

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
March 23, 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 remote.

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.

Commissioner Murphy reported the K9 unit will finish training soon and be certified as a full service K9 to be on the street. Murphy said Litchfield has sanctioned their Pickers Market pending CDC guidelines at the time. Murphy touched on the process of addressing the Council during public comment. Murphy said if you wish to be on the agenda for any reason you would need to speak with a Council member to get on the agenda, everyone is treated the same. Murphy said there was some confusion in the paper about mass gatherings and it was corrected by Mr. Plunkett. Murphy said everyone on the screen sacrifices to be on the Council and they are expected to make the tough decisions. Murphy said he received a nice complement from a traveler that said Hillsboro is by far the cleanest community in Montgomery County. Murphy said Mike Lee is doing a great job and will keep it up.

Acting Mayor Duncan said she failed to notify everyone to make a list of everything they would like to see accomplished in the next budget year.

Commissioner Downs said the new manhole on Jefferson backed up because of the amount of flow and backed up into some basements and it was not because of the new manhole but there a lot of ground water infiltration on the Oak St. pump station. Downs said when they jetted the main out they pulled out a piece of pipe and they decided to put a camera in the pipe when they can and couldn't get past the tree roots so a crew will be hired to clean out the tree roots. Downs said another pump station had a pump burn up because of grease and rags in the manhole. Downs said they also checked all over town while they had the camera out.

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

Jeff Meyer addressed the Council from Hurst & Rosche. Downs said he met with Conner and they have come up with a letter to get to the homeowners on Helston Pl. to get everyone on the same page for the easements. Murphy asked if the City could use the soil on the containment site and Downs said yes it is all top soil.

Public Comments:

Patty Whitworth addressed the Council and asked the City to reconsider closing Main St. for the Bicentennial. Whitworth said they wanted the road closed so everyone could social distance safely and not worry about traffic. Commissioner Murphy said the City would stand by their decision based off CDC guidelines. Murphy said the City has too look out for its citizens and large gatherings are not yet recommended by the CDC.

Zach Wygal addressed the Council on whether the City would allow the summer concert series this summer. Wygal said he had talked to Murphy and Hugh Satterlee and said they said there may be a possibility to have something out around the lake and not downtown. Wygal said he is willing at the last minute to put something together and everyone is on a holding pattern now.

Dave Stromatt addressed the Council on concerns about Glenn Shoals Lake and said there needs to be some maintenance down on the lake because of erosion and lots needing cleaned up. Stromatt said the mouth to Irving Cove is getting bad and needs to be addressed. Acting Mayor Duncan said some of the blame goes back to the homeowners and they have riprap available to them if they want it and need to use it.

Becky Billo addressed the Council on her sewer backup into her house and said she has wet carpet and it smells. Billo wanted to know what the City was going to do to help her and she was told the issue has been turned into the City insurance and the City was waiting on a reply from the insurance before they could move forward.

John Gibbs addressed the Council on the sewer running under the corner of his house. Gibbs said he hasn't heard anything from the City and Commissioner Downs said he would meet with Gibbs over it his house to discuss the issue and take a look at what he is talking about. Gibbs said it seems the problem is getting worse with some issues with sinking around the corner of his house.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Downs** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt Ordinance No. 1711 and ordinance vacating a 20-foot easement located in Westwood Subdivision. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a proposal from Hurst & Rosche to prepare the MFT bids for sidewalk repairs on Wood St., Mechanic St. and curb and gutter on Tremont St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve reopening city assets by the first meeting June (June 8, 2021). Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Robbins voting no.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a kayak race on Glenn Shoals Lake on May 8<sup>th</sup> as long as regulations allow it. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the annual Aqua Run to be held on July 24<sup>th</sup> on Glenn Shoals Lake as long as regulations allow it. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the Montgomery County Pickle ball club to host a tournament at the

Sports Complex and Central Park courts July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup> as long as the regulations allow it. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve an agreement with LOCIS and Utility Cloud for online payments. **Motion was made by Commissioner Downs** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to amend the motion to only include water bill payments. Amended motion carried 4-0. **Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve the amended motion as read. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve purchasing 4 new tires for the lift from Rt. 66 repair for a cost of \$1,248.00. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve renewing the \$300,000.00 line of credit with Bank of Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve repairs on a sidewalk on E. Wood St. between 317 and 411 E. Wood St. **Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to amend the motion and survey the area and two alley ways. Amended motion carried 4-0. **Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve the amended motion as read. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve campground worker agreements to be executed with campground workers. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve advertising for sale certain real property on Glenn Shoals Lake including PIN 12-19-200-029. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve releasing closed session minutes from November 24, 2020. **Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to amend the motion and release only the portions regarding Summer St. sewer. Amended motion carried 4-0. **Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the amended motion as read. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve advertising for summer workers in the Street Department, Parks Department, Police Department and Sports Complex. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve setting the spring cleanup dates of May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> and the fall cleanup dates of November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a survey for the Girl Scout Camp to be paid by a prospective buyer of the property. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a flex time policy for exempt employees. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 9:02 pm by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

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

## **Council Meeting Report-March 23, 2021**

- The Sherwood Forest Campground site selection process took place on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. A handful of sites are still available for the 2021 season.
- Installed new electrical pedestals at A25 & A26
- Continued minor electrical repairs in campground, trimming limbs, blowing leaves, and other activities prepping for the campground opening on April 1
- Turned on water to campground and repaired one leak
- Turned on water to campground shower house, Little John, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Point restrooms, Glenn Shoals Lake north access area restrooms, the Marina, and the South Marina parking lot restrooms. Only minor repairs were required.
- Took boat to Bob's Marine for motor work
- More boom mowing in the parks
- Installed trash can in emergency overflow area at Glenn Shoals lake where people frequently fish
- Replaced light in janitor's room at the Challacombe House
- Retrieved barrels, a dock, decoys, etc. from the Glenn Shoals Lake dam and overflow after 3" rain
- Continued trash and limb pick up

**STREET REPORT – 03/23/2021**

1. Picked up brush
2. Blacktopped
3. Capped and removed fire hydrant that was leaking and had no pressure on
4. Vandalia Rd.
5. Cut limbs on Wedgewood Dr
6. Cleaned storm drains, culverts and ditches around town
7. Repaired water main leak on Grant St
8. Repaired several fire hydrants that were reported to have issues

### **Community and Economic Planner Report 3/23/2021**

- The Future Land Use Committeemet this past week and sketched out a game plan on how to tackle the work. Stay tune for more updates.
- Capstone Development is interested in our Girl Scout Camp property and are proposing a survey first. This will be discussed later on in the meeting.
- New businesses Update: Ground to Grounds Coffee, Rabbit Hole Chaos, 3 Fern Hill Bakery.
- Refinery Building is open for other businesses. Moved their space to behind Gold Pan Records.
- Tourism committee work has begun headed by us and The Chamber of Commerce. We're working together on a few ideas, including increasing our social media presence for Head to Hillsboro, talking to city app companies, and other possibilities. When the Red Rooster opens, it will take our weekend tourism to the next level and we all need to be ready for it.
- Economic Development Plan is progressing and I'm hoping to an unveil it The Coop either towards the end of May or June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer  
Community and Economic Planner.