

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
August 1, 2023**

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Downs and Commissioners Wright, Butler, Ward and Justison.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Butler read his report for public properties and the street department and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Justison reported the fire department had done training and was still taking applications for the dispatcher / engineer position and discussions on hydrant testing was still going on probably to start after labor day. Justison said there would be road closures for the Old Settlers Celebration so he asked everyone to be aware of the closures. Lee said he had done 6 abatement notices and the auxiliary would be down to around three working bodies for some work.

Commissioner Wright read her report and it will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Ward had nothing to report.

Mayor Downs let everyone know the Smithsonian Exhibit was in town and said there was a lot of exciting stuff going on around town.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell read her report and it will be included in the minutes.

The City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve closing the parts of the southwest corner of the square for the Crossover Ministries annual event on August 31st. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Justison to approve the Dragon Back to School 5K on August 12th. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Justison to adopt Ordinance No. 1770 approving the sale of 672 Virginia St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt Ordinance No. 1771 amending section 38-2-1(I)(1) of the revised code of ordinances. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve a 10% down payment to Centrisys Centrifuge Systems for \$44,940.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Justison to approve the lead service line inventory services proposal. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve a TIF redevelopment agreement for work to be done at 715 South Main Street. The agreement will not be NTE \$35,000.00 and 70% of each bill. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Wright and Justison abstaining.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 1772 an amendment to the Façade Improvement Grant Program. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no action taken on agenda item No. 17 regarding a Façade Improvement Grant reimbursement for work done at 311 Berry Street.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve Façade Improvement Grant reimbursement for work done at 216 South Main Street. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve a TIF redevelopment agreement reimbursement of \$50,000.00 for the Red Rooster Inn. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Wright and Justison abstaining.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve the appointment of William Mekeska to the NRC. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:56 pm by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Field trip to water plant, no till fields, and Glenn Shoals Lake with members of Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District, NRCS, and potential partners for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding
- Hung banners and made preparations for and cleaned up after Smithsonian Exhibition grand opening
- Thomet Handyman Service put up siding on building at Central Park (paid for by Imagine Hillsboro Central Park Committee)
- Parks department staff: Mowing, continued weed eating, checking/cleaning restrooms, servicing dog park, boom mowing, emptying trash cans, picking up trash, mower repairs and maintenance, weed and brush spraying, continued sampling and testing of streams and lakes for watershed plan data collection, made multiple repairs and adjustments at the pool (including some days with limited hours from water being out of parameters), put up banners uptown, worked on lighting at the pickleball courts, replaced timbers and mulched at the campground, Lyerla Electric worked on exhaust fan at the Marina, installed steps for the trail at Challacombe, burned brush in the disc golf course near hole 15, removed dirt pile from behind Fireman's Clubhouse, cut brush near hole #9, repaired broken stool at 4th of July Point restrooms, painted trim at Central Park building, assisted the Sports Complex on Field #1, painted swingset frame at the campground, ground stumps at Challacombe, NRCS dam inspections, retrieved runaway canoe on Lake Hillsboro, etc.

STREET DEPT REPORT

8/1/23

1. INSTALLED METER PIT ON ANNA ST.
2. CUT BRUSH
3. SPRAYED WEEDS
4. REMOVED DEAD OPOSSUM FROM WOOD ST.
5. CLEANED GUTTERS ON W. WOOD ST.
6. REPAIRED CURB STOP ON CITY LAKE RD
7. HELPED TILL AND GRADE AROUND THE COURTHOUSE
8. MOWING

From: Tim Ferguson
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 11:07 AM
To: Kendra Wright
Cc: cityhall hillsboroillinois.net
Subject: Water and Sewer Report

Water:

Water quality from Glenn Shoals has been fairly consistent over the last two weeks. The Algal blooms have tapered off a bit, as we are not seeing the extreme swings in pH and Ammonia.

Results from another round of cyanotoxin monitoring from the IL EPA were satisfactory. We are still seeing some traces of the compounds in the Lake Water but nothing after the treatment process.

The blower assembly on the downstairs HVAC unit at the WTP suffered a bearing failure. The unit was replaced and is up and running now.

After resetting a nuisance alarm on the Raw Water Generator, it ran fine during the power outage the evening of Tuesday, July 25th. 3 Phase power was out for several hours on the north end of town but was eventually restored.

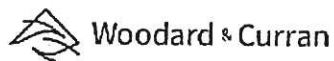
Sewer:

The Annual DMR QA testing was completed and submitted for grading. This is an annual proficiency testing that all Major WWTP's (above 1.0 Million Gallons per Day) are require to complete. We will hear the final results in the next few weeks and proceed accordingly.

A bad pump was pulled at the Ash Street Lift Station. We are looking into the costs on whether its economical to rebuild or replace due to the small size of the pump.

The power outage last week did not impact the operation in any negative fashion. Lakewood #1 was out of power for several hours, but did not experience any high flow issues. Everything returned to normal once 3 phase power was restored.

Tim Ferguson
Project Manager | Principal



Economic Development and Community Planner Report 08/01/2023

The launch party last Friday for the Smithsonian exhibit was a success with over 100 people in attendance. Imagine Hillsboro has a variety of merchandise available for purchase. The newest Hillsboro logo tshirts are located at The Dressing Room while the Bicentennial tshirts will be available for purchase at TShirts Ink. Imagine will have tote bags and the Alpha Candles Spark! and 200 at the farmers markets for the time being.

Bicentennial banners are up and look great! A huge thank you to the parks department, Jim May and his crew for getting those hung in the heat. A big shout out to Tori O'Dell Mayor Downs, Jeff Dunn, and Tammy White for all of their hard work and efforts with the bicentennial banners and more.

Moran's office on the Capital Improvement Plan and Redevelopment Agreements – Commissioners have a copy of Emily's draft for the CIP as well as dept heads and they have been sending me notes and corrections.

Working with businesses on redevelopment agreements and façade grants like the ones on the agenda for this meeting. I encourage the building and business owners in the TIF and business district to reach out if they are interested in these programs.

The MCEDC scheduled for July 27th was canceled but Katie Wilson (President) and I met yesterday, Monday July 31 to discuss the applications for the executive director position. We are scheduling interviews and hope to move quickly in hiring and training the new director.

Continue to attend the county committee meetings and full board meetings.

I have yet to hear more on the energy grant. I have been staying in contact with Montgomery County as well and they are also still waiting to hear about final approvals etc.