

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
January 17, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Downs and Commissioners Wright, Butler, Gregory and Ward.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Butler read his report for public properties and streets and they will be included in the minutes. Butler stated the EPA was back on-site at the Eagle Zinc property finishing up work.

Commissioner Gregory read his report for the police department and it will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Wright read her report and it will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Ward said bills were on the agenda to be paid and he has started looking at budgets and will meet with everyone soon.

Mayor Downs said there are some Façade Grants that have not been completed and will start looking into the ones that have not been used.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell read her report and it will be included in the minutes.

City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Ward** and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve paying bills for the month of January in the amount of \$521,760.18. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory** and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve repairs to truck 607 in the fire department for a cost of \$4,503.75 and the work will be done by Bob Waller. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve a land trade with Mcfarlin Trust. After minor discussion **Motion was made**

**by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to withdraw the original motion.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve advertising real property for sale. Property being sold will be 1115 S. Main St. (16-11-431-008) and 1116 S. Main St. (16-11-430-021) in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Butler started discussion on lights for the soccer field at the sports complex. Butler said there is a group trying to raise the money for the lights and have already talked to the school. Butler said the lights are needed for tournaments and even regional or sectional events for the school. Butler said at some point they will be asking the City for some money and he wanted to make everyone aware.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve a "closed session" on 5 ilcs 120/2(c)(5) "the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired" and 5 ilcs 120/2(c)(6) "the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body" and 5 ilcs 120/2 (c)(21) "discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06" at 7:27 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll call was taken to go back into closed session at 8:10 pm with Mayor Downs and all Commissioners present.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright** and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve purchasing property located at 455 Taylorville Rd. for a cost of \$57,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no discussions or actions taken on agenda items No. 16 & No. 17.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:10 pm by Commissioner Gregory** and seconded by Commissioner butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

# Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Checking buildings/heat, servicing dog park, emptying trash cans, picking up trash, etc.
- Took down all downtown holiday decorations
- Picked up 5/8" stainless steel cable from Granite City and secured the boat slip dock at the south marina until the 2 broken cables can be replaced
- Used the lift to inspect the roof of a downtown building
- Demolition of plaster and lathe at the former rent house at the Harkey House
- Met with 2 different candidates for marina lease
- Met about trails plan
- MCSWCD meeting about lakes and watershed planning
- Retrieved float from launch dock on the old lake
- Knocked down structures formerly used in the haunted forest and hauling off debris
- Worked on seasonal camper agreement and pontoon boats used as docks

## STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Leaf vac
2. Worked on pole barn
3. Worked on locating a water leak at sewer plant
4. Worked to locate and remedy the reason for low water pressure on Fairground
5. Located exact location of 6" water main along Rt 127
6. Opened ends of culvert pipes

Justin Chappellear  
Street Superintendent

**Water:**

Demand over the last two weeks was very high. After the cold spell, there were multiple leaks in the system that were found. Two major leaks were discovered, one being at the WWTP and the other on the Montgomery County Rural Water System. Both of them combined were leaking around 150,000 gallons a day. Once they were identified and dealt with, the usage has now come back to normal for this time of year.

Glenn Shoals did not see the water quality upset after the 2" rain. Water quality is still decent and we are seeing an improvement in filter run times with the warmer water.

All Service is onsite to replace the media in #1 Filter. We'll will provide an update on performance at the next meeting.

**Sewer:**

After the sewer back up earlier in the month, the main was thoroughly cleaned with help of the street crew. More grease, sand, chunks of clay pipe, and fly-ash were all pulled out of the sewer. Seems to be flowing nicely now.

Staff also jetted a main on Jefferson Street after a resident complained of sewer back ups. Several large masses of tree roots were pulled from the main.

The potable water line in the WWTP has a leak that we can not identify the location. IL Rural Water will be onsite 1-20-23 with their leak detection equipment. For the time being, the water has been shut off.

We have identified a company that has worked on clarifiers before and likely can make repairs to the unit. They should have someone out in the next week or so hopefully to investigate.

**Tim Ferguson**

Project Manager | Associate Principal

Economic Development and Community Planner Report 1/17/2023

Continue to work on web design and social media campaigns.

The Town Hall Meeting #2 last Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Abbey on Broad was a success in my opinion. More than 50 people in attendance with a mix of business owners and involved community members. I have the papers with feedback about our questions and I'm looking forward to looking through those. Looking to plan the 3<sup>rd</sup> town hall in the Spring of 2023. I already have a plan for the topic and the speakers I will ask to present.

Working with Fred Butler and Jim May on plans for the Marina.

Working on the Energy Transition Community Grant application due on Friday.

Jeremy and I plan to meet with Fred and Jim soon to discuss the plans for the OSLAD grant.

Had a BICI/Smithsonian meeting on Saturday.

I've been attending County meetings in order to stay in tune with what is happening at the county level and communicate pertinent information to the council and to Cory, City Clerk.

Planning Commission meeting today.