

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 22, 2007

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous special meeting and executive session were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports;

Commissioner Hill noted that incident reports from the Police Department will no longer be a part of her reports; these are available at the Police station at any time.

Commissioner Sherer reported that Sid is getting the pool ready for opening and Sam is mowing continually and Henry is recovering from his injuries and becoming more active. Commissioner Sherer also noted that he is looking for a campground host as the previous hosts have resigned.

Commissioner Trost reminded everyone to work on their budgets as it needs to be finalized by last meeting in June. Commissioner Trost next informed everyone the status of the present Revolving Fund loans. Trost asked the City Attorney to set up a meeting with Son Clayton to discuss his loan. Trost also mentioned the Kunkel loan is a couple of months behind and that Merle McFarlin has gotten his loan caught up.

Commissioner McCammack reminded everyone that as of May 15th until September 15th, watering can only be done from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. McCammack also mentioned that he and Commissioner Hill have been working on settling the union contract. McCammack hoped to have everything ready for full Council approval at the next meeting.

Mayor Baran reported that he, along with Morrie Dodd, Scott Hunt, and Tom Gooding met with the Illinois EPA in Springfield concerning the Eagle Zinc property. Mayor Baran stated the IEPA will be pushing for cleanup and remediation of the site, removal of the buildings will be a first priority. Mayor Baran stated the response from the IEPA looks very encouraging.

Mayor Baran asked the City Attorney to meet with Code Enforcement Officer Booher concerning the Hicks property on North Main.

City Engineer Hunt reported they have received approval from Rural Development concerning the additional funding of the new water plant. Hunt also informed the Council that a decision is needed concerning the installation of 3 phase power and the new raw water pumping station. Ameren had offered to do the work at a cost of just over \$13,000.00. Hunt next informed the Council that plans for the rail spur has been sent to Union Pacific for their approval, which could take awhile. Hunt also stated the "emergency action plan" and operation and maintenance manuals for the lakes are 30% complete and will be done by June 15th.

Mayor Baran recommended the reappointments of Doris Enochs, Terry Baker, and Lynn Buerkett to the Library Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to reappoint Doris Enochs, Terry Baker and Lynn Buerkett to a three year term on the Library Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran next recommended by appointment of Jim Moore to the Police and Fire Board for a 3 year term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Jim Moore to a 3 year term on the Police and Fire Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran next recommended the reappointment of Doug Jarman as the City Attorney.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to reappoint Doug Jarman as City Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the appointment of Hurst & Rosche as City Engineers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to reappoint Hurst & Rosche as City Engineers. Motion carried 5-0.

Sam Whitlow addressed the Council with a request to close the East end of Pleasant Street on July 28th for a motorcycle show.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the closure of the East end of Pleasant Street on July 28th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a motorcycle show. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer at 7:15 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss the future sale of water and establish fees. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the continued negotiations of the Natural Resource Committee concerning the proposed sale excess water. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman informed the Council he finally had received a contract involving the continued rental of Challacombe estate mineral rites involving property in Texas. Jarman informed the Council that this year's rental fee would be doubled due to late payments and there has been a penalty clause added if drilling does not start within 30 days. The penalty would be \$500,000.00 divided among those receiving rental fees.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the new Challacombe mineral lease agreement as recommended by the City Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve Plocher Construction as the contractor for the new water treatment plant. The amount of the contract was for \$11,588,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve a \$238,160.00 deduct to the contract for installing a 10' water line from the new tower to Vawter Street. The City will do this installation themselves. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve Mayor Baran signing a contract with Ameren IP, after review by the City Attorney, to run 3 phase power to the new raw water pump station. The amount of this contract would be \$13,148.48. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt Ordinance #1459 amending the City water rates. The new rate would go into effect on June 1st with a 20% increase this year with built in increases for the next few years. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reminded the public that the increase was on water rates only and not on your sewer usage.

Commissioner McCammack explained there was a lot of time and thought put into establishing the new rate structures. McCammack informed everyone that it was essential to increase the rates by the prescribed amounts or there would be no loan to build the new water treatment plant and that a new plant is a necessity.

Mayor Baran discussed the need for a handi-capped parking space near the Farm Bureau building and that the Police Department had reviewed the request and concurred.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve Ordinance # 1460 establishing a handi-capped parking space at the Northeast corner of the Farm Bureau building. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Booher explained the Council it was again time to renew the employee health insurance benefits contract with CMS. This year's rate increase averaged 14%, which Commissioner Trost was building into the budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve this year's health insurance contract involving City employees. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Trost informed the Council of a request from Rich Armbruster owner of the Church Street Pub for a Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a new roof and repairs on the building. Trost stated the loan committee had reviewed the request and recommended approving the loan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the loan request of Rich Armbruster in the amount of \$15,000.00 at a rate of 4% with payoff not to exceed 10 years. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item for consideration was the 2007 motor fuel tax expenses for street repairs and maintenance.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the bids for the 2007 MFT program as recommended by the City engineers. The bid for Group 1 was Litchfield Bituminous in the amount of \$68,264.00. Louis Marsh was low bidder for items under seal coat HFE in the amount of \$6,000.00 and Nokomis Quarry for CA aggregate in the amount of \$3,717.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran explained to everyone that a personnel situation has come up since the agenda was created and he requested the Council go into closed session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to go into closed session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the meeting at 9:25 p.m. and roll call was taken. Those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

There were no actions taken from the closed session.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:27 p.m. by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk