

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting**  
**February 9, 2021**

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Acting Mayor Duncan and Commissioners Downs, Murphy and Robbins. Acting Mayor Duncan and Commissioner Murphy were attending remotely.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports for the street department and public property and they will be included in the minutes. Commissioner Robbins thanked the hospital ER staff, Dr. Blazer and the ambulatory staff for their great work during his illness.

Commissioner Murphy reported on the code enforcement officer and thanked Mike Lee for the work he has done and read a report that will be included in the minutes. Murphy had Chief Leetham speak on a pursuit the City had that ended on Rountree St. by the Junior High School and Chief Leetham said the pursuit ended well with no injuries. Murphy again asked everyone to pick up after themselves. Murphy commended the street department for their work during the snow storm and reminded everyone to remove their vehicles off the street if the snow is 2" or more. Murphy said the City will be working with homeowners and business owners on vacant properties. Murphy said civic pride is needed, clean up after yourselves and put your trash cans back. Murphy said if an animal goes to the bathroom on Main St. the owner needs to pick up the poop and dispose of it. Murphy said someone running for office in Pana has taken interest on our vacant property ordinance since it is working and wants to look into implementing it in other towns.

Acting Mayor Duncan reported Jennifer Weiss is doing well and animal control has been refusing to pick up some stray animals around town and not being addressed. Duncan said they are discussing it at the County as well and threats do not work.

Commissioner Downs commended the street department for their work during the snow and reminded everyone to have their vehicles off the streets so the street department could plow the streets. Downs reminded everyone to not flush wet wipes or lady products down the drains and keep an eye on lift stations because those products take a toll on the lift stations and call if you see the red lights flashing.

Community Planner Jonathan Weyer gave his report and it will be included in the minutes.

City Engineer was not present

There were no public comments.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve paying bills for the month of February in the amount of \$342,375.67. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Ordinance No. 1710, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,720,000 general obligation waterworks and sewerage refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2021, of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, providing the details of such bonds and for alternate revenue sources and the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest of such bonds, and related matters. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Downs** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a proposal from Brooks & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of parts and installation for wizard 4000-3 indicator with three 4-20Ma and six relays for high and low indication for a cost NTE \$8,300.00. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve an assignment of lakeshore lease at 210 Lands End Rd. from Larry Gene Markos & Juanita E. Markos to Christian Thomas Floerchinger. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a proposal from Alverson Surveying Inc. for a survey to be done of lots 40-46 and lots 107-113 of Rountree Addition for a cost of \$1,500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a \$2,000 façade improvement grant reimbursement for Tommy Compagni for work done at Paris Frozen Foods. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve advertising for lifeguards to work at Central Park Pool pending the pool being open because of COVID. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Robbins started discussion on lake lot revisions. Robbins said everyone should have copy of recommended changes and they will be sent to the City Attorney. Robbins asked the Council about duck blinds and if the lessees would just have to cohabitate or if the duck hunters should get the lot if it is given up to have their blinds. Commissioner Downs said if you lease it to duck hunters you would have problems with lessees keeping them clean during the summer. Robbins said blinds don't have to be off the lake until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Robbins said even moving the date up to remove the blinds you would still have trouble with overlapping. Chief Leetham said most people who have duck blinds have permission from the lake lot lessee. Commissioner Murphy said to have stipulation for April 15<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Robbins asked if anyone had looked at a section for property and he was asking about stuff on the lot. Robbins was sending the recommendations to the City Attorney.

**Motion was made Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(6), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body and 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 at 8:09 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call was taken to go back into regular session at 8:33 pm with all Commissioners' and Acting Mayor Duncan in session.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve advertising for sale lot 13 of the cabin subdivision on City Lake Rd. with a minimum sale price of \$4,125.15. Motion carried 4-0.

There was no action taken 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.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:34 pm by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk



# CITY OF HILLSBORO

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Hillsboro City Council  
Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Second & Fourth Tuesdays

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## STREET DEPARTMENT

1. Picked up brush
2. Salted and plowed streets as needed
3. Put in new fire hydrant at Hiltop and Fairground streets
4. Planed concrete around storm drain at Summer and Jefferson streets
5. Planed road along new curb and gutter on Eccles St.
6. Started sweeping up excess rock on streets that were oiled and chipped
7. Blacktopped various potholes before it got to cold
8. Cleaned out ditch on Kinhead Rd.

**Brian Sullivan**, Mayor

**Katie Duncan**, Commissioner Accounts & Finance, **Michael Murphy**, Commissioner Public Health & Safety

**Don Downs**, Commissioner of Public Utilities, **Daniel Robbins**, Commissioner of Streets & Public Property

**Cory Davidson**, City Clerk, **Bonnie Hefley**, City Treasurer

# **Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary**

## **Council Meeting Report-February 9, 2021**

- Work continues on the trail at Challacombe and Williams Parks. Wood chips continue to be placed on the trail as they become available.
- Work continues on building at Central Park restrooms construction. A portion of the concrete floor has been cut out and removed for sewer pipe installation and the 36" main sewer has been exposed outside the building for connection. Drywall and some siding have been removed and some electrical work has begun. Bondurant Plumbing will complete sewer installation this week.
- Cleaned sidewalks at City Hall and Plaza, turned on ice eaters at ADA fishing dock, monitoring heat in buildings, etc.
- Cleaning and organizing at the shop
- Continued servicing and repairing mowers and Sports Complex mower and Gator

## ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

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There were 13 home inspections completed from the public way.

I have spoken with 3 of the homeowners.

I issued 1 abatement notice.

I have given one homeowner an extension on an existing abatement notice.

I spoke with one business owner about a building permit for a sign.

I have discussed and approved a building permit for a deck addition for a business.

I approved two demolition permits

I spoke with an architect about renovations to an existing building.

Michael Lee

Zoning and Code Enforcement

## **Community and Economic Planner Report 2/09/2020**

Things are really starting to get moving here in the first of the year.

-We have five new businesses that have launched or are launching by the end of March: 3 Fern Hill, Shags, Rabbit Hole Chaos, BB Designs, (Dog Grooming Place), The beautiful thing about all of these businesses is that they have all been started by women. When we look at the Hillsboro entrepreneurial scene in Hillsboro, this is a story that's not being told enough, especially considering over 60 percent of our businesses are either owned, co-owned or started by women.

-This past Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, I gave Bill and Trudy Luchini a three hour tour of Hillsboro, Illinois. Bill is the CEO of Capstone Development and Trudy is the director of operations. They have a significant track record of building sustainable housing with projects in Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana. I've included their presentation for your information. We will be meeting with some people from HCDC, and various other parties tomorrow to discuss housing development. Bill and Trudy loved what they saw of the community and are excited about the possibilities.

-This past week, I met with Ben Johnson, the Vice President of Programs at Bio/STL, and Marc Bowers Executive Director of St. Louis Makes. We discussed the Eagle's Zinc, some partnership possibilities and some other ideas.

-Sadly, we've run into a snag with The COOP and the building. There's a leak in the roof that cannot be fixed until the weather warms up a bit. That's going to push back our timeline to the Fall, as summer wouldn't be the best time to open up a Shared Workspace/Incubator. However, this opportunity is going to be used to nail down more details and will serve us in the end.

-I will be meeting with Rivers and Routes to talk about Hillsborotourism, thank them for what they've done for us so far and update them on everything here. My hope is to establish a closer working relationship as they are the main tourism driving body in our region. This meeting will be on Zoom, but we're also talking about them having an official visit in the summer, when the vaccine is more widely distributed.

-The Future Land Use plan meeting happened this morning and the effort is off and running. I didn't have time to include a report on the meeting for you, but I'll have it at the next meeting.

-Per Commissioner Murphy's request, I've been working with our Code Enforcement officer to streamline our application/appeals process, and investigate our codes for possible changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer  
Community and Economic Planner.