

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
June 9, 2020

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

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

Commissioner Duncan was Mayor Pro-Tem for the meeting.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Robbins read his reports and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy reported the police department will be testing on July 11th for a replacement for Ofc. Satterlee and Ofc. Murzynski has passed his state test and is officially certified after receiving his certificate of completion. Murphy reminded everyone to mow their ditches and pick up their trash. Murphy said there was a text message from someone about a city employee mowing his property because he wouldn't and Murphy said there will be a lean on the property. Murphy asked everyone to use City facilities appropriately and be adults. Murphy said Tim Ferguson will be meeting with the fire department to begin plans for hydrant testing.

Commissioner Duncan said she worked on the budget and the City is \$100,000 off and she still has items to put in the budget so if you don't need it do not buy it.

Commissioner Downs reported the water department has installed about 200 new meters and some of those are for the new housing. Downs said the City is back in compliance with the EPA for by products. Downs said they have been working with the Illinois EPA for different options to treat the raw water coming off the lake. Downs read information on a sidewalk repair on Park St. and it will be included in the minutes.

The City Engineer was not present.

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

Public Comment:

Matt Sands addressed the Council on the prayer at the Lincoln Plaza. Sands thanked the Council, Chief Leetham and the police department for allowing them to hold the prayer on the Plaza. Sands said he had people contacting him about holding the prayer was not showing support for the police and he said that was not the case there is a lot of support for the local police and if it came across that way he was sorry.

Emily Moroney addressed the Council and thanked the Council for allowing the prayer to take place at the Plaza. Moroney said she was a mother of a black child and moved here because of the support and trust of the community. Moroney said they moved here from Colorado because of the diversity of the community and wants to help do what they can to help others understand racism in the community. Moroney said they

want black people to come forward with their experiences of racism for people to understand.

Commissioner Downs addressed the Council on why the flags were still at half staff and Chief Leetham told him there was no sunset on the order from the Governor to fly flags at half staff for the Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve paying bills for the month of June in the amount of \$333,152.35. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve hiring a concrete contractor to replace or repair ADA sidewalks and ramps throughout the City. City crews will do flat sidewalks with help from contractors to do ADA compliant areas. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt Ordinance No. 1701, an ordinance for sale of surplus property. Property to be sold is a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe Utility from the police department. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan absent.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:34 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

STREET DEPT.

1. REMOVED AND REPLACED 80FT. OF SIDEWALK ON PARK ST.
2. POURED NEW STORM DRAIN BOX AT THE CORNER OF WOOD AND BROAD STREETS.
3. POURED HALF OF THE APPROACH TO PARKING LOT OFF OF BROAD ST.
4. INSTALLED ALL NEW STORM DRAINS ON WOOD ST. AT CENTRAL PARK.
5. HAULED OFF 2 TREES CUT DOWN BY PAGES ON JEFFERSON ST.
6. DISCONNECTED AND MOVED A WATER LINE ON SUMMER ST.
7. SPRAYED WEEDS ALONG STREETS
8. MOWED
9. GRADED ALLEYS AROUND TOWN (STILL HAVE MORE TO DO).
10. CLEANED STORM DRAIN ON N. WELCH

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing and weed eating in parks, public properties, and campground
- Worked in Marina power washing, sealed floors, put down new floor cove base, cleaned ceiling fans, worked on acquiring refurbished griddle, etc.
- Built and installed swinging door at City Hall counter
- Completed pickleball courts painting and installed standards and nets
- Continued electrical repairs in campground
- Sprayed riprap at lakes and brush at north access area
- Began installing 12" pipe in Central Park for weep tile and storm water

Community Planner Report, 06/09/2020

-Work on the joint marketing website is continuing. We have nailed down a "style," and are currently developing content.

-The Rebuild America program will be launching next Monday. Will be released in the paper and a video will be launched on all social media outlets. I want to thank Atlas 46, Bank of Hillsboro and First Community bank for their extensive work and dedication to this project.

-The Small Business grant committee met and awarded nearly all of the available 30,000 dollars. We will be sending out letters this week and checks will be available soon.

