

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
November 10, 2009

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 meeting were approved.

Mayor Baran recommended the appointment of Mark Cullen as new City Attorney.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the appointment of Mark Cullen as City Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran gave the oath of office for City Attorney to Mr. Cullen.

Commissioner Hill reported the Fire Department has been testing hydrants and hoses. They have found at least seven hoses that need to be replaced and will begin a replacement program.

Commissioner Sherer reported his winter campground host has started work and is interested in being the summer host. Commissioner Sherer informed the Council he has received one response to his ad for a campground host and hopes to get more. It was next reported that drain covers have been installed at the pool to insure compliance with the new rules.

Commissioner McCammack discussed the leaf situation and violators who blow their leaves into the street and the burning of leaves on City streets. Commissioner McCammack wants the current burning ordinance reviewed and changes made to make it easier to understand and enforce.

Commissioner Hill suggested the City might want to revisit the purchase of a leaf collection vehicle to facilitate the removal of leaves.

Newly appointed City Attorney Cullen informed the Council if you have a burn ordinance it needs to be enforced equally and fairly.

Mayor Baran informed the Council he had been working with IDOT concerning drainage issues at the new rail spur location and working out contractual payment issues.

Commissioner Sherer asked new City Attorney Cullen to review the past files on the "Chances" building and see what could be done to expedite the sale and/or repairs to the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$307,303.06. This includes one half of our Risk Management Insurance. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Resolution 2009-11 allowing for the sale of surplus equipment located at the old water plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the bid of \$2,796.13 from Baker's Heating to replace the furnace at the Waste Water Plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that he had received a correspondence from the F.O.P. to open the current contract for negotiations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the opening of the F.O.P. contract for negotiations. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill read a letter from Officer Leetham requesting permission to hold two qualifying night shoots at the range.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve qualifying night shoots on November 18th and December 2nd from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that he had been speaking with the contractor working on the rail spur about cleaning the ditch from Smith Road to Industrial Park Drive. This would help with the drainage problems coming from the sports complex and water plant area. They had offered to cut a ditch three feet wide and three feet deep for a fee of \$3,600.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the bid from Oberkramer to cut a ditch from Smith Road to Industrial Drive at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Items for the next agenda would consist of revisiting the "Chances" building situation, review of the current burn ordinance and possibly establishing interim funding for the rail spur grant.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:44 by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk