

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 9, 2006

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports,

Commissioner Hill reported she had toured Glenn Shoals Lake to check on the condition of the leased lake lots and found them to be better kept than last year. Some lot lessees have still not put up their new lake lot signs and this needs to be done as soon as possible.

Commissioner Richmond reported for Code Enforcement office Booher that he had given out 5 vehicle abatement notices and that all have complied. Booher has issued 5 building permits 1 new home, 2 fences, 1 storage shed and 1 patio. Booher had also asked for condemnation proceedings to begin on a cabin at Lake Hillsboro that has not complied with previous notices.

Commissioner Richmond next reported for the Police Department stating for April there have been 12 accidents and 3 warrant arrests. They have issued 21 traffic citations, 8 non-traffic citations, 10 written warnings, 2 ordinance violations, and 7 verbal warnings. The department has also made 13 arrests.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Fire Department that the firefighter Class 2 training is ongoing. The pad for the new burn building is expected to pour this Saturday weather permitting. The slide in pump unit has been installed in truck 607. Commissioner Richmond asked that the approval of Matt Weiss to full volunteer fireman be placed on the next agenda. It was also reported that Damon Leisure and Charlie Goad have completed the Scott air pack repair course.

Commissioner Trost gave everyone a copy of the general fund budget and notified everyone that the proposed budget needs trimmed in all departments.

Commissioner Trost next discussed the past due bills from Wright automotive that were dated 2002 through 2004. There had been a computer problem and the City had never received these bills. A bill has also been sent applying a past due amount to the invoices. Commissioner Richmond stated he would not pay any past due amount. Attorney Jarman stated the original bills would still be binding, as they have not exceeded any statute of limitations. Commissioner McCammack asked that he be given the bills and he would meet with the owner Ron Wright.

Commissioner Trost next notified everyone that a request for a revolving fund loan had been requested and the application did not make it through the Loan Committee.

Commissioner McCammack again discussed the need to have a utility line inspection ordinance with penalties for non-compliance. Wastewater Supervisor Merriman and City Attorney Jarman would meet to finalize the details, before bringing the recommendation back to the Council.

Commissioner McCammack next reminded everyone that effective May 15th the water conservation ordinance goes into effect until September 15th. This ordinance specifies days and times for lawn watering.

Commissioner McCammack announced that this years Spring cleanup will begin on May 23 through May 27th. Materials can be brought to the Street Department building from 7 to 5 on during the week and from 7 to 3 on Saturday.

Mayor Baran used his time to allow Nancy Slepicka to give her report on this year's bike race.

Nancy Slepicka presented the Council with t-shirts commemorating this year's race. She then announced that this year's race had the largest turnout of any bike race in the Midwest. Nancy announced they had received \$2,000.00 in sponsorship donations and all was being donated back to the community. Checks for \$800.00 and \$300.00 were presented to the Parks Department and Auxiliary Police respectively.

City Treasurer McCoy asked for approval to pay this month's bills.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 168,811.58. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported there would be a demolition complaint filed concerning a cabin at the old lake and there was a property on Eccles Street that would have a nuisance abatement sent to because of weeds and other factors.

City Engineer Hunt reported they are continuing work on the water plant final design and have been in contact with Rural Development concerning funding for the new plant. Hunt was told Congress may be reducing the interest rate on Rural Development loans to 3%. Hunt also mentioned he would be scheduling a meeting with Commissioner McCammack and Water Supervisor Fath to discuss equipment specifications for the new treatment plant.

Commissioner Richmond discussed a letter he had received from Chris Sherer asking the speed limit on Old Oaks Drive and Oak Brook Drive be reduced.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to instruct Attorney Jarman to draw up an ordinance limiting the speed on Old Oaks Drive and Oak Brook Drive to 20 mph. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve 2006 MFT bids to Litchfield Bituminous and Louis Marsch. Litchfield Bituminous bid \$55,152.66 for Group 1 (oil & chips). Louis Marsch winning bid for work on Kinkead Road was for \$30,268.00 and \$5,750.00 for dura-patcher supplies.

Commissioner Richmond was going to address limiting night parking on Main Street, but found it was already covered by City ordinance prohibiting parking on Main Street from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting left turns on Main Street into parking stalls. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond reported he had received pricing on additional emergency sirens at a cost of \$4,850 each, which does not include a pole or installation. The Council thought grant funding should be sought to help with these expenses and therefore tabled the discussion until more research can be done.

Approval of a contract for a new copier at the Fire Department was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Richmond discussed a problem with contractors closing roads without notifying anyone. It was decided when a contractor comes in and pays a road bond a copy will be sent to the fire station for their records.

Motion was made at 7:38 by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to go into closed session to discuss a possible property purchase. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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

Motion was at 7:53 by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Richmond, McCammack and Hill.

Upcoming agenda items,

Approval of Matt Weiss to Volunteer Fire Department, replacement of copier Fire Department and an ordinance limiting speed on Old Oaks Drive.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk