needs replaced.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council that he is not a big fan of street sweepers and could not warrant spending money on repairs at this time.

Mayor Baran agreed with earlier comments concerning Main Street and suggested they be cleaned and swept by hand until the time repairs could be made to the sweeper. Mayor Baran informed the Council of some upcoming agenda items to address at the next meeting. These would consist of a resolution protesting the State's cutting the percentage of income tax money they currently pay municipalities by 30%. A contract to place an antenna on the water tower to allow wireless internet to the community would be addressed. Mayor Baran also asked the Police Department and the City Attorney to research permitting alcohol served to sidewalk patrons of restaurants. Mayor Baran informed everyone that the contractor should be returning to work on the rail spur now that weather is getting better.

City Attorney Silas McCormick informed the Council they have been working on language for permitting alcohol usage for outdoor cafes, ordinance violations have been sent concerning the

“Chances” building and Mr. Devore has filed to dismiss his current litigation with the City with extreme prejudice.

City Engineer Scott Hunt reported there is one item remaining on the water plant punch list before final payment can be made to the contractor. This involves the scale for the carbon feed silo. Hunt reported they are compiling a list of warranty items that will expire on April 17<sup>th</sup> to make sure they are all operating properly. Hunt also reported meeting with Commissioner McCammack to discuss the 2010 Motor Fuel Tax program which would extend to roads from Tremont south and those east of Route 127. Also in those plans were the oiling and chipping of the road through the campground. The Council also recommended putting the oiling and chipping of Corporate Drive on this year’s schedule. Plans were discussed to resurface Tremont Street from the High School entrance to Preston Street. This would be a full depth patch not a skim coat as tried earlier. Hunt also announced plans for raw water intake screens have been sent to the IEPA for their approval and once received bid plans could be sent out. The screens would be funded by the coal company as they will be temporarily using the City’s intake structure. Hunt next reported easements are being completed for the Phase 1 Deer Run Utility project and would need to be signed before construction could start.

The first item on the agenda was an ordinance establishing FOIA officers for the City of Hillsboro as prepared by the City Attorney.

There was a brief discussion on the current ordinance wording and Attorney McCormick was asked to make a few changes and have the changes ready to be voted on later in the meeting.

Deputy Police Chief Stretch discussed the need for traffic control at the Junior High School where students cross Rountree Street at Summer Street. Deputy Chief Stretch advised the Council that he has done preliminary work along with the Junior High Principal to determine the best method to safely get the kids across the street. The plan was to place a flashing light over the intersection with signage indicating to “stop when flashing”. The estimated cost would be \$2,370.00 for material and labor. The Junior High could be responsible for the materials which are estimated to be \$1670.00 and the City would be responsible for approximately \$700 in labor. There would also need to be an easement filed for the placement of a pole on the Catholic Church property as well as signage.

Commissioner Sherer suggested placing two stop signs at the intersection and making it a four-way stop. This would be a cheaper alternative.

Deputy Chief Stretch stated this was looked into but as traffic would only need to stop twice a day and only on school days the light was a better choice.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to instruct Deputy Chief Stretch to continue with his preliminary study and bring to the Council more definite costs for the project. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Sherer voting no.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the appointment of Tyler Cooper as a probationary Auxiliary Policeman. Motion carried 5-0.

Auxiliary Police Chief Knodle informed everyone that forms are now available online if a group needs the assistance of the Auxiliary Police and to make their requests as soon as they are aware of the need.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the resignation of Larry Hicks from the Department of Public Property effective March 31, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.

Mark Joy was introduced to speak on behalf of the Natural Resources Committee and discuss applications for grants involving the lakes. Mr. Joy explained they had been discussing a handicapped accessible fishing pier and what might be the best location. Both the South and North Marina access areas were discussed as well as an area near the emergency overflow.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the Natural Resource Committee's pursuit of grant funding for a handicapped fishing pier and or dock renovations. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the final pay request of Plocher Construction for work at the new water plant. Payment would be contingent on Hurst & Rosche's approval of one punch list item. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt recommended awarding of the bid for Phase 1 of the Deer Run Mine utilities installation to Haier Plumbing as the lowest qualified bidder.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the bid of \$2,558,480 from Haier Plumbing for Phase 1 of the Deer Run Mine utilities installation. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve an engineering agreement with Hurst & Rosche for the patching of Tremont Street to be paid with MFT funds in the amount of \$18,724.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve a joint agreement with I.D.O.T. for the patching of Tremont Street in the amount of \$189,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item for discussion concerned Phase 2 of the Deer Run Mine utilities construction. City Engineer Hunt presented the Council with three options for an in lake structure that would allow water from Glenn Shoals Lake to be pumped to the mine site.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve a concrete raw water intake structure to be constructed in Lake Glenn Shoals. A causeway would extend out to the structure to make maintenance easier. The intake piping would be equipped with air scouring to keep the screens clear. The \$1.5 million dollar cost would be reimbursed by the coal company. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to hire David Holmes as this year's campground host at a fee of \$3,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda concerned hiring a replacement for Sid Blankenship and a person in the waste water plant. There were various responses from the Council concerning the hiring's. Mayor Baran stated he would like to wait until the State of Illinois makes a final decision on the share of income tax municipalities the City may lose. Commissioner Sherer was in favor of moving Jim May into Mr. Blankenship's vacant position and presented the Council with a list of items that would fall under that person's responsibility. Commissioner Sherer was next in favor of hiring a person in the waste water plant to replace the position left by Jim May. Commissioner McCammack was also in favor of both ideas. Commissioner Trost informed the Council that if the current slated legislation is passed the City could lose over \$138,000.00 which negates the savings anticipated from granting early retirements. Commissioner Trost's calculations allowed for the hiring of two people if 6 retired and one has already been hired. Commissioner Hill mirrored Commissioner Trost's position and wondered if some of the workforce could be combined to help with work loads. This idea was also discussed by the Council and supervisors. There was brief discussion on the curtailment of expenses to help with the possible revenue shortfalls from pending legislation.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to hire Jim May as a maintenance person for a trial period of six months and review the position at the first meeting in October. Motion failed 2-3 with Commissioners Hill and Trost voting no as well as Mayor Baran.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adopt **Ordinance # 1509** establishing Freedom of Information Officers within the City. Those would be the City Clerk and in his or her absence the City Treasurer for any requests not involving law enforcement. Law enforcement requests would go through the Deputy Chief of the Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would be a resolution protesting the State's proposed cut in municipalities' share of the income tax and a contract for the placement of antennae on the water tower. Other items to be considered are permitting restaurant patrons to consume alcohol on sidewalks with meals, 2010 MFT program, hiring of summer help and pool operations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk