

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
September 12, 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.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner's and Mayor's reports

Commissioner Hill reported the Marina and Central Park pool are closed for the season. The campground will have a chili cook off on October 14th and their annual Halloween hayride and hot dog roast on October 21st and 22nd. The campground will close on October 31st. The "Chances" building has been secured and the leak fixed to prevent any further damage to the building. Commissioner Hill also reminded all lake lot lessee's to have their lots clean and any barrels secured before they leave for the season. Hill next gave Scott Hunt of Hurst & Rosche documents concerning this year's structures and dam inspections. Hunt would have a cost estimate for the inspections at the next meeting.

Commissioner Richmond reported for the Code Enforcement Officer that there has been 12-vehicle abatement notices written of which 10 have complied and 2 have been towed. There have been 3-property cleanup abatement notice issued and all have complied or are in the process of complying. There has also been 6 building permits issued.

Commissioner Richmond next reported that for the month of August the Police Department has responded to 10 accidents and made 7 warrant arrests. There were 20 traffic citations, 11 written warnings, 7 verbal warnings, 6 ordinance tickets written and 1 parking ticket issued. There were 14 arrests made for the month of August.

Commissioner McCammack reported there have been numerous small water leaks this month due to the dry weather and soil movement. McCammack also reported that a private firm who would like to lease the operations of the new water treatment plant has contacted him. McCammack stated he would listen to their proposal.

Mayor Baran reported that Morris Dodd and himself toured the Eagle Zinc property with representatives from the USEPA and a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for mid-October. Mayor Baran next asked City Attorney Jarman to check on the abatement status concerning a property on Ash Street that has recently changed ownerships.

City Treasure McCoy asked the Council for approval to pay this month's bills.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$213,252.41. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Hunt reported Rural Development has approved the 3.5 mgd capacity plans for the new water treatment plant. The engineering department is continuing to look into ways to

minimize the cost of the new treatment plant and would be meeting with Superintendent Fath and Commissioner McCammack to discuss these ideas. Plans for this year's 2006 MFT sidewalk replacement program have been submitted to I.D.O.T. for approval.

Roy Thomas, Chairman of the Committee to pre-qualify bidders for the new water treatment plant was present to ask the City to approve the forms they had drafted for prospective bidders. Mr. Thomas stated this would benefit the City by using one Contractor to oversee the entire project.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the forms that would be used to pre-qualify bidders for the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran recommended the appointment of Kurt Froehlich as bond counsel for the funding of the new water treatment plant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to appoint Kurt Froehlich as bond counsel for the bonds involved with the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve *Ordinance #1445* allowing for the borrowing of \$5,700,000.00 in water works and sewerage revenue bonds for the new water treatment plant. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond discussed the need to remodel and replace flooring in the Police Department. Richmond stated he had received bids for the floor replacement and his department would do the remainder of the work.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to have Kirby Painting replace the floor in the Police Department at a cost of \$3,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Richmond addressed the petition that has been circulated at Lakewood Estates for a emergency warning siren. Richmond informed everyone there is a need to add a total of three sirens not just one. He has asked for bids from contractors and he expects the cost to exceed \$20,000.00. This would exceed any budgeted amount and would need supplemental funding from other sources. Additional funding is still being pursued and will continue to be pursued. Richmond stated an AC/DC weather radio would be an option to consider for anyone living in areas that can not hear the present siren.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Trost to replace the lawn mower at Challacombe Park with new one. The new mower would be a Gravely 360 at a cost of \$6,500.00. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman explained to the Council a request for an amendment to the present mineral lease agreement concerning the Challacombe property. Jarman stated he had reviewed the request and found it to be reasonable and recommended the Council approve the changes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the changes to the Challacombe mineral lease agreement as recommended by City Attorney Jarman. The changes involved the amount of acreage to be drilled reducing the requirement for a well every 640 acres to allow one every 320 acres. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve **Ordinance #1446** amending the liquor code to regulate outside dining. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Superintendent Fath was present to discuss the need to have one high-service pump and it's valving rebuilt to insure a backup pump to send water to town in case of a failure of the primary pump.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the expenditure of \$3,400.00 to have one high service pump and valving put back into service. Motion carried 5-0.

Fath next discussed the a chemical feed mixer that needs replaced at a cost of \$2,145.00 and adjustments to the water tower altitude valves to increase water turnover that would cost \$1,390.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve **Resolution #2006-2** extending the Enterprise Zone provisions from 3 years to 5 years on the former TSC property. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve **Ordinance #1447** adopting an economic incentive agreement rebating a portion of retailers occupation tax on the former TSC property. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran welcomed George Preckwinkle and Lucy Bagot (brother and sister) who are purchasing the former TSC building to open an Ace Hardware store on the property. They plan on closing on the property in October. The store will employ 15 to 20 people. Mayor Baran announced there would be appetizers served after the meeting so everyone could meet with the new owners.

Commissioner Richmond opened bids for a new dive boat that had been advertised. There was only one bidder, Petri Welding in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to approve the bid of \$12,000.00 for a new fire department dive boat from Petri Welding after review by Commissioner Richmond and Trost. Motion carried 5-0.

The owner's of "Bleachers Bar and Grill" were requesting to open a beer garden for September 23rd the night of the Matt Hughes televised fight.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve "Bleachers" request for a beer garden on September 23rd. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hill next announced that she was about to make a motion she was definitely not in favor of, but had to due to matters beyond her control. Commissioner Hill had offered to fill the job, but was told by the Union that there were no City jobs at that rate of pay.

Commissioner Richmond stated the Union felt the City was trying to undermine the contract, but this is not the case.

Commissioner McCammack stated for a job that the Union says they never recognized they sure took the man's union dues.

Mayor Baran mentioned that he had heard the Union might try to get back wages for this position to make it equal to that of the lowest union position. Mayor Baran stated this will not happen, and if Mr. Unger would like, the City would sue to get his Union dues and initiation returned.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to abolish a job in the Public Property Department that had recently been vacated by the retiring Fred Unger. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran asked for Council permission to meet with the City Attorney and set a date for the annual T.I.F. audit meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Richmond to allow Mayor Baran to set a date for this year's annual T.I.F. meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Under upcoming Council agenda items Commissioner Hill mentioned she would be give the Council a "Clean Lakes" update on Glenn Shoals.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:12 p.m. by Commissioner Richmond and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk

