

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 24, 2006

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Keegan Lohman of Boy Scout Troop 277 led the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports

Commissioner Hill reported on the results of the public meeting concerning the Clean Lakes Study on Glenn Shoals Lake. Essentially the results of the study outlined 3 methodologies for extending the life of the lake. The first and most expensive is dredging next is shoreline stabilization and finally aeration. Commissioner Hill stated the Natural Resource Committee would review the findings and prioritize them. These findings would then be presented to the Council for their consideration.

Commissioner Hill next applauded individuals in her department and in the campground who helped make this year's "haunted forest" and hayride a success. Hill also thanked Capri IGA, Rice Philips and Ryan Payne for their donations to the event.

Commissioner Trost updated everyone on the status of the Revolving Fund Loans. Son Clayton is still behind, but making regular payments and Lois's Groom Room needs contacted by the City Attorney.

Commissioner McCammack stated his department has been continually working on water leaks due to the dry conditions causing the ground to shift. There is a problem with the booster station that sends boosted pressure water up Kinkead Road. Originally it was thought the pump was bad, but it was replaced and pressure is still low. The City Engineer and City personnel are trying to find the problem and get it corrected as soon as possible.

Mayor Baran stated he had met with Ameren to change some of the wording in our settlement agreement to allow for earlier spending of the final million dollars. Baran also stated he hoped to have an agreement with Hixson Lumber by the next meeting approving their payment for engineering of the proposed rail spur between them and Eagle Zinc property.

Mayor Baran next read a letter from Bill Draper thanking the Hillsboro Police Department for taking their time to illustrate to his Criminal Justice class many of the procedures involved in police work. A photo of the participants was also presented to the Hillsboro Police Department.

City Attorney Jarman stated the proposed court hearing concerning the demolition of the "Perkins" cabin at Lake Hillsboro has been put on hold for 30 days. This is due to an individual requesting he be allowed to demolish the cabin, as he will lease the property next to it. Attorney

Jarman also stated a “truth in taxation” meeting should be scheduled before the annual tax levy is completed. This was scheduled for 6:45 pm on November 14th.

City Engineer Hunt announced that the Committee to pre-qualify bidders for the new water plant has received requests from 5 contractors to become eligible to bid. The committee will meet on October 31st to review the qualifications. The committee hopes to give the Council a list of recommendations at the next meeting. Hunt also informed the Council that work would begin next week on the annual dam inspections.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve this year’s lease agreement with the airport board. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner McCammack informed everyone that his department would begin picking up bagged leaves beginning on November 6th through the 9th following the same schedule as the brush pickup. McCammack also reminded everyone that they would not be picking up trash, leaves and limbs only.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Nelson Auman’s auctioning of City properties on November 30th at 10:00 am. This would include the former Rapp property at the corner of Welch and Ash streets as well as surplus departmental items. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the lease assignment of cottage #5 at Lake Hillsboro from Betty Lieneman to Jim Hartman. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to allow Jim Hartman to demolish the Perkins cabin by January 1st. Hartman must sign an agreement with the City holding the City harmless for any accident, which may occur during demolition. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming agenda items would include the recommendation of qualified bidders for the new water plant, truth in taxation request to include police and fire pensions in the annual tax levy and an agreement with Hixson Lumber to pay for engineering of the proposed rail spur.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:28 pm by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk