

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 14, 2020

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a motion regarding amending previous appointment as Katie Duncan as Mayor the motion superseded the previous motion and will appoint Commissioner Duncan as acting mayor while continuing to serve in the capacity as the commissioner of accounts and finance. Her compensation will be paid at the same rate as normal compensation of a normal commissioner with the restrictions of a person appointed acting Mayor. Motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Duncan abstaining.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins left reports to be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy said testing for a dispatcher/engineer will be taking place soon and testing of fire hydrants will begin soon also. Murphy again reminded everyone to pick up after themselves. Chief Leetham addressed the Council on the recent police tests that took place and said they have 4 available applicants. Murphy reminded everyone that abatement notices will be going out from Officer Satterlee so please take care of your property.

Commissioner Duncan said she has the budget done and hopefully it will be on the next meeting agenda. Duncan said she was contacted by CTI and they would like to put banners up around town with historic pictures from the community on them.

Commissioner Downs reported on the water leaks at Rountree St., Welch St. and Jefferson St. and said they have all been fixed. Downs said the Rountree St. and Summer St. intersection project will be done soon, ADA ramp construction will be starting soon also and thank Vogel Plumbing for work done on the wet wells. Downs said the Presbyterian Church Youth Group held a cleanup day around town and thanked them for the work they performed around town.

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

City Engineer was not present.

Public Comment:

Bill Baran addressed the Council on the need for a tree to be planted in his boulevard after the City cut one down. Baran was told there might be an ordinance preventing the City from planting a tree in the boulevard and City Clerk Davidson would look into the ordinance. Baran asked about planting the tree on his property and was told the City could not plant a tree on private property but he was more than welcome to plant the

tree himself if he would like. Acting Mayor Duncan told Baran that someone would get back to once the ordinance on planting trees in the boulevard was read.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve paying bills for the month of July in the amount of \$423,021.55. Motion carried 3-0.

John Vezzetti addressed the Council on the annual disclosure report for bonds for the City. Vezzetti said the Council may want to look into refinancing the bonds to save money and it could be a considerable amount of money saved. Vezzetti explained the report that is given to the City every year. Vezzetti didn't go into detail with the report.

Tom Fagan from Azavar Government Solutions addressed the Council on a proposal to review City accounts such as taxes and utilities to find and recover any lost funds the City maybe missing out on. Fagan said the company will come in at no cost to the City and review everything and if money is found they will charge 45% of the recovered funds. The council told Fagan that they would need to review the agreement and make a decision at a later date.

Gene Knisley addressed the Council on fireworks late at night. Knisley asked the Council to consider only allowing fireworks at certain times around the Fourth of July because they are going off at all times of the night. Knisley said the same problem occurs every year. The Council will take knisley's request under advisement.

Doug Donaldson addressed the Council on procedures for creating lake lots. Donaldson said he knows what the policy says but has not read the ordinance affiliated with that. Jim May said they are always moving lake lots signs with new homes being built around the lake so lots are always created if there is room for one. May said the issue is a new home owner didn't have a good lot so he created one that was accessible for use so he was going to assign the lot to the new homeowner in the area. Jim said there needs to be a different lease for adjacent property owners and Donaldson agreed. The Council told Donaldson they would look into a new lease for adjacent homeowners. The Council also told Donaldson someone would be in contact with them to discuss the issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a façade grant for Tom Compagni (Paris Frozen Foods) for up to \$2,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a façade grant for John & Kendra Wright (Red Rooster) for up to \$4,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a request from Casey's General Store to have curbside alcohol sales. After discussion it was decided to table the item until an ordinance could be drafted to prohibit curbside sales of alcohol.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:22 pm by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 3-0.

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
- Bush hogging, boom mowing, and weed spraying throughout the parks and lakes
- Continued electrical repairs in campground
- Continued piping and tile work at Central Park
- Unclogged grease trap line, had grease trap cleaned, had vent hood cleaned and serviced, worked on sewer grinder pump, installed cove base, etc. at Marina
- Installed lake lot signs, moved some signs, cleaned up trash on the lake, moved and installed buoys, etc.
- Irving Silt Basin dam faces were mowed by Lentz Forestry, Mulching, and Land Management
- Removed logs and other debris from the overflow structure at the Irving Silt Basin
- Prepared for and cleaned up after the 4th of July weekend at the lakes
- Painted floors and installed new faucets in the South Marina parking lot restrooms
- Painted floor in north access area restroom
- Various vehicle repairs and maintenance
- Replaced broken and/or warped boards on Challacombe House ramp and Hillsboro Lake launch and fishing docks
- Evaluate and prepared estimate costs to remediate the erosion caused to the stream bank at Central Park as a result of the 12' water main break. Also, reached out to IDNR to ensure that we were clear to move forward with repairs without a permit.
- Sprayed herbicide at Sports Complex
- Painted basketball poles at Central Park
- Assisted St. Dept. with water line installation and repairs



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Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
Second & Fourth Tuesdays

STREET DEPARTMENT

1. Picked up brush
2. Repaired 12" water main on Ice Plant Rd. and Welch St.
3. Finished installing and charging new water main on Summer St.
4. Repaired water line on Rountree St.
5. Sprayed weeds along curbs
6. Mowed
7. Trimmed brush on various streets
8. Picked up dead opossum on Summit St
9. Helped put tent up at hospital
10. Started dura-patching

Brian Sullivan, Mayor

Katie Duncan, Commissioner Accounts & Finance, Michael Murphy, Commissioner Public Health & Safety
Don Downs, Commissioner of Public Utilities, Daniel Robbins, Commissioner of Streets & Public Property
Cory Davidson, City Clerk, Bonnie Hefley, City Treasurer

Community and Economic Planner Report, 7/14/2020

-The Strategic Plan rough draft is now finished and with the Planning Commission. They are reviewing it and if they approve, will be submitting for your approval at the next meeting. Once that's done, we need to get a graphic designer who I can work with to make it look good and then publish it for public comment. As I understand it, we will need to have a public meeting for comment.

-Once the strategic plan gets conditional approval from the council, I will start writing the economic development plan. But, I would also encourage the council to consider commissioning a Future Land use plan that will help us to get a plan for the wisest use of our zoning and available land space as we move forward.

-The Atlas 46 and company week went very well. Hardcore store is up and running. They were meeting with Robbie from Hiller about expanding their hammer and axe production line. Further, we have one company committed to being here by October and another working on final details for next Spring. To that end, we really need buildings and spaces developed. Commissioner Murphy, Gary and myself met and will be sending letters to our downtown owners who have buildings with no occupants so we know what needs to be done. Further, if we have owners who want to sale their buildings, please get a hold of me and we can figure things out from there.

-Work continues on the marketing site which will be launched by the end of August. Design is up and running. However, we are now filling in content. That will take some time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner