

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
September 28, 2010

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to appoint Cheryl Whitten temporary City Clerk in the absence of Clerk Booher. Motion carried 5-0.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Sherer reported Tim Elliott has been busy with maintenance projects and mowing. Commissioner Sherer reported he has secured a winter campground host and the campground will be open this winter. He also reported he has sent a letter to Jack Evans the registered agent of the "Escape" concerning if their intent is to keep operating as a teen center.

Mayor Baran reported on a letter he had received from the Army Corps of Engineers approving an in-lake intake structure on Glenn Shoals Lake.

Mayor Baran read a letter from the City Attorney stating the mortgage on the "Chances" building has been removed by the court. American General has 30 days to contest the ruling. Work to secure and clean up the building can proceed. It was also noted that quit claim deeds have been prepared for the sale of City owned property to Dane Bondurant and Charles Ellis.

Mayor Baran stated he had plans in the works for the "Chances" building and hopes to have them in place within the next 30 days.

City Engineer Hunt reported insulation work at the water treatment plant has been completed. Hunt also reported that Hillsboro will receive an additional \$27,000 in MFT funds through the "Illinois Jobs Now" program. The resurfacing of Tremont Street will begin this week and work on the raw water intake screens has begun today. The Deer Run Mine Phase 1 utilities project is coming to a close with one valve yet to install. The Phase II Deer Run Mine projects will begin after the pre-qualification process is completed. Hunt next reported on widening of the North side of the Route 16 and Eccles Street intersection. Hunt noted that IDOT will be funding the project through the "Emergency Repair Program". IDOT will fund 95% of the project after the bidding and design process and the last 5% upon completion of each.

Mayor Baran introduced Diana Holmes, Coordinator of the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency, who was present to explain the process involved to get disaster funding. Ms. Holmes explained to the audience that funds, if awarded, would only

be used to repair structural damages, not flooded furnaces or furniture. It would also take a "Presidential Declaration" before any funding would be available. Ms. Holmes stated if there was not enough damage to warrant a "declaration" then no State or Federal funds would be available to remediate any damages.

Mayor Baran next introduced Mimi McKenzie who as a concerned property owner wished to address the Council concerning vacant houses within the City. Ms. McKenzie hoped the Council would document the steps taken to abate nuisance properties as they become potentially dangerous. Mrs. Barbara Johnson and Mr. Jim Lohman also informed the Council of properties near them that were in need of serious repair.

Mayor Baran assured everyone that the city is doing everything legally possible to rectify issues with vacant properties and will continue to do so.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to set the dates for "trick or treating" as October 30th and October 31st. The times will be from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to allow a Halloween Parade on Main Street on October 31st at 6:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran discussed an issue with small culverts being placed on streets that have curb and guttering such as Tremont, St. Louis and Park Streets. These culverts create a problem when resurfacing streets and many are only 2 inch pipes which become clogged very easily.

City Engineer Hunt reported there are currently 12 driveways involved with the Tremont Street resurfacing project that either have small culverts or mounded asphalt connecting driveways to the street. A proposal has been submitted from the contractor to remove those existing culverts and humps at a cost of \$4,600.00. Hunt informed the Council that this additional cost could be paid for with MFT funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the removal of the 12 small driveway culverts on Tremont Street at a cost of \$4,600.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran stated an ordinance should be put in place making these same style culverts illegal in other areas of town and have them removed. Commissioner McCammack agreed but wondered who would pay to remove the existing culverts. Mayor Baran would instruct the City Attorney to draw up an ordinance disallowing any future driveway style culverts.

A request from Dr. Mulch has been submitted to extend the length of his dock on Glenn Shoals Lake. Commissioner Sherer will review the request and give his decision to Dr. Mulch in the near future.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Trost to hire Bill Christian in the Water Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the bid from Mike Beeler for new cabinets in the Challacombe House. The cost would be \$4,058.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Bid proposals for electrical work in the Challacombe House kitchen area were tabled until the next regular meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to accept the bid from Midwest Fire and Equipment for a new tanker in the amount of \$167,595.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Waste Water Superintendent Reynolds discussed the need for repairs or replacement of two storm water pumps. Repairs on one of the pumps would be \$3,475.00 whereas a new pump could be purchased for \$6,075.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve the replacement of one storm water pump at a cost of \$6,075.00. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council determined there was no need to go into “closed session” to discuss any further issues with the laborers’ contract as had been agended.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve the contract of Labor Local 773. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Whitten, Clerk Pro-tem