

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
September 11, 2007

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Baran asked for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives during the 9/11 tragedy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

*Mayor and Council reports:*

Commissioner Hill stated her departments have been replacing the fence at the skate park and will then close the skate park for 2 days for painting. Hill reported that Supervisor Blankenship will be working at the Library installing window trim. Commissioner Hill also reported she will be one man short in her department due to upcoming surgery scheduled on Henry McDonald.

Commissioner Sherer thanked the Coffeen and Taylor Springs fire departments for their assistance while Hillsboro tanker truck is down for repairs. Sherer also thanked the Raymond and Witt Fire Departments for their assistance during the Labor Day field fires as well as Taylor Springs for supplying backup.

Commissioner Sherer next announced the dog pen for Officer Leetham's K-9 was nearly complete. Sherer announced both dogs Rico and Chindo had been used successfully in recent drug arrests. There will be a qualifying shoot this October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm at the Hillsboro Police shooting range.

Commissioner Sherer next informed everyone of upcoming dates for dispatching classes instructed by "Priority Dispatch" which will be held November 5-10 and November 26-30. Upon successful completion participants will have become certified by the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch.

Commissioner Sherer next asked Commissioner McCammack if they could coordinate flushing hydrants along with the flow testing of hydrants this year. Commissioner McCammack stated this was agreeable with him.

Commissioner Sherer next discussed the National Incident Management System program that was federally mandated forcing officials in a capacity of emergency management to take the program or risk losing any Federal funds.

Commissioner Sherer next informed everyone that Sergeant Brewer had completed a course in defensive tactics being taught by UFC champion Royce Gracie and was now a qualified instructor.

Commissioner Trost gave everyone an update of the status of the City's revolving fund loans. The two loans in default were Lois's Groom Room and Son Clayton. Commissioner Trost and

Attorney Jarman would discuss the City's options concerning the Groom Room loan and Jarman would send a letter to Son Clayton.

Commissioner McCammack informed the Council of an upcoming sewer line project on Franklin Street that should cost around \$2,400.00. McCammack next informed everyone of an ongoing problem at the top of Kinkead Road. The homes at the top are continually experiencing discolored water and we need to find a remedy. One option was to replace nearly 2200 feet of cast iron line with plastic line at a cost of 80 to 100 thousand dollars. City Engineer Hunt stated he would like to do more study on the problem before the City jumps in and spends that much money. Commissioner McCammack agreed this would be a wise approach.

Commissioner McCammack next reported there was a large water leak somewhere in the system and asked for people to report any suspected leaks and to conserve water until the leak is located and repaired.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that Montgomery Nursing and Rehab Center had presented the Police and Fire Departments with cookies in appreciation of their work. Birdie Scroggins, Activity Director of this facility brought a nursing home resident to the Police Department to see one the new "Chargers" for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mayor Baran briefly touched on an incident that had occurred today. Mayor Baran stated he would not stand for anyone cussing any City employee.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to pay this months bills in the amount of \$280,519.91 with \$76,141.54 being paid out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for road work. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman reported on the status of the 90 day notice served on the "Chances" building noting the 90 days expires on October 9<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to place the "Chances" building on the next agenda and prepare for subsequent steps needed to rectify the problems.

City Engineer Hunt reported the new water plant project was moving along smoothly with the contract at 12% completion. The new raw water line has been installed and they will be pressure testing it in the near future. Hunt reported the I.D.O.T. contract for resurfacing Main Street was in the process of being completed with hopes of an early October bid date. Hunt next again discussed the water problems on Kinkead Road and reaffirmed the need for more study before a plan is set into action. Hunt stated he would have a proposal to the Council at the next meeting for this study. Hunt reported he would also have a proposal for the construction of a new water line connecting Westwood Subdivision and Edgewood Subdivision.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve *Resolution # WTP 2007-3* allowing for payments of \$576,922.00 to Plocher Construction for work completed on the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer discussed two properties that are in need of cleanup. One is on Park Street and the other on Crittenden. The Park Street property has recently been mowed, but there are open windows and doors creating hazards. The property on Crittenden has had an earlier nuisance

abatement notice served and has not complied with all the orders. A letter of non-compliance will be sent to the property on Crittenden Street.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to instruct Attorney Jarman to prepare a nuisance abatement notice for the property on Park Street to get the windows and doorways secured. Motion carried 5-0.

Auxiliary Police Chief Sam Whitlow was present to request permission for “Fusion” to host a walkathon along Hillsboro streets on October 6th. Whitlow presented the Council with a map of the proposed route for their endorsement.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the walkathon route submitted by the Fusion Fitness center to be conducted on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council of a request to close a portion of the East parking lot to set up a tent for a wedding reception on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The reception would be held at “The Pub”.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to allow the closing of a portion of the East parking lot for a tent to be used as part of a wedding reception being held at the “Pub”. One condition being that any holes created are properly filled. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed the Council that it was again time for all of the dam structures to be inspected as required by Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to instruct Hurst & Rosche Engineers to do the inspections of all City dams. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to appoint Bob Everett to full time status with the Auxiliary Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the sale of surplus Police Department vehicles by sealed bid. The bid must be submitted before 7:00 pm on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sherer reported recommendations of the “burn committee”. Their biggest concerns were: times allotted for burning, allowing yard waste to smoke and smolder and finding alternatives to burning. The committee also wanted all the items in the City Code pertaining to burning located in one place in the code rather than two or three places.

Mayor Baran asked the Council to review the changes to the burning ordinance as presented and make their own recommendations to Commissioner Sherer as soon as possible.

A Resolution of support between the City and the Montgomery County Health Department was tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve emergency repairs to the Fire Department tanker transmission in the amount of \$5400.00 plus labor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran next introduced Roger Dennison of Hillsboro Energy who updated the Council and audience on what the Coal Company has been doing. Mr. Dennison next discussed the airport property that Hillsboro Energy would like to purchase as it would be one of the last pieces of property needed before applying for a mining permit. Mr. Dennison was not sure if all the airport property would be needed by the mine and concessions could possibly be made. Mr. Dennison will be meeting with the Airport Board on Friday to discuss the needs of the Airport Board and the coal company to see what can be done to make both parties happy.

Mayor Baran asked Airport Board Chairman E.J. Ullman to report back to Commissioner Hill on the results of the meeting with the coal company.

Mayor Baran stated he would call for a special meeting on Monday evening September 17th to discuss the potential airport purchase.

**Motion was made at 8:30 pm by Commissioner Hill** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to go into closed session to discuss the potential raw water sales contract with Hillsboro Energy LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran informed everyone in attendance there would be no decisions made concerning this after the regular meeting reconvenes.

Upcoming agenda items will be a request from Sullivan's Drugs for a drive up window on the North side of their building with traffic going from Berry Street and turning right onto Main Street. There is also a request pending for the closure of Pleasant Street for a couple of hours on Veteran's Day. The "Chances" building will also be on the next agenda

Mayor Baran reconvened the regular session at 9:10 p.m. with those in attendance being Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 9:11 p.m. by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk