

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 10, 2006

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mayor and Commissioner's reports,

Commissioner Hill reported repairs of the steps; restrooms and brood pond are being made at the North Marina and should be completed by the end of the month. There will be a "haunted forest" and hayride held at the campground on October 20th and 21st from 7 to 9 pm. On Saturday October 21st there will also be a free hot dog roast from 6 to 7 pm. Commissioner Hill next informed everyone there will be a informative meeting on October 18th at 7:00 pm to hear the final report and recommendations involving Glenn Shoals lake and the "Clean Lakes Sudy".

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Police Department that for the month of September they responded to 12 accident calls and made 7 warrant arrests. There were 18 traffic citations issued, 5 non-traffic citations, 10 written warnings, 1 city ordinance, and 8 verbal warnings. The Hillsboro Police also made 9 arrests during the month of September.

Water Superintendent Fath reported they would be draining the new water tower for maintenance this month. The Water Department will be flushing hydrants on the night of October 16th and upon completion the Fire Department will be performing flow testing of the hydrants. Mayor Baran asked Fath to coordinate testing with Schram City to get accurate flow reading for their new hydrants.

Mayor Baran reported the proposed rail siding is getting closer to a reality. Hixson Lumber will pay for the engineering of the rail project in lieu of paying a maintenance fee for the use of the siding.

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

Motion was made Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$193,023.35. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported the contract proposing Hixson pay for the engineering of the new rail siding has been prepared, but needs some minor changes. Jarman next noted there is a court date set for October 23rd concerning the brick cabin at the Old Lake for which we will probably get an order to demolish. Jarman next addressed Commissioner Hill's concerns about digging in the Parks. Jarman stated there is a law against destruction of public property that could apply and recommended posting signs to this effect. Commissioner Richmond asked about the status of the Hurst cabin which is now not only a nuisance but dangerous. Mayor Baran directed Jarman to send an abatement notice to Mr. Hurst.

Mayor Baran presented Commissioner McCammack with a set of plans from Illinois Consolidated involving work planned near the Fern Hill area for his review. McCammack informed everyone that Illinois Consolidated has just completed the next node for improving distribution of their digital television service to the South and East of Hillsboro.

City Engineer Hunt reported on a meeting the was held with Rural Development that assigned reporting tasks to City Hall, engineers and the City attorney that need completion as per requirements of the loan. There Committee established to pre-qualify bidders for the new water treatment plant had a meeting today. The last day for prospective bidders to send pre-qualifying resumes is October 18th and then the Committee will begin their reviewing process and give their recommendations to the Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to set October 30th and 31st from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm as dates and times for Trick or Treating. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt informed the Council of the results of the bids for this year's sidewalk replacement program under Motor Fuel Tax funds. Moniger Excavating was the only bidder this year and Hurst and Rosche recommended accepting their bid.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the awarding of this year's MFT sidewalk replacement bid to Moniger Excavating in the amount of \$37,280.05. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost to adopt **Ordinance # 1448** outlining an intergovernmental agreement between Coffeen and Hillsboro concerning Police backing each other up in case of emergency. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Dustin Boas as a member of the Hillsboro Auxiliary Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman presented the Council with a resolution detailing the sale of City owned surplus property, that being the land at the corner of Welch and Ash Streets. The resolution would need to be published once a week for 3 weeks in the local paper. Sale could take place 30 days after the first publication. Jarman also noted the land would need to be appraised before the sale and could not be sold for less than 80% of the appraised value.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve **Resolution #2006-3** allowing for the sale of City owned property at Welch and Ash Streets. Motion carried 5-0.

The plan was to also sell surplus items from City departments on the same day as the land auction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve **Ordinance # 1449** allowing for the sale of surplus items. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning parking on Main Street. Commissioner Richmond first mentioned he could find no City code outlining the 2 hour parking on Main Street regulations and

the need for posting updated signs stating the regulations. Richmond noted new parking stall lines have been painted, but the parallel parking spot at the corner of Seward and Broad Street had not been striped. Night parking for workers at the Hillsboro News was also discussed and would be looked into. The fact that people continue to make U or J turns on Main Street was also addressed and one recommendation was to paint a double line down Main Street making crossing these a violation that goes against your driving record. Commissioner Richmond was going to research all of these ideas and present the Council with some guidelines in November.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk