

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
November 24, 2009

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

Roll was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Mayor Baran asked for the appointment of Beverly McCoy as Clerk Pro-tem in the absence of Clerk Booher.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to appoint Beverly McCoy as Clerk Pro-tem. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner and Mayor's reports:

Commissioner Sherer informed the Council that the replacement drain cover for the Kiddie Pool will cost more than anticipated and the purchase would need to be on the next agenda. This will keep the pool in compliance with the latest laws.

Commissioner Trost stated he was working with the City Attorney to have next year's Tax levy ready for Council approval at the next meeting.

Commissioner McCammack noted the lab equipment at the waste water plant has been calibrated and a new furnace will soon be installed. Commissioner McCammack also discussed the deplorable conditions at the trailer park and asked what could be done.

Mayor Baran instructed Chief Satterlee to have the Code Enforcement Officer go to the trailer park and begin proceedings to get the property cleaned up.

Mayor Baran reported that he has been working with City Attorney Cullen to keep the City from spending its own monies on grant approved costs. A letter will be sent to IDOT for clarification on expenditures and reimbursements.

City Engineer Hunt reported he had been contacted by Plocher Construction asking for release of his final \$100,000.00 payout. There is still an issue with the chemical feed system that needs resolved before recommending the release of the funds.

Hunt also reported that the IEPA permit application for raw water intake screens has been submitted with hopes to bid the project in mid March. Hunt next reported the preliminary designs have been completed for the Deer Run Mine water and wastewater line projects and permit fees will need to be included in the application. The fee for the water line is

\$1200.00 and \$2400.00 for the sewer line. These will be reimbursed by the coal company. Applications have also been sent to IDOT for highway crossing permits for the Deer Run Mine water and sewer lines. Engineer Hunt next discussed the permit needed with the railroad for the three crossings under the railroad for finished water, waste water and raw water. These require a permit fee of \$9,000.00 and a certificate of insurance.

Commissioner McCammack questioned Engineer Hunt as to whether the leaks in the roof at the new water plant had been repaired. Hunt informed the Council he would check on it but thought they had been fixed.

City Attorney Mark Cullen stated he has been in contact with the bank holding the mortgage on the "Chances" building and a meeting will be set up to determine what needs to be done to release the mortgage.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to review the sample burn ordinances presented to them by the City Attorney and to then decide what they would like to see incorporated into the current burn ordinance. Attorney Cullen would also be reviewing the City's current ordinance and making suggestions on how it could be improved.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that he had met with the Montgomery Economic Development Committee and was updated on the plan for affordable broadband internet service to Montgomery and Macoupin County. This is part of the Demuzio Broadband Initiative.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to use the current line of bank credit to pay for approved expenses on the new rail spur. If IDOT will not accept pay requests directly then a new account will be opened to cover costs as needed. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve pay request #1 from Oberkramer for work on the new rail spur in the amount of \$40,850.00. Motion carried 4-0.

The next subject was a request from Joseph Ritchie to buy a portion of City owned land located between his property and the flood level of Glenn Shoals. Mr. Carl Reynolds was present to represent Mr. Ritchie. Mr. Reynolds presented the City Attorney with a copy of a survey and appraisal of the land Mr. Ritchie wanted to purchase. The land is situated between the North Marina and Mr. Reynolds.

Commissioner Sherer stated he would prefer to ask Mr. Ritchie to annex into the City before approving the sale of the property and therefore tabled any decision.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve change order #2 on the rail spur. A) allowed for the removal and replacement of unsuitable material at the East end in the amount of \$42,783.00 B)

extending the water main casing \$26,263.50 c) Hurst & Rosche construction observation for \$9,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a proclamation naming December as Drunk & Drugged prevention month. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran asked the Council for approval to cancel the second meeting in December as it comes so close to Christmas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to cancel the December 22nd Council meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Trost asked that the tax levy be placed on the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 pm by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly McCoy, Clerk Pro-tem