

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
June 8, 2021

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

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Mayoral recommendation of Kendra Wright as Commissioner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins to table the appointment until Commissioner Duncan could vote and the motion died for lack of a second. **Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the recommendation of Kendra Wright as Commissioner. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Duncan absent.

The oath of office was given to Commissioner Wright and she entered the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports from the street department and parks department and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy read his report and it will be included in the minutes. Murphy said there is a house in disrepair and progress has been made on the home on Bowles St. and two sheds have been torn down on Lakeview and waiting on a title search for a residence on Water St. in disrepair. Murphy said the fire department budget has been submitted and the police department is waiting on a couple of numbers and will then submit their budget. Murphy asked everyone to pick up and mow their yards. Murphy said he got a complaint from a citizen that was not satisfied and Chief Leetham looked into the complaint and Murphy asked everyone to report to the police if there is a police issue. Murphy said with the hassle of the sale of property at the last meeting maybe the City needs to put something out but if people read the paper and show up to the meetings they will know what's going on in the City.

Commissioner Duncan was absent.

Mayor Downs said PBS was at the Harkey House with Jeff Dunn and Mike Rappe to do an episode. Downs said the Bicentennial went well.

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

City Engineer was not present.

Public Comments:

Kathy Carlyle and Robin Carter addressed the Council on dogs. Both said they have had problems with dogs in their neighborhood. Kathy said her neighbor's dogs are let

out of their pins by their owners and then come into her yard and poop and she has to clean it up or mow around it and she shouldn't have to do that. Kathy asked the Council to consider a dog and car ordinance to control both because the problems are all over town. Kathy said the dogs have also been in her garage and growled at her. Kathy said she spoke to the neighbors and nothing has changed in three years. Mayor Downs said the City is currently speaking with the County and the issue with animal control will get remedied.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve paying bills for the month of June in the amount of \$341,728.79. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Old Settlers fun run to be held on Saturday, July 31st. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 a resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Hillsboro and John Hapner of Hillsboro Bowl for a \$11,000 TIF grant. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve 3 payments to Bills Home Improvement totaling \$57,650 for work done using the housing grant. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the community electric aggregation program with Homefield Energy. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve hiring lifeguards at Central Park Pool. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve hiring umpires for youth baseball and softball. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:04 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Downs a NV and Commissioner Duncan absent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

RANDY LEETHAM
Chief of Police

TIM HOPPER
DEPUTY CHIEF

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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 6/08/2021

-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.