

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
May 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Sullivan and Commissioners Downs, Murphy and Robbins. Commissioner Murphy was present remotely.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Duncan arrived remotely to the meeting at 7:12 pm.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve paying bills for the month of May in the amount of \$393,118.20. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Robbins abstaining because of a family conflict.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a façade grant reimbursement for John & Kendra Wright for work done at the Historic Red Rooster. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve purchasing a mower for the sports complex from Sloan Implement for a cost \$10,873.33. The cost will be split three ways between the City, School District and the Sports Association. After discussion from the Council the Commissioner Robbins withdrew his motion until more information was received from the Sports Association.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve hiring a part-time employee at the South Marina to dispense fuel and sell permits. After discussion **Commissioner Robbins made a motion** to amend the motion to approve hiring two part-time employees and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve extending the \$300,000 line of credit with Bank of Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve appointing CJ Liddell to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Community Planner Jonathan Weyer addressed the Council on the strategic plan and reminded everyone that they had been emailed a draft of the plan and there were hard copies available if anyone needed them. Weyer asked the Council to please review the plan and get back to him with any changes or suggestions they may have.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve going into a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) "possible litigation" at 7:40 pm. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Roll call to go back into regular session at 8:12 pm with all Commissioners and Mayor Sullivan present.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to have City Attorney Hantla start legal proceeds towards Montgomery County for animal control issues. The issues at hand are Montgomery County Animal Control refusing to handle animal control complaints. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:05 pm by Commissioner Downs** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

# Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing in parks, public properties, and campground
- Installed 2 culvert extensions at Glenn Shoals North Access area to allow us to grade dirt to a slope that is able to be mowed
- Power washed pickleball courts, applied second coat of green paint, and two coats of blue paint in the playing area
- Applied second coat of green paint to basketball pad at Central park, removed backboards, sanded and painted backboards, and ordered new rims
- Work continues on patching/replacing concrete in the pool apron
- Worked with City Hall to get lake permits available online
- City Hall has added many forms and documents related to the parks and lakes to the City website
- Pawsboro 620K9 dog park opened

### Campground

- Sherwood Forest Campground opened May 1<sup>st</sup> with COVID-19 restrictions
- Called all of the campground waiting list, distributed list of available sites, gave one week to people on the list to view sites, then called them all back, and most have been taken for the 2020 season.
- Removed door and replaced broken plexiglass at the campground message center
- Two guys spent two days in the campground searching for and repairing an underground wire break and removing a squirrel nest from a main breaker box and patching chewed off wire insulation
- Repairs/upgrades continue in campground-removed old electrical boxes used for the bluegrass festival from main breaker box and replaced receptacles at B78, B82, A8, and D 130

## Community Planner Report 5/11/2020

-By now, everyone on the council and the Planning Commission have received the Strategic Plan Rough Draft. For the council, I've sent you PDF and paper copies, which are in your mailboxes. I would respectfully ask that everyone give me their comments and feedback by the end of June. Please don't hesitate to call or meet with me to discuss anything that concerns you.

-The Mayor, Atlas 46, Bank of Hillsboro, First Community Bank, and myself are working on a potential employment program that we hope to announce in the next month or so. Details are being hammered out as we speak, so stay tuned.

-With the Mayor's permission, I've convened a committee to develop a marketing website for the city. This committee includes the President of Imagine Hillsboro, Dustin Jones, the Chamber of Commerce, Kaitlyn Fath, and Quincy Egert, a web designer from Atlas 46, and myself. From everything I'm seeing in Planner circles, the exodus from big cities will continue due to fall out from the Corona virus. These people will be searching for what Hillsboro has, but as of right now, we have no way to tell them about it. Brian Carver, CEO of Atlas, offered his companies services as a community service to develop the site, which, if we had to pay on our own, would be expensive.

-The Sherman Building received some interesting attention last week. We want to keep this one under wraps for now, but if the council wishes to know more, please don't hesitate to talk to the Mayor or myself.

-The Community and Economic Development Page on Facebook is growing. We're attempting to put out information that is helpful to our small businesses, people in our community and anyone interested in moving to Hillsboro. This site will continue to grow as we expand our marketing efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner, City of Hillsboro