

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 27, 2008

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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 Meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported that it was a successful weekend at the campground. The Central Park Pool is scheduled to open June 6th, weather permitting. Commissioner Hill next addressed the cutting of grass on properties that have not complied with abatement notices. It was Commissioner Hill's opinion that those expenses should not come out of her portion of the budget.

Commissioner Trost stated he would have an expense for mowing line item placed in the budget under City Hall expenses. Reimbursements would go back into the general fund.

Commissioner Sherer presented the Council with written ideas of changes they might consider concerning the fencing of both above and in ground pools. Commissioner Sherer asked the City Attorney to review these suggestions also.

Commissioner Trost stated he has received input from most of the Council concerning the new budget and asked them to keep giving him ideas on ways to increase revenue.

Mayor Baran mentioned the need to clean the debris from the gutters on City Hall and the roof over the Police Department parking area. Mayor Baran next informed the Council he had received a report from Clarence Smith, Manager of the Federal Site Remediation Section of the IEPA, concerning progress on remediation of the Eagle Zinc property. The report will be available at City Hall for review.

City Attorney Jarman reported he had submitted a response to I.D.O.T. for completion of the Railroad grant. Jarman stated he had heard nothing from Union Pacific concerning the track agreement that is needed before the project can be bid.

Attorney Jarman discussed the "Chances" property and informed the Council that he has been in contact with American General and they have verbally committed to release of the title. The person interested in the purchase of the property has also been given this information.

Attorney Jarman next informed the Council that June 23rd is the date court hearings have been set to address the Melow property on Crittenden and the Trailer Park.

Jarman next informed the Council that he could find nothing in the present ordinances allowing for an increase in sewer rates. Mayor Baran asked Commissioner Trost to meet with the City Attorney and address this issue.

City Engineer Cody Greenwood informed the Council that the new water treatment plant was 80% complete. Construction crews have been working on the raw water pump station and plan to tie it into the raw water line on Thursday. Crews have also been working on the completion of the roof of the process area of the new plant and then crews will begin painting the vessels inside the building. Engineer Greenwood also touched on a pay request meeting that was held that day and the next pay request would be in the amount of \$607,539.50 with the new lime feed system and carbon silo being over half the total.

Mayor Baran informed the Council of a request from the 4th of July Committee to close the area around the Old Courthouse on that day for the annual biathlon.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the closing of the street around the Old Courthouse on July 4th to be used for the annual biathlon. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to enter into an agreement with the Local Government Health Care Plan for City employees' health insurance. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill asked City Engineer Greenwood for his recommendation on the recent bids for the micro surfacing of Main Street under this year's MFT program.

Engineer Greenwood stated there had been only one bidder and that bid was 21% over the engineers estimate. His recommendation was to rebid the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to reject the bid for micro surfacing Main Street and rebid as soon as I.D.O.T would allow. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer informed the Council of the need to place a radio repeater at the Fire Station to meet the requirements set by 911 for Hillsboro to dispatch calls.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer to purchase a radio repeater from Whiteside Communications at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 as dictated by the County 911 committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill asked Commissioner Sherer if this was the last piece of the puzzle and if this would complete the requirements as set by 911 to allow the Hillsboro Fire Department to continue dispatching calls locally.

Commissioner Sherer stated this would complete all the requirements as set by 911.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to appoint Dennis Langston to a position on the Hillsboro Auxiliary Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda items concerning the sale of water to the coal company and the sale of the airport property were tabled until the next meeting.

Council discussion of upcoming agenda items would again be the water and airport sale agreements and residential swimming pool requirements. Commissioner Hill also asked Commissioner Trost to try and give her an amount of revenue needed as she has a person interested in buying a portion of City owned property near the new lake. If this sale could help with the budget it might be worth pursuing.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:31 pm by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk