

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 26, 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, Duncan and Robbins. Commissioners Murphy and Duncan were remote by Zoom.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins put his written report for the parks department and the report will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy reported that Ofc. Murzynski finished the academy and was awarded the defense tactics award for his class. Murphy reminded everyone to pick up their trash and place their trash cans back after they have been picked up. Murphy asked everyone to take care of their property and mow to the edge of the road. Murphy said the nuisance happening in East Hillsboro with chainsaws and side by sides need to stop because the police will begin to handle the complaints.

Commissioner Duncan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Downs thanked the street crew for helping the water plant install a new meter pit on Hickory St. and meter pits may become a thing in Hillsboro. Downs said there was a boil order on Welch St. and the line was fixed. Downs says Cummins was at the water plant to maintain the generators for the water plant and the Ash St. lift station had repairs made by Hillsboro Electric.

Mayor Sullivan thanked everyone for the Memorial Day actions taken at the War Memorial and it was not planned but did it on their own.

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

City Engineer Scott Hunt said Ameren will need to replace a gas line at the intersection of Rountree and Summer St. and then the construction at the intersection can begin. Hunt said the survey for the Helson St. sewer replacement has been delayed because of the Covid-19. Hunt said the Huber St. project still needs to be put hold to find locations of some water lines. Mayor Sullivan asked if IDNR had given answers for the Old Lake spillway repairs and Hunt said it was verbal from IDNR but he had nothing in writing.

There were no public comments.

Agenda item No. 9 and No. 10 was pulled from the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a half payment for sewer repairs done at 641 W. Tremont St. in Hillsboro. After much discussion a vote was taken to approve the half payment for the sewer repairs. Motion failed by a vote of 3 no's and 1 yes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve bids from Litchfield Bituminous for oil & chip and durapatcher oil in the amount of \$143,557.96 and from Louis Marsh for CA-7 mix & premix delivered in the amount of \$63.70 per ton for CA-7 mix and \$71.70 per ton for bituminous mix. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04 a resolution for improvement under Illinois Highway Code for the Seward St. bridge replacement and agreement. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve the purchase of a mower for the sports complex from Sloan Implement for a cost of \$3,624.44. The total was split between the City, Sports Association and School District. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve Resolution No. 2020-05 a resolution adopting the City of Hillsboro Helps Small Business Stabilization Program. Clerk Davidson, Community Planner Jonathan Weyer and Commissioner Duncan appointed to the committee. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Downs abstaining because of conflict and Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve returning time off used by employees during the Covid-19 pandemic. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the City of Hillsboro electric aggregation. Community aggregation was approved for 1 year with Homefield Energy, street lighting was approve with Homefield Energy for 3 years and AEP was approve for 1 year for pump stations, etc. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:04 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs. 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 and weed eating in parks, public properties, and campground
- Put up flags uptown
- Met with Sam Williamson of Midwest Pools and Scott Hunt about upgrades to filtering and chemical feed systems at the pool for application of the OSLAD Grant
- Excavated, formed up, and poured wash pad at shop
- Replaced shop sewer piping under area where pad was poured
- Made temporary hand sanitizer stands for City Hall and Fire House
- Formed up sidewalk area at Sports Complex
- Installed new sign at the Marina
- Spread rock at emergency overflow parking area
- Made preparations for Memorial Day weekend
- Sherwood Forest Campground still has “permanent” sites available for the 2020 season. We will not be renting out sites or cabins for nightly, weekend, weekly, or monthly campers. It will only be open to “permanent” campers this season.

Community Planner Report 5/27/2020

-We are working with Atlas 46, First Community Bank and Bank of Hillsboro on an exciting new work program. Council members can talk to me about everything if they want to here. Currently, we are hammering out final details and working on a promotional video. This is a unique private/public partnership that I think will garner a lot of attention during the summer.

-As Mayor Sullivan no doubt will discuss, we are working on a small business grant program through the city. We will be focused on businesses who had to be completely shut down first and then to other businesses.

-I'm working on keeping our small business community informed of the Illinois reopening plan, which will enter phase III on Friday and hopefully, phase IV on June 25th. Every available metric keeps trending in that direction. I would encourage everyone to get out and shop our small businesses this Friday while wearing masks and maintaining proper social distancing rules. As always, please keep encouraging everyone to follow the Community and Economic Development page for up to date information.

-Our marketing website meetings are progressing. We've developed an over all theme and working on content for the site. We will be focusing on two distinct crowds, those who need a weekend away and those who would like to live here. In doing so, we are using a number of different models, including Galena and Murphysboro.

-I've also begun the Economic Development Plan for the city. This summer will be focused on research and working with our research partners to get the most up to date information that we can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer
Community and Economic Planner