

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
May 11, 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 previous meeting were approved with a correction concerning the hiring of summer help.

Commissioner Hill reported the Police Department would be hosting an “open house” on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. They will also be hosting the Hillsboro High School Criminal Justice class on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Commissioner Hill also read a letter from the Police Department asking for the assistance of residents of the community to help in combating crime by using their eyes and ears to report any suspicious activities.

Commissioner Sherer reported his department has been cutting grass and weeds. Commissioner Sherer also informed everyone that the crack in the Central Park pool has been fixed and flags have been installed along Main Street. Commissioner Sherer also thanked Joe Boston for removing the steps from the Plaza stage so more commemorative bricks can be installed.

Commissioner Trost informed everyone that he had been contacted by Senator Durbin’s office announcing the award of a 95% grant to the Fire Department to purchase a new tanker. Commissioner Trost also presented the Council with a new draft budget in which he had increased the sale of equipment and property to \$35,000.00. Trost next informed everyone that even though a budget line item is approved this does not mean the money is currently in the bank for that item. Revenues are based on funds received throughout the year and may not be available as needed.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council that a motor at the “wareco” pump station needs to be rewound at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00.

Mayor Baran read a letter from Union Local 773 stating they had no issue with the use of volunteer labor within the City as long as they are not taking jobs from union employees.

Police Chief Satterlee informed the Council that a group called the “law dogs” would be soliciting for donations at the 3-way stop with the proceeds to be used to help children’s charities.

Mayor Baran touched on the current finances of the City by stating “if you don’t need it, don’t buy it”.

City Attorney Cullen also reminded everyone that even if the State does not cut funding to municipalities they could still be 3 to 4 months back in making their payments. Attorney Cullen mentioned he, along with members of the Council, has been involved with contract negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Commissioner Sherer asked Attorney Cullen as to the status of the “Chances” building cleanup. Cullen reported he was getting no response and the next steps would be issuing ordinance violations.

City Engineer Hunt reported that plans for the 2010 MFT program have been approved and bids will be opened on May 25, 2010. Hunt reported work is continuing on the rail spur and the road crossing is nearly completed. Hunt next reported the plans to resurface Tremont Street from Route 127 to the High School entrance have been submitted for approval. Engineer Hunt also informed the Council that a bid opening for the installation of the raw water intake screens will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Hunt reported the sewer line portion of the Deer Run utilities project should be completed in two weeks.

Commissioner Hill asked that lighting be installed on the new water intake planned in Phase 2 to the Deer Run utility project as the structure will extend into the lake and could be hazardous to boaters.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the payment of this month’s bills in the amount of \$328,103.81. In order to pay the bills a line of credit with Hillsboro National Bank will be used to make up the shortfall. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve *Ordinance # 1510* adjusting the water rates to current Hillsboro water customers outside of the City limits. The rates would be approximately 1.6 % higher than that of City residents. Motion carried 5-0.

Schram City Village president Groves was present to discuss a sewer issue that the City of Hillsboro might be able to help with. President Groves discussed an issue Schram is having with storm water infiltrating into their sewer system and causing flooding in some basements. President Groves asked if the Village could connect to the new line servicing the coal company to help relieve some of the problems. Mayor Baran sympathized with the problems they were having but stated storm water could not be connected to a sanitary sewer and therefore they would need to seek other methods to correct the problems. Mayor Baran offered the services of Waste Water Supervisor Reynolds to see if he could give them any suggestions.

There was a discussion on amending the current intergovernmental agreement with Schram City for Police services. The current agreement is \$1,000.00 per month with a 50/50 split of any fines received. The Schram City board was requesting a 25% reduction in fees which would save them \$3,000.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to amend the current intergovernmental agreement for Police protection with the Village of Schram City. The monthly fee would remain the same but fines would not be evenly split until the village has received \$3,000. At that time fines would return to a 50/50 split. Motion carried 5-0.

The next agenda item was a request from Chuck Ellis to purchase City owned land directly in front of his property at Lake Hillsboro. Mr. Ellis was unable to attend due to a family illness. Therefore, the request was tabled until further notice.

Phil Lambert of the Norlight Company addressed the Council with a request to place an antenna on the new water tower as part of the Demuzio Broadband project. This would be one antenna in a series of antennae enabling residents in remote areas to gain access to high speed internet. The Council had issues with portion of the agreement. The original agreement allowed the City to have one free access point and the Council felt this was inadequate and wanted to see more. Mr. Lambert stated if this were to happen then the monthly contract fees to the City would have to be reduced. Mayor Baran stated that this tower was an integral part to the proposed network and therefore more concessions could be made to the City. Any action on the agreement was tabled until more of the details could be worked out to the satisfaction of both parties.

Commissioner Sherer discussed the hiring of lifeguards and a pool manager for this year. Commissioner Sherer stated he had no intention to open the beach this year in an effort to cut expenses.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the hiring of Hope McBrain as pool manager. Lifeguards would be Kayleigh McBrain, Kelsie Maroney, Bailey Braun, Tessa Harmon, Morgan Furness, Abby Laughlin, Holly Pianfetti, Megan Williamson, Hanna Sweet (part-time), Courtney Gabeau and Taylor Webster subject certification. Concession workers would be Jake Smith and Kellee Kaiser. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill asked if the beach might be available for rental parties. Commissioner Sherer stated that may be considered.

Mayor Baran asked the Council for approval to go into closed session to discuss current contract negotiations.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost at 8:22 pm to go into “closed session” to discuss contract negotiations as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:45 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioner Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

There was no action taken after the “closed session”.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:46 pm by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk