

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
March 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.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports and they will be included in the minutes. Robbins asked everyone to be patient with street crew because they are working on water lines and other issues around town. Robbins said the street lights at Vandalia Rd. and Fairground Ave. were not working properly and Lyerla fixed the issue.

Commissioner Murphy asked everyone to keep the town clean and that makes a happy community. Murphy said he had got a phone call Mr. Bennet about the parking lot at the school and asked everyone to put their trash cans back after they are picked up. Murphy said Code Enforcement Office Mike Lee is out and about and working hard and the City is moving forward with demolition proceedings on property on Lakeview Dr. and Murphy gave a shout out to the Montgomery County Health Department for all they are doing to get people vaccinated.

Commissioner Duncan said people can go the Walgreens website and register for the COVID shot and everyone should be getting budget packets to start working on. Duncan said the Chamber celebrated International Woman's Day up town and it was well attended and everyone should be thinking about opening up City Hall and in person meetings again.

Commissioner Downs said the last batch of meters for the year have been ordered and the lift station on City Lake Rd. had flushable wipes in it causing problems and he reminded everyone just because it says flushable doesn't mean to flush them. Downs also advised the Council at some point the lift station by the cabins will have to be maintained.

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 Robbins to approve paying bills for the month of March in the amount of \$399,023.04. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to give loose approval for the Farmers Market contingent on CDC and Health Department guidelines in May. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve closing Main Street on April 10th for the Bicentennial. After discussion it was decided to not approve closing Main St. because of COVID guidelines. Motion failed 4-0.

Agenda item No. 12 was pulled from the agenda.

Agenda item No. 13 was pulled from the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing paint from Sherwin Williams for the Central Park Pool in the amount of \$3,199.95. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve purchasing fireworks from Extreme Pyrotechnics for a cost of \$10,000 for the 4th of July celebration. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve Mike Kupinski to hold fireworks at his house on June 19th. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a marina lease with Ryan Turner to run the South Marina. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve advertising for someone to clean the Fireman's Clubhouse and the Challacombe House. After minor discussion **Motion to amend the original motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to table the decision. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve hiring someone to manage the sports complex and sports. After minor discussion **Motion to amend the original motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve advertising to hire someone to run the sports complex and sports. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) "personnel, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of a public body..." at 8:08 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call to go back into regular session was done at 9:46 pm with Acting Mayor Duncan and all Commissioners present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a discipline the supervisor of parks of public property including a written warning for going out of the scope of practice and a 3 day suspension for misconduct for going outside the chain of command for discussing issues with employees and other Commissioners. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Murphy made a reservation on the public's trust.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 9:49 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

February 9, 2021

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

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- 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



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

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

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 6th, 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.