

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 23, 2006

Mayor Pro-tem Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Pro-tem Trost and Commissioners Richmond, McCammack and Hill.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Treasurer McCoy as City Clerk Pro-tem in the absence of Clerk Booher. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and closed sessions. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner and Mayors reports,

Commissioner Hill reported getting the campground and pool ready for the upcoming Memorial weekend. Hill also noted a parking problem at the Old Lake and would like to address it at the next meeting. Hill announced the campground hosts have resigned, but will stay on until a replacement is found.

Commissioner Richmond reported things are running well in the Fire Department. The Code Enforcement Officer has pending action on properties. Commissioner Richmond next introduced the Council and audience to the Police Departments new K-9 (Chindo) handled by Cory Davidson.

Commissioner McCammack explained Montgomery County Rural Water had a large leak this past week, which affected the water pressure here in town; this problem has now been fixed.

Mayor Pro-tem Trost reported that Mayor Baran is home from his knee replacement surgery and therefore was unable to attend.

City Engineer Hunt reported that he had met with Commissioner McCammack and Supervisor Fath concerning equipment specifications for bidding at the new water treatment plant. The plans for the new water treatment plant will be submitted to the IEPA in June. Hunt also reported the proposals for this year's MFT program have been approved and supplies can now be purchased and stockpiled. Plans can also be finalized for the resurfacing of Kinkead Road.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve this year's employee health insurance package through CMS at an 11% increase over last year. Motion carried 4-0.

Items 8 and 9 on this agenda were tabled until further notice.

Commissioner Richmond discussed the need to establish a hiring list for the Police Department. As a part of the testing procedure there will be a fee of \$70.00 to \$80.00 per person, which includes written testing and power testing. To date there are seven or eight applicants.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the appointment of Matt Weiss to the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve *Ordinance #1432* limiting the speed limit on Old Oaks Drive to 20 mph. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to adopt **Ordinance #1433** making it illegal to make a left turn into a parking stall on Main Street from Tilson to South of Courthouse.

Commissioner Richmond discussed a parking problem on Columbia Street. Columbia Street is narrow and parking along the road blocks opposite side driveways and causes a safety concern. Commissioner Richmond stated he would have City Attorney Jarman prepare an ordinance to this effect to be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve a lease assignment of *Lot 56* in Lakewood Estates from John and Judy Miilu to Patrick and Bobbi Lowe. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner McCammack explained to the Council and audience that the present corner of Welch and Ash Street is on Joe Rapp property. The corner has always been a safety hazard due to trees blocking drivers' vision. To rectify the problem McCammack recommended purchasing the property from the Rapp's. The City would retain the property needed to protect the road and corner and then sell the remaining acreage at public auction.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to enter into a property purchase contract for the Rapp property at the corner of Welch and Ash Streets. The amount of the purchase would be \$33,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

City resident John Ragen was introduced to discuss the present digital TV franchise agreement with Illinois Consolidated. Mr. Ragen's concern was that the company was not familiar with the present existing City limits. Consolidated used a map to illustrate their areas of coverage that did not show two large subdivisions within the corporate limits, Lakewood Estates and Pinnacle Point. Commissioner McCammack stated he would work with Mr. Ragen to insure the franchise agreement was adhered to.

Upcoming agenda items,

No parking area at Old Lake, appointment to police auxiliary, ordinance prohibiting parking on Columbia Street, copier lease agreement, electric service replacement Lake park. Second meeting in June acceptance of retirement of Deputy Chief Turcol and abolishment of Deputy Chief position.

Commissioner McCammack also reminded everyone that they can now have their water bills paid using direct with drawl. Arrangements can be made at City Hall and please bring voided check.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly McCoy, Clerk Pro-tem