

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
March 27, 2007

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Baran asked the Council and audience for a moment of silence in memory of Tom Connor longtime friend and City engineer who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports,

Commissioner Hill thanked Tobin Ott and WSMI for their help in conducting a survey concerning the rebuilding of Challacombe House in the aftermath of the recent fire. Hill also thanked the Journal-News for their online poll involving the rebuilding of Challacombe House. Hill next thanked all the Departments that have offered help in the Park due to the recent injury to Henry McDonald.

Commissioner Richmond informed the Council and public that the Police Department will be having a night shoot on April 25th from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

Commissioner Trost asked who was doing the rebuilding at the former Gloria's Flower's building and if they had gotten a building permit. An audience member Veronica Green informed the Council that Chris Perkins was doing the rebuilding. Commissioner Richmond stated he would have Code Enforcement Officer Booher look into the matter.

Commissioner McCammack informed everyone that his department has been working on a sewer line problem that led to a water line problem at the corner of Mill Street and South Main. McCammack also informed everyone that he would be working on setting dates for a "Spring Cleanup" in the near future.

Mayor Baran read a letter from the Hillsboro Historical Society thanking all the City Departments in fixing a late night leak in the Historical Harkey House.

Mayor Baran asked City Attorney Jarman if he new the status of the Dorlaque property on Taylorville Road. Jarman stated the property was going to be sold and Attorney Jack Evans was handling the sale.

City Engineer Hunt expressed his condolences to Mayor Baran and the Council in the loss of long time City engineer Tom Connor. Hunt informed everyone that projects that are underway would go on as scheduled and that Tom Baker is filling Mr. Connor's position. Hunt asked the Council to approve this year's Motor Fuel Tax program in the amount of \$224,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve this years MFT program in the amount of \$224,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Hunt next reminded the Council there would be a pre-bid meeting concerning the new water treatment plant at 10:00 am this Wednesday. Hunt reported they are still waiting for a cost estimate from Ameren to run power to the new raw water pump station below Glenn Shoals dam. This cost would likely be an addition to the new water plant contract and be paid through the Rural Development loan. Hunt also stated that Ameren was not in agreement with the 36" sewer line relocation plan on the old water treatment plant property. Mayor Baran asked Commissioner McCammack and City Attorney Jarman to meet with Ameren and try to find a solution. Hunt next reported that their part of the Hixson rail siding has been completed and Design 9 finished their engineering last Friday. Union Pacific has not responded to the study as of yet. Hunt also reported that they have received a report from IDNR reclassifying the Hillsboro Lake Dam from a Class 3 to a Class 2. This involves more paperwork and an inspection every 3 years. Mr. Hunt stated he would have a proposal prepared for the next Council meeting.

Nancy Slepicka reported that this is the 6th year for the Roubaix bike race, which will be held on Saturday March 31st. Slepicka remarked on how impressed she is with the way the Hillsboro Police and Police Auxiliary have helped with the traffic control over the years. Slepicka reported to date there have been 306 riders pre-registered last, year they ended up with 475 riders, the largest amount of participants in any Midwest bike race.

Judy Traylor addressed the Council with concerns involving target shooting with bow and arrow within the City limits. Traylor gave examples of one arrow hitting and sticking in a residence and one individual shooting across a road at a target. Traylor asked the Council to research the need for a backstop or other regulations before someone may be injured. Traylor insisted she is not against target shooting, but would like to see it regulated.

Mayor Baran thanked Mrs. Traylor for her comments and asked Commissioner Richmond and the City Attorney to study the practice and see what could be done to make target shooting safer.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that the contracts for both City unions are soon to expire and both have asked to begin negotiations. Mayor Baran appointed Commissioners Richmond and Trost to negotiate with the F.O.P. union and Commissioners Hill and McCammack to negotiate with union 773.

City Attorney Jarman stated there is nothing new concerning the Challacombe mineral lease agreement and asked the item be tabled until a later date.

Upcoming agenda items would be a decision on an amendment to the Enterprise Zone ordinance and setting dates for a spring cleanup.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk