

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2009

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 McCammack.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Hill reported that the Hillsboro Police Department would be hosting the Hillsboro High School Criminal Justice Class all day field trip this Friday. The Fire Department has been testing hoses and have found several to be bad. These will need to be replaced at a cost of around \$500 each.

Commissioner Trost thanked the ongoing work of City Hall and the Street Department for work in getting the surrendered property sold from a defaulted Revolving Fund loan.

Commissioner McCammack reported he will be purchasing a backup computer for the water plant. McCammack also informed everyone that fire hydrants are being flushed tonight.

Mayor Baran presented former City Attorney Doug Jarman with a plaque thanking him for his service to the City and Community. Mayor Baran also noted that work on the rail spur will be starting within the next couple of weeks.

City Engineer Hunt reported there will be some change orders that will need addressed concerning the rail spur and they would be paid for under grant funds. Hunt next reported that the 2009 land sludge permit application has been prepared and the 2009 dam inspections have been completed and will be sent to IDNR for their approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to pay bills in the amount of \$328,784.45. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a Halloween parade on Main Street on October 30th at 6:00 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve trick or treating on October 30th and 31st from 6 to 9 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to enter into an agreement with Montgomery County Animal Shelter for the care of stray animals picked up by the City. Motion carried 4-0.

The subject of a replacement mower in the Public Property Department was tabled until a date to be determined later.

Mayor Baran informed the Council of a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission received from Mary Fran Paulding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the resignation of Mary Francis Paulding from the Planning Commission. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran stated he will be meeting with the Planning Commission to generate a list of appointees for the current vacancies and establish terms of office.

The subject of bow hunting on City owned property was tabled until Commissioner Sherer could be present to submit his proposal.

The subject of the “Chances” building was also tabled.

The next item on the agenda was an amendment to the water contract with the “coal company”. Mayor Baran asked if there were any questions from the Council on the agreement.

Commissioners Hill and McCammack both had questions that were clarified by a representative of the “coal company”.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept an amended water contract with the City and Adena Resources LLC. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner McCammack set a date of November 30th through December 5th as fall cleanup.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a Christmas Parade on Main Street on November 21st at 10:00 am. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve Hurst & Rosche’s proposal for rail spur construction observation in an amount not to exceed \$9,000. This fee is reimbursable under the current grant. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the replacement of a pony motor for the Fire Department aerial truck in the amount of \$3,394.62. Motion carried 4-0.

Bob Price was present to address issues at the campground, but asked to table the discussion until Commissioner Sherer could be present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to receive and file “Letter of Recommendation and Findings of Fact” from the City of Hillsboro Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Petition for text amendment to section 40-4-4. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to receive and file the record of the public hearing held on October 7, 2009 by the Hillsboro Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran introduced Tom Devore who had asked to address the Council concerning the proposed text amendment changes.

Mr. Devore presented the case that there was no need for a change in the current Zoning Code addressing special use permits for coal mining versus permitted use for coal mining in agriculturally zoned areas.

Mayor Baran thanked Mr. Devore for his presentation and concerns.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve **Ordinance # 1505** adopting a text amendment to Section 40-4-4 of the City of Hillsboro Municipal Code to allow the following a permitted use in the "A"-Agricultural District:

An underground coal mine facility, together with (a) related aboveground mining facilities, equipment, shafts, and portals, (b) related coal transportation, handling, and storage facilities and systems; and (c) coal washing, crushing, disposal, and screening facilities and systems; provided, however, that prior to the operation of such facilities the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Offices of Mines and Minerals shall have duly issued to the permittee all necessary permits required by it for the operation of a coal mine."

Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hill informed everyone that the new cameras have been installed in the police vehicles. The installation was done by Sergeant Brewer who also wrote the grant to assist in the funding.

Upcoming agenda items will consist of bow hunting on City property, discussion on campground and change orders 1 and 2 for the rail spur.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk