

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
August 10, 2021**

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

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

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. Robbins thanked everyone for their work on the water leak before Old Settlers and for the cleanup after Old Settlers.

Commissioner Murphy was absent.

Commissioner Duncan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Wright said water bills are due on the 16th and shutoffs will be on the 24th and online payments will be available September 1st. Wright said if you are on direct billing it will automatically roll over. Wright said the City will not be paying the fee anymore and the USPS is slow.

Mayor Downs gave his condolences to the family of Sam Whitlow, a past City employee. Downs also thanked the city crews and W&C staff for their work to get the water line fixed before Old Settlers. Downs said the new hydro vacuum saved the City time fixing the leak. Downs thanked everyone for their work during the Old Settlers Celebration.

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

City Engineer Jeremy Connor reported the public meeting on the Helston Pl. sewer went well and it was well attended. Connor said the next step on the Seward St. bridge project is to have a public meeting and he will work on setting up the meeting. Connor said the sidewalk replacement project is a guessing project since IDOT has not released its drawings for the project around Hamilton St. and Wood St.. Connor said he would get with Justin on some water line projects around Huber Dr.

Public Comments:

Tony Marcolini addressed the Council and said he is looking to install swag lights between the Opera House building and Sullivan Drug Store. Marcolini said he has permission from Brian Sullivan to use his building as an anchor and the Opera House will maintain the lights and pay for the power to the lights. Marcolini said he will install the lights in accordance with NESC Table 232-1 and will have a maintenance agreement for him to maintain everything with the lights.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the Economic Development Plan and amend the Strategic Plan to

include the Economic Development Plan and contract with Nancy Slepicka to graphic design work on the plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the OSLAD grant application process for the Central Park Redevelopment. **Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to amend the motion to add approval of a resolution for the OSLAD grant. Amended motion carried 4-0. Final motion carried 4-0.

Caitlyn Voyles addressed the Council on developing a mountain bike trail in the area behind Sherwood Forest Campground. Caitlyn said the Imagine Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Committee plan to develop biking trails in the greenspace located in Sherwood Forest. Caitlyn said the trails would include single track trails, flow systems, skill sections, jumps, berms and obstacles. Caitlyn said the volunteers would design and develop the trails and the International Mountain Bicycling Association would provide guidance along with the City. Caitlyn said funding would be provided by donations and maintenance would be done by volunteers. Mayor Downs said it all sounds like a good idea and the City would check with their insurance and she would need to come back to the Council to get permission to do the trail.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing a new Ford F-350 truck for the parks department from Morrow Brothers for a cost of \$36,170. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda item No. 13, approval for work to be done to the Fireman's Clubhouse which would include roofing and siding was pulled from the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing fish for Glenn Shoals Lake from Herman Brothers Fisheries for a cost of \$9,999. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to purchase a Grasshopper mower from Barker Implement Co. for a cost of \$12,845.89. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to purchase all accessible playground equipment for Central Park for a cost of \$40,630. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve a proposal from Illinois Codification Services to update the Hillsboro Code for a cost NTE \$5,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve purchasing chemical feed pumps and accessories for the water plant at a cost of \$8,148.50. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve paying housing grant funds to Bills Home Improvement. **Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to amend the motion to include Blue Collar Construction also. Amended motion carried 4-0. Motion is to pay bills home improvement \$43,950 and Blue Collar Construction \$24,600. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing a new Ford F-350 from Victory Lane Ford for a cost of \$49,645. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:55 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk