

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
November 14, 2006

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, McCammack and Hill. Commissioner Richmond was unable to attend due to illness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports.

Commissioner Hill reported her department is gearing up for the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa will arrive in Hillsboro on November 18th and will be in his house on Friday evenings from 5 pm to 7 pm. and on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. There will also be a breakfast with Santa at Dohack's restaurant on December 2nd from 7 am until 10 am. Hill also noted that Challacombe Park would be more festive this year.

Commissioner Hill next discussed the conditions of the leased lake lots on Lake Glenn Shoals. Hill reported most of the lots were ok, but some still need attention and the lessee will be contacted to correct the problems. Hill also noted that many of the lot signs are not installed or not displayed. If signs need to be replaced they will be at the lessee's expense. Hill next stated that regulatory buoys were being removed for the winter and would be placed back on the lake in the early spring. The "Welcome to Hillsboro" sign on School Street has been relocated so as to be more visible. The restroom on 4th of July point will be removed this winter and a new one built at the site. Repairs have been made at the North Marina along with new steps and handrail from the parking lot to the boat ramp. Correctional inmates from the Vandalia facility have been helping with the removal of brush from impoundments and waterways.

Sergeant Brewer gave the October report for the Hillsboro Police Department. There were 5 warrant arrests made and they responded to 16 traffic accidents. There were 16 traffic citations issued, 11 non-traffic citations, 5 written warnings and 6 verbal warnings.

Commissioner McCammack discussed the problem with leaves again this year. People continue to burn leaves when the City will pick up bagged leaves. People continue to blow leaves into the streets and clog storm drains. Mayor Baran mentioned that people continue to burn leaves in the streets, which is a violation of City code. Commissioner McCammack mentioned that he would be researching some type of commercial leaf removal system. Commissioner McCammack next stated they have been working on numerous water main breaks due to the unusually dry summer causing ground expansion.

Mayor Baran gave the Council a biography of candidates running for trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for them to study and have their recommendation for the next meeting. Mayor Baran next informed everyone that the County was creating a revolving fund loan program with monies they have received from the sale of mineral rights. Mayor Baran

next mentioned he would be meeting with Ameren to try and adjust the present water plant agreement to allow the final payment of \$1,000,000.00 to be used earlier than presently agreed.

City Treasure McCoy asked the Council to approve the payment of bills for this month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 220,666.55. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Jarman stated there is a meeting scheduled for next week the 21st concerning a cabin at the old lake.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioner McCammack the status of this year's sidewalk replacement program under the MFT program. McCammack stated the crew is in town and will be working weather permitting.

Water Superintendent Roger Fath explained to the Council the need for a new motor for one of his high service pumps.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to purchase a new pump motor for the water plant at a cost of \$2,882.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Roy Thomas chairman of the Committee to pre-qualify bidders for the new water treatment plant gave the Council background on what the group has been doing. The group sent applications for pre-qualification to 7 contractors of which 5 responded. The committee recommends River City Construction, Reynold's Inc., Plocher Construction and Williams Brothers. Korte & Luitjohan was rejected at this time because they have ongoing projects of similar size, but not more than 70% of normal workload would overlap more than 3 months. The other reason being the contractor's committed bonding less than 70% of their total bonding authority. They could be reconsidered if there is a delay in the bidding. Mr. Thomas thanked the members of the committee Commissioner McCammack, Mark Joy and Water Superintendent Fath. Mr. Thomas also thanked Hurst & Rosche Engineers for the use of their building and their professional assistance from Scott Hunt, Tom Connor and Ellen Moore.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the recommendations of the Committee to pre-qualify general contractors for the Hillsboro water plant project. (River City, Reynold's Inc., Plocher Construction and Williams Brothers). Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the agreement with Hixon Lumber Company stating they would pay for the engineering of the new rail spur. In return they would get free use on one of the tracks as long as they were in business. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to give full time City employees a Christmas bonus of \$100.00 and part-time employees \$50.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Richard Slepicka of the Natural Resource Committee gave the Council a brief overview of what they have been working on. The number one priority of the Committee has the preservation and reclamation of Lake Glenn Shoals. They have reviewed the studies conducted by Greenville College and Cochran & Wilkens. These studies were more positive than originally expected. The study revealed for the 28 years the lake has been in existence it has only lost 26% of its volume. The study prioritized and listed plans of extending the life of the lake. Number one was to encourage soil conservation in the watershed secondly to dredge and remove sediment from the north end of the lake. Number three is to continue rip rapping, but in priority areas and installed properly. Number four would be to install aeration and destratifiers in the lower end of the lake which would help with treatment at the water plant. Structure 14 a silt basin at the north end of the lake has done a great job, but it needs to have its captured sediment removed so it will return to its original capacity. This could be done at reasonable cost using City equipment and employees and should begin as soon as possible. The Committee will continue to work with the City to try and find sources of funding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the recommendations of the Natural Resource Committee involving preservation of Glenn Shoals Lake. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to enter into an agreement allowing Mrs. Ruth Telfer the use of the storage facility behind City Hall for the remainder of her natural life. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner McCammack tabled his request to purchase new water meters.

The Council next discussed sizing of new and replacement water mains. Commissioner McCammack stated he was unaware of the decision of a previous Council that all water mains installed are to be of at least 6 inch in diameter. McCammack agreed this was a good idea and recommended that an ordinance be drafted mandating this requirement. McCammack also took this time to thank Jim Lohman for his help locating a problem with the Kinkead Road booster pump station.

Upcoming agenda items would consist of canceling the second meeting in December and recommendation of IMRF representative for the upcoming State election.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:00 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk