

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 25, 2021

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Downs and Commissioners Murphy, Duncan and Robbins.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports for the street department and public property and they will be included in the minutes. Robbins gave his condolences to the Herschelman family.

Commissioner Murphy said Mike Lee was in the meeting and has been working around the City and has some nuisances around town and the property on Lakeview Dr. will be ready for demolition soon. Murphy said there is a house on Water St. that the owner is willing to deed the property over to the City. Murphy said Lee is working on refining the ordinances and codes for derelict properties. Murphy said Stewart is working around town and Murphy will be meeting with summer help on the 28th to get him going. Murphy said the Rivers and Routes Tour was in town touring the City. Murphy asked everyone to please not throw trash out your car windows and don't throw out cigarette boxes. Murphy asked everyone to have some civic pride and keep the town clean and mow your lawns.

Commissioner Duncan said the budget would not be done until the end of June because she didn't have everyone's budget sheets.

Mayor Downs reported East Hillsboro looked like trash and please take care of your property. Downs said they are working on getting the water and sewer budget done and they have installed 348 meters around town. Downs said the IEPA water inspection was completed and Midwest Meter was in town to begin the process of bringing into service a new compound meter. Downs said the water tower inspection is to be done next month and the sewer department has received 4 new pumps. Downs said the Hickory St. lift station seized up because of rags and wipes in the pump and pulled the pump at the sewer plant for repairs. Tim Ferguson said the City has started the annual DMR QMA lab testing at the sewer plant. Downs said AMRP funds should be coming to the City and should fix some problems which are short of funding and downtown water lines which will need to be done with the streetscape grant. Downs said he met with Ameren reference to the old water plant cleanup site. Downs gave his condolences to the Herchelman family.

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

City Engineer Jeremy Connor reported the MFT bid letting will be on May 18th, work is continuing on the Helston Pl. sewer project and will have direction soon and working on

the Seward St. bridge project. Connor said the ITEP grant has not been awarded yet and the sidewalk replacement is still pending.

Public Comments:

Bev McCoy addressed the Council on selling two lots on City Lake Rd. McCoy said she heard the City was going to sell the park area and asked the City not to sell the park. McCoy said if the City wanted revenue off the land then maybe put some cabins and a pavilion there instead of selling the lots. McCoy said she put it out on social media with Commissioner Robbins permission. McCoy said 76 people responded to not sell the property. McCoy said the citizens of Hillsboro should have the area to enjoy and maybe put some overflow camping out there. McCoy said there are a lot of people that feel the same way she does and asked the City to think about what they are doing before they sell it.

Dave Stromatt addressed the Council and said he received 13 reports from Commissioner Robbins but none from Greenville College and asked to see that report. Stromatt said he was disappointed that there was no agenda item to restore funding to the lake restoration fund.

Commissioner Murphy asked Mr. D to highlight the importance of what the two did tonight by coming to the meeting and getting involved. It's imperative that the citizens get involved so they know what is going on.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt Ordinance No. 1713, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 general obligation bonds (alternate revenue resource), series 2021A, of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, providing the details of such bonds and for alternate revenue sources and the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds and related matters. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a request from Imagine Hillsboro to use the 4th of July point and downtown for the summer concert series and close Main St. **Motion to amend the original motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to change the street closing to Wood St. from S. Main St. to Berry St. from 2-11. Motion carried 3-0 to amend the original motion. Motion carried 3-0 to approve the 4th of July Point and Wood St. for the summer concert series.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a request from the Central Park Subcommittee to erect the metal H and the new baseball field at Central Park. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve extending the existing TIF agreement for work to be done at 102 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the 2021 MFT bids from Litchfield Bituminous for oil & chip & Durapatch oil for \$108,304.51 and from Louis Marsch in the amount of \$58.50 per ton for CA-7 mix. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the 3 year FOP contract. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the 3 year local labor contract. Motion carried 3-0.

There was no action taken on agenda item #16 to amend the boat slip lease.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve hiring lifeguards at Central Park Pool. **Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to amend the motion to include lifeguards and concession workers. Motion carried 3-0. Motion carried 3-0 to approve hiring Joseph Mattson, Chloe Beck, Jacen King, Trevor Hartman, Kyle Butler, Adyson McCammack and Adison Pollard as lifeguards and Guerino Bertello as a concession worker at Central Park Pool.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve advertising for umpires for youth baseball and softball. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve purchasing shirts and hats for youth baseball and softball for an amount NTE \$4,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve opening bids for 736 City Lake Rd. PIN # 11-36-400-039 and approve bid for sale. There was one bid for the property from Capstone Development Group for \$5,000. Motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Robbins voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve opening bids for 731 City Lake Rd. PIN # 11-36-400-041 and approve bid for sale. There was one bid for the property from Capstone Development Group for \$5,000. Motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Robbins voting no.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:31 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

RANDY LEETHAM
Chief of Police

TIM HOPPER
DEPUTY CHIEF

TIM SHELTON
Patrolman

John Stretch
Patrolman

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ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

During the month of May, I have conducted 12 property inspections.

I have spoken to 2 of the property owners, who have since started to clean up their properties.

I have issued 5 building permits.

There are 8 pending property inspections.

Michael Lee
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing in parks, lakes, and public properties, emptying trash cans, servicing dog park, spraying weeds, trimming limbs, weed eating, etc.
- Central Park Pool is open with limited days. Additional days of operation will be added as additional staff is hired and certified.
- Compiled list of available lake lots on Glenn Shoals Lake and made the list available to those who had filled out the request for lake lots
- Made preparations to pour foundation for 15' tall H to be erected at Central Park
- Made preparations for and cleaned up after Memorial Day Weekend
- Cleaned up large fallen limb and tree in campground
- Bush hogged large area at Sports Complex

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Subject: List

From: Justin Chappellear <streets@hillsboroillinois.net>

Date: Mon, May 24, 2021 7:58 pm

To: Cory Davidson <cityhall@hillsboroillinois.net>

1. Poured new sidewalk on Park St
2. Picked up dead opossum on Tremont St
3. Mowed right of ways
4. Hauled in blacktop
5. Sprayed weeds on brick streets
6. Blacktopped
7. Reshaped shoulder of Glen Shoals Dr
8. Picked up leaves and brush
9. Ran street sweeper

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Community and Economic Planner Report 5/25/2021

-On July 1st, we are going to have a “rough” open house at The Coop at 7:00 PM. I will be talking about the city’s economic development plan and seeking to get comments from the community before I present the final draft for your approval at the July 13th meeting.

-Senator Doris Turner will be coming to Hillsboro on June 22. She wants to tour the city and meet with the Mayor. I’m working on setting up her schedule for that day.

-The Future Land Use plan continues to meet and do it’s work. One specific thing to note is that we have a possible idea for the Eagle’s Zinc property. Jeremy is going to be drawing up the idea for us and we will distribute that as soon as possible, so we can show the Council and the Planning Commission what we have in mind. We are exploring a more creative alternative to the “ordinary” industrial park.

-A reminder, next week I will be taking the be taking the University of Georgia’s grant writing classes June 14-18 and will most likely be out of pocket for most of that time, as I will be taking 24 credit hours in the space of a week. This will most likely also include some night work as well. Once the grant writing class is taken, I will ask the Mayor and the Council to convene our department supervisors to discuss projects that would need grants and then I will match those projects with possible Federal/State grants. We will do this one project at a time, so the council will need to construct a capital development plan, which will prioritize projects for the grant writing process. Once we decide on a project, I will ask the Mayor and the Council to convene a team to apply for the grant which will include the needed departments and personal for the process.

-The Head to Hillsboro Tourism team is really doing some fantastic work. I would ask everyone to be patient as we continue to get this effort off the ground. And, to please keep in mind, the tourism site and social media is designed for people outside the community. It’s meant to entice people to visit and perhaps live and work here. Kaitlyn Fath and the Chamber are working hard to promote local businesses around the area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer
Community and Economic Planner.