

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 14, 2008

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

Mayor Baran explained that Commissioner Sherer was unable to attend due to work related matter and would attend as soon as he could.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Hill reported on the success of this year's "haunted forest" held at the "Old Lake" and campground. Commissioner Hill wanted to thank the Henry McDonald family, Sam and Barb Whitlow, Larry Hicks and Shawn Robinson for their assistance. This year there were approximately 1,000 participants who attended the event and donated \$250.00. Commissioner Hill also thanked the campers for participating and decorating their camp-sites.

Commissioner Hill also noted she had received a donation to the Parks from the "antique tractor show".

Commissioner Hill noted this past week there had been a major water line break in line feeding Lakewood Estates. Repairs were difficult due to the break being located in Shoal Creek. Commissioner Hill recognized City employee Mike Claybrook for his idea to reroute the present line with the use of valves and avoid future breaks in the creek.

Commissioner Hill next reported that work repairing the Challacombe House is continuing and the new roof is completed.

Commissioner Hill next discussed the continued practice of dumping mulch on City property adjacent to School Street. Hill stated this needs to quit and she will be trying to find out who is continuing to dump mulch.

Commissioner Hill next addressed perks given to City employees, Volunteer Firemen and Auxiliary Police. The new rule is each of these people is allotted \$300.00 to use for various City fees, (boat stickers, lake lots, camping, rentals, pool passes) City Hall will keep track of the allotments. Hill also noted that some fees could be worked off through volunteer labor.

Commissioner Hill also noted the paving of Main Street has been completed and looks great.

Commissioner Trost asked City Attorney Jarman if liens are being filed for properties the City has hired mowed. City Attorney Jarman stated liens are being filed against those properties.

Commissioner McCammack informed everyone that the Water Department would be flushing hydrants on October 21st and 22nd.

Commissioner McCammack also informed everyone that the Hillsboro Waste Water Plant has been nominated as one of the best operated plants in Illinois.

Mayor Baran discussed the Eagle Zinc property and has been told a safety fence will be installed around the property.

Commissioner Hill discussed the options to sell City owned property around the lake and asked to meet with Attorney Jarman, Commissioner Trost and Engineer Hunt to come up with ideas on how to proceed. Stumbling blocks appear to be costs related to property surveys and appraisals.

City Attorney Jarman reported there would need to be a pre-annexation public hearing before the coal company property could be annexed into the City.

City Engineer Hunt reported site work will be taking place at the new treatment plant in the next couple of weeks. Plumbing and electrical work is continuing at the treatment plant. Hunt also reported on the resurfacing of Main Street and stated the contractor would be coming back to try and fill a couple of low spots where water is ponding and re-stripe those areas. Hunt reported on the rail-spur stating the next step is approval of the water hydraulics and drainage of the area by Union Pacific. This will then be sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve payment of this month's bills in the amount of \$ 256,612.98. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to move the first meeting in November to Monday the 10th to avoid meeting on the holiday, Veteran's Day. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve pay request *WTP 2008-17* for the new water treatment plant in the amount of \$256,612.98. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the draft ordinance establishing a truck route within the City. Motion carried 4-0.

The issue of annexing the Coal Company property was tabled until a property description and zoning issues are resolved at a hearing scheduled for November 5th. It was also noted that item C in the draft annexation agreement needed some changes.

Commissioner McCammack reminded everyone that a new burn ordinance was put into effect a year ago and copies are available at City Hall.

John Bullington and Mark Leible were present to discuss issues with a pond dam breaking on the Leible property and siltation of the Bullington pond. Mr. Bullington read an agreement between them and the City holding the City responsible for any damages. This agreement was put in place while correcting storm water drainage issues along Seymour Avenue.

Commissioner McCammack stated we have no alternative and need to make arrangements to fix the dam as money becomes available.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that Geoff Springer has asked to be removed from the Library Board and he recommended Janice Collins to fill the vacancy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to appoint Janice Collins to the Library Board to fill the vacancy of Geoff Springer. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran next informed the Council that he had received two resignations from the Zoning Board of Appeals, that of Idabel Evans and Jane Calvert.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to accept the resignations of Idabel Evans and Jane Calvert from the Zoning Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran then recommended appointments of Cory Davidson and Cyde Gunn to the Zoning Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to appoint Clyde Gunn and Cory Davidson to the Zoning Board to fill two vacancies. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran read the minutes of the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to the Council and audience. The issue concerned changing the zoning requirements on a parcel of property owned by Mr. Devore, who wanted to build multi-family dwellings. The Board's recommendation was to not grant the variance. After a brief discussion it was mutually agreed to table the issue until the next Council meeting to give Council time to review the ruling.

Mayor Baran stated the next item on the agenda involved addressing the report given to the Council by Leland Storm concerning issues in the Police Department. Mayor Baran asked for a recess to the meeting to allow Commissioner Sherer an opportunity to attend.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to recess the regular meeting at 7:45 pm until Commissioner Sherer could arrive. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular meeting at 8:50 pm.

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

Mayor Baran stated the issues at hand were how to proceed with the report on the Police Department presented to the Council by Leland Storm.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adhere to the recommendations of the "Storm report" and allow Chief Satterlee 90 days to prove himself. Mr. Storm will critique Chief Satterlee's progress on at least 3 separate occasions. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran next addressed the second portion of the report recommending that Commissioner Sherer step down from the Police Department. Mayor Baran recommended Commissioner Sherer continue as Fire Department Commissioner and Public Property. Commissioner Hill would have Streets and the Police Department.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to have Commissioner Sherer remain over the Fire Department and take over Public Property, moving Commissioner Hill to the Police Department and remaining with the Street Department.

Commissioner Trost stated he felt Commissioner Sherer should get a second chance in the Police Department along with Chief Satterlee.

Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Trost and Sherer voting no.

Upcoming agenda items would be a request for a Revolving Fund Loan and early retirement incentive through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund along with a decision on the Zoning Board recommendation involving Mr. Devore.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:07 pm by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk

