

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
August 11, 2020**

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

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins Commissioner Robbins read his reports for the street department and public property department and they will be included in the minutes. Robbins addressed why the flags are still at half staff and he was advised the City Attorney who spoke with the Governor's Office and flags should still be at half staff. Robbins said he has a long history of veterans in his family and is a supporter of veterans but he took an oath to follow all laws and will follow the orders of the Governor.

Commissioner Murphy asked citizens to keep the town clean and read a letter from Carol Booher. Murphy said if help is needed Coach Stewart could help pick up bags of leaves. Murphy said there will be a walkthrough of the Corner Block building near the end of the week and hopefully the person doing the walkthrough will help with getting money and let us know if the building can be saved.

Commissioner Duncan read a thank you from the pickle ball club for work done on the pickle ball courts. Duncan read parts of a letter from S&P Global on the City's bond rating and it was lowered a little because of budget issues and shortfalls.

Commissioner Downs reported on the force sewer main that broke behind Helston St. and its repair and also on the water main break on Columbia St. Downs said the water department is continuing to install new meters.

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

City Engineer Scott Hunt said the Summer St. and Rountree Summer St. project is mostly complete besides the stripping and will hopefully have that done soon. Hunt said they are continuing work on the Helston St. sewer main project and will be contacting May and Chappelle soon to discuss options and then finish the cost estimate.

Public Comment:

Dick James addressed the Council on the new intersection project and has concern about the drain not being installed and thinks the road will freeze in the winter because of runoff. James said the drain should have been put back in and never taken out. Scott Hunt said the road has been shot and there is enough drop to allow the water to run off. James disagreed and said we will wait and see this winter.

Commissioner Downs addressed citizens not pickup up dog poop after their dogs at the parks around town and said everyone needs to pickup after their dogs and use the dog

park like it was designed to be used. Downs said there are bags at the park and should be used.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the 2021 fiscal year budget for the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Ordinance No. 1705, the annual appropriation ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve paying bills for the month of August in the amount of \$396,850.86. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item #12 was pulled from the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a TIF grant for Tom Compagni for work to be done at Paris Frozen Foods. Grant amount was for a \$15,000 onetime payment. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to give preliminary approve of the strategic plan to open up public comment and hire a graphic designer to work on the plan for an amount NTE \$500. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve allowing the City Attorney to draft and ordinance prohibiting parking on Senator Miller Dr. by the old Alco building. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the mobile CAD system for the police department for a cost of #21,604.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve all OSHA required testing for the fire department for a cost NTE \$7,495.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Ordinance No. 1706, an Ordinance amending section 33-4-4, road bonds. After minimal discussion **Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to table adopting Ordinance No. 1706. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve going into a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) "possible litigation" and 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) "personnel" at 8:09 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call was taken to go back into regular session at 8:57 pm with all Commissioners present.

There was no action taken on possible litigation.

There was no action taken on personnel.

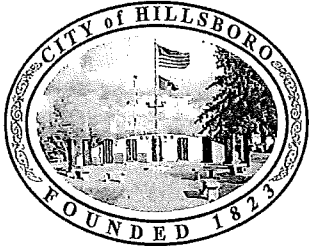
Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:58 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 4-0.

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
- Cut up and hauled off mulberry trees near CTI lot
- Final return of excess materials from pickleball court resurfacing
- Fence Master is installing gates and fencing at pickleball courts paid for by pickleball club
- Worked with Street Dept. to haul in dirt to make the slopes at an angle that is mowable at Central Park
- Ordered material to repair stream bank at Central Park
- Helped install a water meter on Greenbriar
- Poured large section of sidewalk at the Sports Complex
- Mower repairs and maintenance
- Installed basketball backboard and rim at Beach House



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

STREET DEPARTMENT

1. Picked up brush
2. Fixed sewer force main in two spots behind Paris Frozen Foods.
3. Ran durapatcher
4. Blacktopped
5. Repaired water leak on Columbia St.
6. Poured concrete on Broad St. parking lot approach
7. Sprayed weeds along curb and gutters
8. Took out old sidewalk to get ready for new sidewalk on part of Rountree St.
9. Hauled dirt to from street shed to Central Park
10. Picked up dead skunk on City Lake Rd.

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 Planner Report, August 11th, 2020

-I'm pleased to present the Strategic Plan for your preliminary approval. This has been a year long effort involving a lot of folks, writing, and rewriting. I think we've proven in this process that a community can write its own strategic plan by pulling in all of our experts and community leaders into the effort. I'm more than grateful to everyone who helped with their time, effort and talent who made this possible. So, if you all vote for preliminary approval tonight, we will let the whole world see it for public comment and I will make sure my email is attached, keeping a record of all our responses. Cory and I are working on the needed public meeting. Stay tuned.

-Further, I'm more than excited to report our Incubator effort, The Coop, is back on track. We've reached an agreement with Kyle Anderson who bought the former bookstore building. We're still working on official launch dates, but there will be a big party and open house. Again, to remind everyone, this Incubator will be a place to learn how to open a small business through coaching, mentoring and providing resources. We will also be using it as a shared workspace and office rental, such as conference spaces, etc. We now have the potential for five economic drivers in our town: the hospital, the prison, education/county, Downtown/New Companies, and the Incubator, which will take about 2-3 years before we start seeing the results from that. To state the obvious, not many small towns in Southern Illinois have two economic sectors, let alone the potential for five.

-The marketing website continues to move forward. We have the basic look if anyone wants to see it. Essentially, we are trying to avoid the typical smalltown clichés and focus on Hillsboro's unique story. The website is designed to do two things, attract "weekend" tourists and people who want to live here. Again, thanks to Kaitlyn (Chamber of Commerce), Dustin (Imagine Hillsboro), and Quincy (Atlas 46) for being my teammates on this effort.

-Corner Block update: Commissioner Murphy, along with Jim Mays, is working on getting a historic preservationist's opinion on the building. Our main goal is to push this to a resolution one way or another and provide recommendations to the council. Again, everyone wants to emphasize we are starting to look at vacant buildings downtown, why they are vacant, and asking owners to provide a plan on what they are going to do.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner

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