

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
October 12, 2010

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.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners' Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported that next Tuesday the Police Department will be hosting their semi-annual field day for the High School Criminal Justice class. The Police Department will also be passing out trick-or-treat bags at the grade school.

Commissioner Sherer reported that Tim Elliott has not only been mowing grass but repairing mowers and fixing electrical issues in the campground. Commissioner Sherer next informed the Council that Rice Philips would be utilizing community service personnel to mow and cut weeds in some of the alleys around town.

Commissioner Sherer next discussed a need to reserve the Plaza through City Hall for any political functions in the future.

Commissioner Sherer updated the Council on a recent meeting that was held with the Historic Preservation Committee concerning the viability of creating a T.I.F. District within the downtown area. If the Council was interested in hearing more on the subject a future meeting could be organized. Commissioner Sherer informed everyone that there would be no "haunted forest" this year at the campground. He also reminded everyone that the Hillsboro Public Library is hosting a wine & beer tasting fundraiser on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Trost stated he has been working on the final dispersions for the Pinnacle Point TIF area as it will be paid off this year. He has also been working with our auditors and Rural Development concerning clarification of this year's budget.

Mayor Baran read a fax from Senator Demuzio confirming the resurfacing of Route 16 from Wood Street to Schram City and Route 127 from School Street to Senator Miller Drive.

City Engineer Hunt reported Phase I of the Deer Run Mine utilities project is nearing substantial completion. Phase II of the Deer Run Mine utilities project will follow these dates.

- § Advertise for pre-qualification – 10/4/10
- § Contractors pre-qualification submittal deadline – 10/27/10
- § City's determination of pre-qualified contractors – 11/09/10
- § Advertise for bids – 11/15/10

- § Bid opening – 12/9/10
- § Award bid – 12/14/10
- § Start construction – 1/14/10
- § Complete construction – 12/31/11

City Engineer Hunt informed the Council that IDOT has allocated \$50,000.00 in emergency funding for the Eccles Street and Route 16 widening but had not included funding for engineering. Hunt stated they will be seeking a solution to have the engineering funded. Hunt next reported the inspection of the dams has been completed and one of the items to be addressed is the removal of woody growths from both sides of the dams. Hunt also recommended the repair of the Lake Hillsboro spillway and the catch basin lip.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to pay this month's bills in the amount of \$292,423.16. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Sherer opened bids from Hillsboro Electric and Lyerla Electric for work to be performed in the Challacombe House kitchen area. Both bids were for \$1,150.00.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to award the bid for electrical work at the Challacombe House by a flip of the coin as both bids were identical. The coin toss would be made in bidders' presence. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to declare 2.5 acres of City owned property surplus and available for sale. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to sell 2.5 acres of City owned property to Hillsboro Energy at the appraised value of \$6,250.00 plus all legal fees. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the fee of \$3,750.00 to Hurst & Rosche Engineering for doing this year's dam inspections. These consisted of Glenn Shoals, Lake Hillsboro and Structure #5. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Trost asked that City owned equipment that has been deemed surplus be ready to advertise for sale by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:23 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk