

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 2, 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.

There was a moment of silence for the victims of the I55 traffic crash.

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. Butler reminded everyone it was time to mow your grass.

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 to be voted on and thanked everyone for being under budget for the year.

Mayor Downs also reminded everyone to mow their grass.

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

The City Engineer was not present.

Public Comment:

Katelyn Fath addressed the Council about upcoming events for the Imagine Hillsboro Committee. Fath said they are planning several events and will need electricity and water for some of the events and some of them will be held at Central Park. Fath said they just want to make sure they are doing everything correctly and Mayor Downs asked if their insurance umbrella would cover the events and Fath said yes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the 2024 fiscal year budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 1760, the annual appropriation ordinance for the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to adopt Ordinance No. 1761 authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Hillsboro located at 1115 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt Ordinance No. 1762 authorizing execution of an agreement to purchase 506 Taylorville Rd. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt Ordinance No. 1763 authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve purchasing a truck for the waste water department from Victory Lane Ford for a cost of \$ 56,752.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve purchasing fireworks from A.M. Pyrotechnics for a cost of \$11,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve a facade Improvement Grant for Caleb Reynolds for work to be done at 715 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve a \$2, 990.00 Façade Improvement Grant reimbursement for Jacob Fleming for work done at 218 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve renewing the \$300,000.00 revolving loan with Bank of Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Ward abstaining because of a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve a 120-day extension on the corner block building TIF agreement. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Wright abstaining because of a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve hiring April Pier as a dispatcher/engineer in the fire department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve hiring Brett Reeves as a part-time employee in the public property department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve hiring lifeguards and concession workers at Central Park Pool. Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve hiring Lentz Forestry & Land Management for a cost NTE \$10,000.00 to perform work at Sherwood Forest Campground and the disc golf course. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve purchasing stainless steel cables for the South Marina from John Sakach Company for a cost of \$7,486.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve appointing Bob Schwander to the Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve appointing Tyson Holshouser to the Veterans Memorial Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Downs thanked the Council for stepping up and working above and beyond for the City. Downs said a lot of good things are going on and everyone is working together and he is looking forward to the next four years.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:35 pm by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Gregory voting no.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

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.
- Happez restaurant at Glenn Shoals Marina is open for business.
- Work continues attempting to reattach cables on the slips dock at the south marina.
- The sketches for the sidewalk installation at Central Park have been distributed to a few local concrete contractors to be funded by Imagine Hillsboro Central Park committee.
- CTI has completed the installation of the campground wifi and it is up and working well.
- Continued campground work-meeting with campers for campsite modifications, electrical and hydrant repairs, etc.
- Cleared some brush on holes 1, 6, & 7, set posts at tee locations, and other preparation for the disc golf course continues.
- Turned on water and made repairs to the pool plumbing and started prep for opening.
- Picked up erosion control supplies for ditch work at dog park area
- Moved buoys, installed No Wake floating signs, replaced lake lot signs, marked available lake lots, and non-renewed lake lots have been made available for those who had expressed interest and/or on the waiting list.
- Repaired swing in lake park, reattached board on the Harkey House, worked on Central Park surveillance cameras, reattached a donor sign on the dog park, reattached a sign at the north access area of Glenn Shoals Lake, tilled and seeded a few areas in the park, cleaned gutters at Challacombe, set bases at Central Park ball diamond, set up a reservation calendar for the campground hosts, removed railroad ties from former cabin #2 site, etc....you know...parks dept. stuff.

STREET DEPT. REPORT

5-2-23

1. CUT UP AND REMOVED TREE THAT FELL OVER THE SIDEWALK ON S. MAIN
2. BLACKTOPPED
3. PRESSURE WASHED BRIDGES TO BE PAINTED
4. SWEPT EXCESS ROCK FROM ROADWAYS
5. INSTALLED ONE OF THE VALVES AND THE 18" T FOR THE DRAW DOWN AT THE OLD LAKE
6. ASSISSTED WITH THE REMOVAL OF PART OF A ROOF ON COURTHOUSE SQ.

Water:

Meter for the high school has been finalized. A 6" compound will be installed. It is on order and the contractor for the project will install when it arrives.

We have finalized a 5 week internship at the water plant with a Hillsboro resident. Karli Mackey will be joining us in early June to observe and learn about water treatment and operations. This is the final part of her course at SIUE ERTC. This is a program dedicated to training water/sewer operators in the state.

The large hot water heater was replaced at the water plant by Bondurant Plumbing, per quote approved by the council.

Starting to get into the recent meters that were delivered. Hope to have new homes for all of them by the middle of summer.

Sewer:

Still working on the design of the new sewer plant. 60% design review was held with Mayor Downs and Commissioner Wright.

Working with vendors on getting quotes to complete some of the capital expense project we have in the sewer budget. Looking at updated controls for 3 pump stations.

Plugged another leak in the 36" sewer where we had the issue a few years ago. Dumped 6 bags of sodium bentonite to seal it off and fill the void.

Tim Ferguson

Economic Development and Community Planner Report 05/02/2023

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

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 and full board meetings.

Energy Transition Community Grant: Working on Phase 2 application.