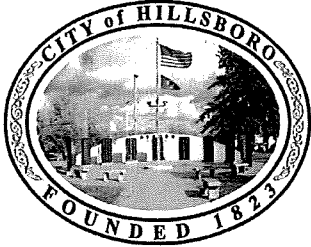
-Strategic Plan reactions are coming in and they are very good. If you haven't gotten yours in, please get them to me by the end of June. I will be redoing the plan based on those suggestions and will have the final draft to present at the last meeting in July. Once approved, I would ask for us to hire a good graphic designer, I have one in mind, and then we print copies for the public available on our website or to pick up print at city hall. Once this is done, I'll be starting work on the Economic Development Plan and gathering a proposal to start a Future Land Use Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner

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CITY OF HILLSBORO

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Hillsboro City Council
Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
Second & Fourth Tuesdays

Public Comment,

Not quite sure why our Flags around town are sill being flown at Half Staff? As far as I am aware, they were ordered by the Governor in late March or early April, due to the loss of lives from the Covid 19 Pandemic. I do believe that we are the only town in several miles to not raise them up??

Last week there was a sidewalk replace on Park St. adjacent to the home at 1428 School St. In January of 2019 I had been contacted by the wheelchair bound resident at this address, stating there was a 4' slab of concrete which was badly broke and lower than the rest. They had temporarily used a piece of plywood to use at that time. I had mentioned to this individual that we could wait till spring and get it fixed when the weather was more appropriate.

I had looked at this much closer in March and had said that we should probably replace the whole thing since there were only 2 or 3 slabs that weren't broken. (110' of 4' sidewalk and 32" of 6" deep across the driveway was measured) I also mentioned to the tenant how the sidewalk program was set up, as we have already got a long list of much worse dilapidated sidewalks ahead of her. I offered the possibility of getting volunteers from Imagine Hillsboro to get this done. Which was then discussed as an being put on their volunteer list of helpful projects around town.

Fast forward to early Summer, I had looked into who the property owner was since there was no sidewalk from the ramp leading up to the City walk. I discovered that it was Rice Phillips, and suggested to him that he contact his nephew Commissioner Robbins to see if the City could do the tear out and haul away, and then Imagine Hillsboro's volunteers could form it up and pour. Also suggesting that we could form up from the ramp to the City sidewalk as well, just sending that portion of the cost of concrete to himself as the homeowner. This was the last I had heard since I was told the City did all the work last week.

After I was removed from this department in May of 2019, I had mentioned to Commissioner Robbins, that I had a list of sidewalks & curbs to be replaced for the next couple of years, that they were all carefully prioritized. And if he wanted to look over and go for a ride around town sometime for us to look at, we could. To this date it has not been brought up to me.

Prior to the spring of 2019, I had taken Commissioner Duncan for a ride to show her the list of trees that had been carefully prioritized to come down, due to Trip Hazards, as well as potential cases of possibly of falling down and causing damage.

Brian Sullivan, Mayor

Katie Duncan, Commissioner Accounts & Finance, Michael Murphy, Commissioner Public Health & Safety

Don Downs, Commissioner Streets & Public Works, Daniel Robbins, Commissioner Public Property

Cory Davidson, City Clerk Bonnie Hefley, City Treasurer

Since all of this has been going on, I have expressed my displeasure to other council members to which it seems there is no immediate plan to remedy the dilapidated sidewalks throughout our town. I remind you that there was over 4500' of sidewalks replaced around town our first four years in office.

Water Dept:

To date there are close to 200 new meters that have been changed

The recent Disinfection By Product samples analyzed in May have our annual averages within compliance. (Letters which were sent out a few months ago.

There will be one more letter (Notice just like the last one) sent out this month to all water customers for the monitoring period of January to March. We will also be sending out a copy of the Water Quality Report for 2019.

We are also in the process of working with the II EPA on new treatment options to enhance our ability to treat the water. This should help with future issues resulting from farm field runoff and algae blooms.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don E. Downs, Commissioner