

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
April 18, 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 reported the budget was ready for the 2024 fiscal year.

Mayor Downs thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

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

The City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Ward** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve paying bills for the month of April in the amount of \$711,440.85. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt ordinance No. 1759, an ordinance repealing ordinance No. 1691 and amending section 1-2-10, 1-2-13 and 1-2-14 of the revised code. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to purchase a sewer camera for the street department from COE Equipment for a cost of \$13,178.00. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Gregory voting no.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve an estimate from CIT Trucks to repair the street sweeper for a cost of \$9,709.99. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright** and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve a TIF extension for the corner block building. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made Commissioner Ward** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the City's portion of concrete work around the Courthouse Square for a cost of \$55,350.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve advertising for sale real property located at 123 S. Douglas St., 672 Virginia St. and a lot located at E. Water St. & East St. (16-01-382-005). Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve purchasing a maintenance truck for the street department from Victory Lane Ford for a cost of \$68,517.00.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve a pay increase for part-time engineer / dispatchers to \$20 an hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Butler started discussion on a possible land lease for a solar project on the old Eagle Zinc site. Butler said there is a company looking to put a solar project on the property and could bring revenue for the City. Butler said he is just making everyone aware they are just looking into it and if they had any questions they could ask them.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:36 pm by Commissioner Gregory** and seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

# STREET DEPT REPORT

4/18/2023

1. HYDRO-VAC VARIOUS SERVICE LINES AROUND TOWN TO LOCATE LEAD LINES
2. REPAIRED CURB AND GUTTER ON MECHANIC ST.
3. PICKED UP BRUSH AND LEAVES
4. CUT AND REMOVED TREES DOWN FROM STORMS
5. WORKED ON OLD LAKE DRAW DOWN
6. REPAIRED SIGNS THAT WERE BLOWN DOWN IN STORMS

# Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing is in full swing, checking restrooms, servicing dog park, emptying trash cans, picking up trash, etc.
- Jim accompanied Jeff Boeckler of the Northwater Company evaluating additional properties in the Glenn Shoals watershed.
- Ordered a barge and push boat from B&R Construction
  - 2-12x30 barge sections (24' x 30' when connected) with 15' spuds-55,000 lbs. capacity
  - 8x25x3 push boat with 200 hp Suzuki motor
- Turned on water at Glenn Shoals Marina and made a few repairs. The lessee is preparing for opening in upcoming weeks.
- CTI will complete working out a few remaining issues with the campground wifi on Thursday.
- Misc. campground work-delivering or swapping out picnic tables, meeting with campers for campsite modifications, electrical and hydrant repairs, etc.
- Tilled up water leak area in park and trench area in campground and seeded.
- Tilled up and harrowed former playground area at Central Park to prepare for turfgrass seed. Tilled up and harrowed former garden area on Challacombe property for planting in wildflower seed.
- There has been quite a bit of brush clearing and other preparation for the disc golf course. The "front nine" holes have had the baskets and tee posts installed by Gateway Disc Sports and will be ready for use soon as work continues to prepare the "back nine" holes for use.
- Screwed down metal on building behind City Hall that came loose in wind storms
- Removed log jam obstruction in ditch and cut up tree that had fallen over trail behind Challacombe and cut up and removed tree that blew down across the creek from the dog park. Also, cut up and hauled off tree from South Marina.
- John Deere 3039R tractor had a "camshaft position sensor" code light up. The tractor was sent to Sloan Implement for repair.
- Check non-renewed lake lots for refund of deposit, moved some buoys, and evaluated available lake lots. The list of available lots will be available soon.

**Water:**

With the storm over the weekend, we lost power for several hours at the Raw Water Pump Station. The generator ran for about 4 hours with no issues.

Staff has started to install the meters that were delivered two weeks ago. We have a handful of appointments for this week.

The initial lead service inventory was submitted to IEPA last week. There are a little over 1200 services that are reported as unknown. Over the course of the next year, a strong effort for identifying areas of unknown service line materials will be needed. The better detailed and trying to find non-lead services will reduce the future burden on the City.

The lake monitoring equipment was ordered and should be here shortly. We will be working with Northwater on the next steps and what data they will need.

Round 2 on the Lead Service Line Inventory grant is progressing and will be submitted shortly.

**Sewer:**

Vogel Plumbing cleaned out the grit chamber last week. We removed quote a bit of asphalt and rock from the system.

A 60% design review of the sewer treatment plant has been scheduled for next week. More to follow afterwards once Woodard and Curran meets with the City.

Have been working with vendors on control panel replacements for three lift stations so once the budget is approved, we can proceed with getting the work completed.

Responded to a homeowners sewer backup on Smoketree. The issue was not the City's but we did perform some sewer cleaning on the main due to the low flow in the area.

**Tim Ferguson**

Project Manager | Associate Principal

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.