

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
November 25, 2008

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 and Sherer. Commissioner McCammack was unable to attend.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that there could be a change order to be considered at the next meeting involving the new water treatment plant. There is a power lift on site that could be an asset to the plant after completion. They have offered to sell the lift at a bargain price of \$15,000 with a change order.

Mayor Baran next read a letter from Catherine Edmiston illustrating the rules concerning the abandoning of a coal mine. Copies were then given to the Council for their review.

Mayor Baran next informed the Council of an upcoming meeting with the EPA concerning the remediation of the Eagle Zinc and Asarco properties to be held on December 3rd.

Commissioner Sherer thanked Sam Whitlow, Auxiliary Police, Chamber of Commerce and "2000 and Beyond" for helping to make this year's Christmas parade a success.

Commissioner Sherer also noted the campground remains open and that 16 permanent campers have elected to store their campers at the campground. There are approximately 6 monthly campers using the facility at this time.

Commissioner Sherer informed everyone that work is progressing at the Challacombe House with the new trusses installed and new windows.

Commissioner Sherer also reminded everyone of the 51st year for the Volunteer Fire Departments Christmas basket program. Items will be picked up on December 13th with basket delivery to take place on December 20th.

Mayor Baran also commented on the Challacombe House stating that volunteers from the Carpenter's Local would be of assistance after the first of the year.

Discussion items for the City Attorney and Engineer were limited to items later in the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance #1489 in the amount of \$736,150.00 for fiscal year ending April 30th 2009. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to reject the Zoning Board's recommendation of amending the Zoning Code to allow mining and related activities as a "permitted use" in an agricultural district for the new coal mine. Motion carried 4-0.

Richard Small was introduced to update the Council and public on the Roubaix bicycle race and ask for Council permission to hold the event again this April 4th. Mr. Small noted the race is now being sponsored by the Montgomery County Cancer Association.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the use of City streets on April 4th 2009 for the Roubaix bike race. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a brief discussion on a proposed ordinance to increase the fees for building permits. Mayor Baran asked everyone to review the ordinance and be prepared to act on it at the next meeting.

There was a request from Montgomery County to annex a portion of their property into the City limits of Hillsboro. The property located west of Graham Correctional would be used for an animal shelter and, being in the City limits, would allow them to connect to the City's sewerage system.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the annexation of 3 acres of County owned property to be used as an animal control shelter. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Sherer informed the Council that the Fire Department had a surplus 1975 van that they would like to sell by sealed bids.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to advertise for bids on a 1975 cube van, with bids to be opened at the first meeting in January. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran read a proclamation designating the month of December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a proclamation designating December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran stated he had received a letter from Missouri Petroleum stating they would come back in March to try and fill in a couple of low areas. Therefore it was recommended to approve their pay request for the resurfacing of Main Street.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the pay request of \$88,142.94 for the resurfacing of Main Street to be paid out of Motor Fuel Tax funds. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran stated that due to a Zoning hearing being held at 6:30 pm on December 9th the 7:00 Council meeting could be delayed but would begin as soon as the earlier meeting is adjourned.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk