

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
March 28, 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, McCammack and Hill.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports;

Commissioner Hill reported due to budget constraints the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would no longer be assisting us with the operation of our brood pond. Al Lopinot a retired fishery biologist is assisting the City with operating the pond on our own. The bathroom in the campground is nearly completed and the crew will next move to making concrete repairs at Central Park pool. Sam Whitlow is still off following foot surgery, but hopes to return soon.

Commissioner Trost reminded everyone to begin work on their budgets and complete them as soon as possible.

Commissioner McCammack reported that work was progressing on the sewer project on Marshall Street. McCammack stated they used a sewer camera truck to view problems with the sewer at "Curves" and found the problem was not in the City line. McCammack also reported that Street Supervisor Robinson is recovering well from recent hernia surgery.

City Attorney Jarman reported the Seamon property has until April 18th to rectify their nuisance notice or the City can take action. Jarman also discussed the copy of a draft demolition permit submitted to him by Ron Merriman for review. Jarman mentioned the City needs to decide on the amount to charge for the permit and define what buildings would be governed by the permitting process. Jarman next discussed a draft of the Police and Fire Pension investment policy he was reviewing. Jarman noted that the policy needs to include that all investments must be made through local banks. The respective Pension Boards must then approve these policies.

Commissioner Richmond asked to table his request to change the speed limit in Lakewood Estates.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to increase the Mayor and Council salary by \$25.00 per month beginning with the incoming Council in 2007. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Trost voting no.

There was discussion of the proposed subdivision to be located west of Lakewood Estates. Commissioner Hill stated she had reviewed the preliminary plat and had questions that needed answered. Hill first asked Tom Connor of Hurst & Rosche which direction all of the drainage would be running leaving the subdivision and how the lake might be impacted. Connor was able to answer these questions to Commissioner Hill's satisfaction. Hill next asked about the road with platted for the subdivision. The width does not seem to meet the present subdivision code and Hill wanted to avoid any problems as plans progressed. Connor explained the roads would be the same

size as the present roads in Lakewood Estates, but was asking for a variance from the subdivision code. Sewer and water taps were discussed making sure they were in place before the City would accept the road. The Council also discussed the need for City personnel to review construction of the project and have an independent engineer give final sign off approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to accept the preliminary plat of H&R Estates subdivision including a variance allowing the road to be 22 feet wide with 3-foot shoulders. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve this year's 2006 MFT program in the amount of \$230,000.00. \$51,000.00 will be intended for sidewalk replacement. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council of his need to replace a John Deere tractor at the Waste Water Department.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the purchase of a John Deere tractor in the amount of \$15,685.25. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack had to leave the meeting early.

Commissioner Hill discussed the need to hire part-time workers at the Sports Complex.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to hire part-time workers at the Sports Complex. Those to be hired would be Nathan Clinard, Nic White and Aaron Hutchison. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming agenda items consist of the speed limit at Lakewood Estates and the proposed walking trail at the new subdivision.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:47 by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk