

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
September 25, 2007

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous special meetings were approved.

Mayor and Commissioners reports:

Commissioner McCammack reported his departments have been working on water leaks. McCammack stated with the dry weather the ground is cracking and this movement is causing our older water lines to break.

Commissioner Trost asked Attorney Jarman to proceed with the process to obtain a personal judgment against Lois' Groom Room for failure to pay on her revolving fund loan. Jarman will also be contacting Son Clayton on getting his loan paid up.

Commissioner Sherer reported the Fire Department tanker has been fixed and back in service.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that the Eagle Zinc property has been placed on the superfund national priorities list. Mayor Baran hoped this was a sign that procedures were in progress to get the area cleaned up.

Mayor Baran next informed the Council that the City's request for a \$350,000.00 CDAP grant was denied so additional funding must be sought from other sources. Mayor Baran suggested City Engineer Hunt, Commissioner Trost and himself meet to determine how much additional funding would need to be secured and have a plan of action for the next meeting. Mayor Baran mentioned he had a recent meeting with the City Engineers I.D.O.T. and Union Pacific Railroad concerning the proposed railroad spur. An outcome of the meeting will lead to some minor design changes in the project with a possible bid date in April or May.

Mayor Baran instructed the City Attorney to proceed with the purchase of property at the West end of the rail spur belonging to Lance Fuller. The purchase price was to be one dollar.

Mayor Baran also informed Attorney Jarman that I.D.O.T. was in need of legal descriptions of all the City property involved.

City Attorney Jarman addressed an abatement notice that had been sent to the property at 421 Crittenden giving them until November 9th to comply. The "Chances" building was discussed and it was decided to place the subject on the next agenda for Council decisions.

City Engineer Hunt reported the new water treatment plant is 15% completed, but mentioned as before there are some funding issues to be addressed as the next pay request will more than

deplete the Ameren money now in the construction account. There is a need to clarify the process to draw down the remaining Ameren funds.

Hunt addressed the subject of Ameren running 3 phase power to the new raw water pump station stating that due to a change in plans the cost has gone from approximately \$13,000.00 to \$25,264.00. Hunt also mentioned plans for the routing of the 36 inch sewer main at the present water treatment plant need to be finalized so this cost can be added into additional funding due to the loss of the CDAP grant.

Hunt next informed the Council that bids for the surfacing of Main Street will be opened on October 2nd at 9:00 am. At present there has been interest shown from two bidders with a start date around the middle of October.

Mayor Baran introduced Keith Davidson of New Wave Communications who was present to get Council approval to transfer the present cable franchise agreement from Charter to them. Mr. Davidson stated they presently have the franchise in many of our neighboring communities such as Greenville and Vandalia. Their intent was to upgrade the system and be more customer friendly.

Mayor Baran asked City Attorney Jarman to review the documents with a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the closing of Keller Street on October 13th for a block party. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to close Pleasant Street for 2 hours on November 11th for a Veteran's Day service. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council discussed a request from Tami and David Pritchford to operate a taxi service in Hillsboro. The Pritchford's had issues with portions of the present ordinance which called for more insurance then the State requires. After a brief discussion it was felt that there was no need at this time to change anything in our taxi permit ordinance. If they would like a permit they would need to comply with our present rules.

Mayor Baran read a proposal from Hurst & Rosche for this year's IDNR dam inspections.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve Hurst & Rosche Engineering to do this year's mandatory dam inspections in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve Hurst & Rosche Engineers to do the design and permit work on a new water line extension connecting Smoke Tree Street with Edgewood Subdivision. The cost of the project was to be \$3,800.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to close Broad Street on October 13th from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm for a Fire Department open house. Motion carried 4-0.

There was a brief discussion concerning some of the provisions in the Airport lease agreement that may need addressed before it could meet with Council approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve this year's airport lease agreement.

McCammack stated he had problems with the agreement where it addresses the future need of water at the airport, which may be at the City's expense and whether the City should continue to pay the utilities.

E.J. Ullman stated if the expenses were too high and the Airport Board was forced to absorb them then they might have to give it up.

Commissioners McCammack and Trost rescinded their motions until Commissioner McCammack and Hill can review the agreement further.

Council discussion of upcoming agenda items consisted of addressing the airport lease agreement, action on the "Chances" building, approve sale of cable franchise, bids on surplus vehicles, pay request #4 from Plocher Construction, homecoming parade, request from Sullivan's for drive thru window, open burning ordinance and alternative funding for relocating a 36 inch sewer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk