

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
April 4, 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.

Commissioner Gregory had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Ward had nothing to report

Mayor Downs followed Commissioner Wrights report and said if your gutters are underground and may leak it will add to what's going into the plant. Downs asked if transponders would go into the Huber Dr. homes and Wright said Angela was working on them. Downs said Commissioner Butler and himself went to a meeting to discuss the sidewalks around the square and has discussed with Attorney Sherer about an intergovernmental agreement so the City can pay the County instead of splitting everything up. Downs said the easements for Mechanic St. were delivered to them. Downs reminded everyone to put their trashcans back and away from the road and to not blow grass and leaves into the street.

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

The City Engineer Jeremy Connor said the MFT for oil & chip is awaiting IDOT signatures and the OSLAD grant for Central Park is ongoing. Connor said Mechanic St. is still ongoing and the courthouse square concrete replacement is about 95% ready.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to adopt Ordinance No. 1758 an ordinance approving and authorizing execution of an agreement to purchase 469 Taylorville Rd. (PIN #16-01-153-006). Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Butler to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve the walk/run for mental health to be held on Saturday, May 28th. The motion was tabled until further questions could be answered. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the Hillsboro Farmers Market (1st & 3rd Saturdays), Harvest Market (10/7/23) and Storybook Christmas (11/25/23) for Imagine Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve a request from the Old Settlers Committee to help with the cost of electrical work on Main St. for Old Settlers. There was no action taken on the motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve a Façade Improvement Grant for Jacob Fleming for work to be done at 218 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve a Façade Improvement Grant for Sheldon & Sons, Inc. for work to be done at 213 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve a Façade Improvement Grant for Connie Childers for work to be done at 101 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve purchasing a dump truck from Victory Lane Ford for a cost of \$74,077.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the RFQ from Hurst & Rosche for Fairground Ave. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve purchasing two mowers from Sloan Implement after trade for a cost of \$13,625.79. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner to approve the year 6 budget for the WWTP & WTP from Woodard & Curran. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve purchasing sampling and data collection equipment for lake and watershed monitoring for a cost of \$14,148.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve earmarking the remainder of ARPA funds for the Helston Pl. sewer project. It was suggested to earmark the remainder to lead service lines and there was no action taken.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve renewing the \$300,000.00 line of credit with Bank of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to open bids for the sale of 1115 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. First bid was from Jeff Eickhoff for \$1,000.00 and the second bid was from Bill Carlye for \$1,050.00. The City accepted the bid from Bill Carlye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to open bids for the sale of 1116 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. There was one bid from Adam Anderson for \$11.00. The City accepted the bid from Adam Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was started by Mayor Downs on the energy grant and Mayor Downs asked everyone to be thinking about what the grant could be used on and it will be brought back to the meeting in May.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:11 pm by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. 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, picking up sticks, etc.
- The Harkey museum is read for drywall. Three new windows were received from RP Lumber, but were incorrect, so the order was placed again.
- Jim took two employees of the Northwater Company on a drive and completed evaluation of every field, ditch, gully, stream, etc. in the Glenn Shoals watershed.
- The new 4" angle iron post that was set in concrete that was holding the slips dock at the Marina was pulled out of the hillside in the strong storms on 3/31. The dock has been secured to a tree until new anchors can be set and attached.
- Turned on water and opened the public restrooms at 4th of July Point, north access area, and the South Marina parking lot.
- Cleaned up broken glass at Central Park caused by vandalism.
- Reinstalled dock float under ramp at the old lake launch dock.
- Cut up fallen tree at Challacombe
- Jaimann Ellis completed pesticide training and testing.
- Cleaned up leaves at Lincoln Plaza
- Assisted St. Dept. with tree that fell over road at Central Park
- Installed pickleball nets at Central Park

Campground

- CTI has installed the new wifi equipment. Limbs interfering with signal were trimmed. There is still an issue that is believed to originate at the Parks Dept. office. CTI has ordered the materials to remedy the situation. CTI also hooked up the phone in the campground host office.
- Numerous electrical pedestals and/or boxes have been installed or repaired in the campground. Also, water hydrants have been installed or repaired. Some required new wire or water lines. Those trenches have been backfilled.
- Scraped loose paint and painted shower floors and touched up flaking paint on walls in shower house.
- Installed a fold up bench in the shower area of the women's side of the shower house.
- Campers moved into the campground on April 1st.

STREET DEPT. REPORT

4/4/2023

1. REPAIRED WATER LEAK ON DOUGLAS ST.
2. JETTED SEWER ON GRANT ST.
3. FINISHED THE NEW POLE BARN
4. CLEANED STORM DRAINS AND GRATES
5. RETRIEVED STOLEN CELL PHONE FROM STORM DRAIN FOR THE POLICE DEPT
6. ATTENDED THE PESTICIDE TRAINING AND TESTING IN COLLINSVILLE
7. BLACKTOPPED
8. REMOVED A OPPOSUM CARCASS FROM INDUSTRIAL DR.

Water:

Water from Glenn Shoals has been a little on the dirty side but we have not had any major issues with treatment. The ammonia and manganese are still relatively low despite the rain we have had.

Staff has finished the new permanganate line and will be putting it in service later this week.

Staff has switched out the static mixing mechanism for the Cationic Polymer feed. We were seeing plugging issues in the old design so we modified it to allow for less hassle to flush the system when needed.

We replaced the regulator on the Chlorine container after we found an issue with the vent line. Brooks and Associates had rebuilt several of them this winter so we have extras on hand.

The cellular transponders from the order back in October showed up last week. We have approximately 100 units now that we can find a home for. Will work with staff and the water clerk to get appointments made ASAP.

Working with Hurst & Roche on the water meter for the high school.

Woodard & Curran submitted the SRF application to IL EPA for the lead service line replacement project. We should hear more as the summer progresses.

The Annual Consumer Confidence Report will be made available to the public shortly via a link on the City's website. Once it is posted, we will notify everyone with the direct link on the water bills.

Sewer:

More floats have failed in the lift stations. Last week, we replaced two of them at Industrial Park Pump Station.

We took an old EQ Basin Pump/Motor over to Litchfield Pump and Motor for them to rebuild. It was one that had bearing and seal issues so it was replaced. There are 5 of them in operation in the system and one is starting to indicate signs of failure. Once the rebuild is complete, we will swap them out and likely look to repeat the process with the failing unit.

After some problems with the Clark Pump station behind RP Lumber some repairs were made by Hillsboro Electric. This is a station that is scheduled for some control panel attention in the next fiscal budget.

We have finally seen the infiltration increase in the sewer system with all of the rain. It does not take much rain fall now to cause a discharge from the excess flow lagoons. To homeowners, it is illegal to have sump pumps and gutter tied to the sewer system. Please contact the sewer department if there are any questions and we will be glad to help inform you of how to handle excess storm water so it does not make it into the sewer system. It is not designed to convey flows of that nature.

Economic Development and Community Planner Report 04/18/2023

Continue to work on web design and social media campaigns and tourism efforts.

Projects include the Bicentennial planning; the Smithsonian exhibit planning; Looking for Lincoln efforts

Working with business owners to utilize the Façade and TIF opportunities to make improvements and investments in our buildings

Monday the 17th had a meeting for the Historical Preservation Committee to discuss Façade application and other administrative discussion

Continue working with Moran's office on the Capital Improvement Plan. Continuing to work with Emily to provide the information needed to build from. Still compiling additional information for her as she requests.

Attending the county committee meetings as full board meetings.

Energy Transition Community Grant: Working on Phase 2 application.