

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 25, 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 meetings were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners’ Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported the “Open House” for the Police Department was a success as was the Field Day with the Hillsboro High School Criminal Justice class.

Commissioner Sherer reported his department has been cutting grass and weeds. Commissioner Sherer also informed everyone that the pool painting is nearly finished thanks to volunteer help. Those helping were Commissioner Sherer, Sid Blankenship, Larry Hicks, Connie and Mike Hill and Brian Limbaugh.

Commissioner Trost stated he has not received any budget changes or corrections from anyone. Therefore, a final budget may be ready for approval at the next meeting. Commissioner Trost also informed everyone that Congressman Hare will be at the Hillsboro Fire Department on July 9th at 12:30 to congratulate them for the grants they have received.

Commissioner McCammack discussed the current procedure for leak adjustments on water bills. Currently if you have a leak you can get a one-time adjustment removing a portion of the sewer charge from your bill. Adjustments will be on a case by case basis determining if the leak has gone into the City’s sewer system. McCammack stated if we are treating the water that has leaked there will be no adjustments.

Mayor Baran suggested Commissioner McCammack also research the current “road bond” procedure when a contractor cuts through one of our streets. The bond may not be high enough to insure timely repairs.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that work is continuing on the rail spur, and the rail crossing will be permanently installed after the Phase 1 utilities lines are extended beyond the crossing.

City Attorney McCormick informed the Council that the agreement with Schram City for police protection is nearly completed. McCormick also informed the Council that they are having no success on the “Chances” building and may need to file suit.

Commissioner Sherer updated the City Attorney on earlier issues with the “Chances” building when the building was deemed unsafe and then the property could be placed into a receivership. Commissioner Sherer asked Attorney McCormick to look into this as an option.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Dr. Greg Springer to the Natural Resource Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the closure of a portion of Pleasant Street for the Memorial Day service to be held on that Monday. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the pay request involving the rail spur from Oberkramer Contracting in the amount of \$68,242.59. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill presented the Council with a list of items that are currently under negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police. Commissioner Hill asked the Council to review the terms and contact her with any concerns so the contract could be approved at the next meeting.

There was a discussion on the hiring of summer help as a couple of City employees could be off in the near future for work related injuries and surgeries. Mayor Baran felt that if an employee was being paid through workers' compensation then the City could afford to hire 2 minimum wage employees during their recovery time.

Originally Commissioner Sherer and Commissioner McCammack motioned to hire two part-time employees beginning June 1st. Upon further discussion the motions were withdrawn and revised.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to hire two part-time employees to begin work when either of two potential employees were off under workers' compensation. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that he would meet with the supervisors and help coordinate efforts with the little manpower the City has to help get projects accomplished.

Mayor Baran asked the Council for approval to go into closed session to discuss the sale of land as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5-6.

Motion was made at 7:32 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to go into "closed session" to discuss the sale of land. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:03 pm with those present being Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

Upcoming agenda items would be an agreement to place antennae on the water tower, prevailing wage ordinance, police contract and budget.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:07 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk