

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
September 8, 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 read his reports for the street department and public property department and they will be included in the minutes. Robbins again asked everyone to please not touch the wet sidewalk after it was poured.

Commissioner Murphy thanked Tori O'dell for the article in the Journal News relating to the new park on S. Main St. and said it was a fantastic article. Murphy said 1021 E. Tremont St. has been vacant and Ofc. Satterlee will be working on the property and Clerk Davidson will be looking into 617 Lakeview Dr. and see if it is ready to go for demolition and cleanup. Murphy again asked everyone to please keep their trash picked up and not litter the town. Murphy said it is on the agenda to hire a new dispatcher and patrolman. Murphy said the City will have to come up with some creative ideas to replace Ofc. Satterlee on ordinance enforcement. Murphy said some of these properties will have large liens on them from different agencies and it will be nice to have someone that will know the ropes to get things done. Murphy addressed the unorganized event on the lake and said the people that attended made a great point and there was an event on Main St. that did not come before the Council and it should have. Murphy said all events come before Council for approval and the event on Main St. should have. Murphy said the City has to make sure the proper documentation for the event is in order and Murphy said events will be handled thru the Council and the past is over with. Murphy said the Council will set put a process for people to follow going forward. Murphy said nothing was done in a malicious or vindictive way to anyone but people are right anything that goes on in this City should come before the Council and no one Commissioner or Mayor should give approval. Murphy said the City will look into an Ordinance for future events. Murphy said the group contact Chief Leetham and Chief Leetham set out the process they had to do and they didn't do that. Chief Leetham clarified that the group asked to have a drunken party and they were to get Council approval and have insurance. Murphy said social media posts were created on false information. Murphy said there is a victimhood society that is affecting this country and asked everyone to stop and if you have a question pick up the phone and he doesn't need to see stuff on news media or on Facebook. Murphy said everyone is looked at exactly the same and if you don't follow the process don't be upset when a letter shows up at your house and it's not vindictive, it's taking care of the people of this town. Attorney Hantla said the purpose of the ordinance will take any subjectivity out of the decision and the form will be available and if you meet the requirements you will be allowed to have your event.

Commissioner Duncan reported the audit is done and will be presented at the next meeting

Commissioner Downs addressed the wet spot on Vandalia Rd. and said it will be fixed once the state is done working on the handicap ramps. Downs said the City is unaware of what is going on because in the past, a leak detector could not find a signal showing a leak and it disappeared but has showed back up.

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

City Engineer Scott Hunt said the Huber Dr. water main project is moving forward and the plans have been made to show proposed water line locations and a plan and design proposal will be done shortly for the Council.

Public Comment:

Ingrid Watkins from the Southside Church in Litchfield addressed the Council on wanting to have a prayer event and use Lincoln Plaza on September 26, 2020. Watkins said it will be a prayer gathering simultaneous with the National Prayer March in Washington. Ingrid was concerned that she wasn't on the agenda for approval. Acting Mayor Duncan said the Council has been advised not to allow any large gatherings until rules can be set. Ingrid said the County has allowed them use of the Courthouse lawn and Duncan said the City has no control over the lawn at the Courthouse. Murphy said as soon as the City gets something in place with the advice of Council she may come back and follow the City guidelines.

Eric Bradley addressed the Council on a sewer and storm main issue in his backyard. Bradley said he wanted to build a garage and it seems both are in the way for him to build a garage. Bradley said the sewer may run underneath his neighbor's house also. Commissioner Downs said the sewer still needs to be located and once it's located the City could speak with him. Downs said there is a low spot in the backyard and Bradley wants to fill it in to build a garage. Attorney Hantla asked about an easement and Downs said there is no easement on record. Hantla said it is now on the radar for the City to look at and it will be important for the City to look into the site and come up with a resolution for Bradley. Hantla said other things such as adverse possession may come into play and everything will need to be looked at. Duncan asked the street department and water department to look into the issue and report back.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve paying bills for the month of September in the amount of \$481,486.89. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Ordinance No. 1706 approving the annexation of the old Eagle Zinc property PIN numbers 16-01-476-002 and 16-12-201-001. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc. for engineering services associated with inspection of Shoal Creek Structure No. 5 for a cost of \$2,300. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a proposal from Hurst-Rosche, Inc. for design, bid and build services for the Helston Pl. sanitary sewer, sanitary force main and storm sewer. Decision was made to only approve the easement preparation and design of the project for a lump sum fee of \$41,700. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a final pay request in the amount of \$25,312 from Stutz excavating for the Rountree and Summer St. project. The final pay request was \$5,821 over the MFT appropriation so that amount will have to be paid out of the general fund. The Council addressed concerns with the project not being done before final payment and a **motion to amend the original motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the payment to Stutz Excavating contingent on completion of engineering approval. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve an amended intergovernmental agreement with Montgomery County for the Seward St. bridge project. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a lease payment of \$26,400 for the south marina dock. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve hiring Caleb Reynolds as a patrolman in the police department. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve hiring Austin Furness as a dispatcher / engineer in the fire department. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a final \$2,000 TIF reimbursement to Chris Hubbart for work done at 265 Springfield Rd, Hubbart Wood. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a \$13,075 housing improvement grant payment to Bills Home Improvement for work done on Hillsboro-2. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a \$9,360 housing improvement grant payment to Bills Home Improvement for work done on Hillsboro-4. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda item No. 21 to adopt an Ordinance amending section 33-4-4 (road bonds) was pulled from the agenda with no decision made.

Commissioner Downs started a discussion on relocating an existing water main and fire hydrant of the new Montgomery County Highway Department property located on Rt. 185. Wright Automotive wanted the hydrant and line installed and now it is in the way of the highway department. Downs said they are proposing going back to the main with the hydrant. The main would be abandoned with the hydrant moved back near the main. The County will then be tapping into the main with a new line and more information will be obtained from the County Engineer.

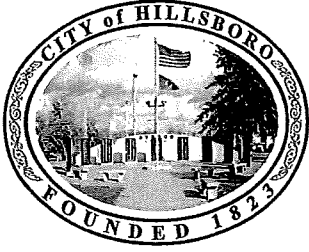
Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:24 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing, weed eating, and weed spraying in parks, public properties, and campground
- Picked up new bench for playground area at Sports Complex
- Dirt work repairs to stream bank at Central Park are near complete. Riprap will need to be added for stabilization.
- Hauled more dirt to slopes and for ground leveling at Central Park
- The campground was oiled and chipped
- Started prepping area for sidewalk to be poured near the concession stand at Sports Complex
- Made preparations for Labor Day weekend
- Removed backstop, dugouts, and old sidewalk at Central Park
- Mower repairs and maintenance



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

STREET DEPARTMENT

1. Picked up brush
2. Oiled and chipped from Railroad St. to Lakeview, the campground, Lakewood Dr., and Pinnacle Pt.
3. Tore out old sidewalk and poured new sidewalk on Summer St.
4. Repaired water leak on Vawter St.
5. Ran street sweeper
6. Sprayed for mosquitos
7. Picked up dead squirrel on Rountree St.
8. Ran sewer camera and locating sonde through storm sewer on Summer St.

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, 09-8-2020

-Strategic Plan is up on the website and is being advertised on Facebook for public comment. As of tonight, there have been no submitted comments. Nancy has begun work on the graphic design and I'll be working with her to make sure everything looks fantastic.

-Marketing website is still in process as we work to get the text right. It's important we tell fantastic and cohesive stories on the site, as this will be the online gateway to our community. I want to make sure we get it right.

-Economic Development Plan writing and research is ongoing.

-Last Thursday evening, I walked potential building investors around downtown and showed them available businesses. There has been a significant uptick in interest since the sale of the Gold Pan building and I expect a lot of actual movement in the next few months. The hot commodity of downtown Hillsboro has gotten even hotter.

-Work on The Coop has begun and there will be significant meetings in the upcoming weeks in regards to more funding, more networking and partnership opportunities and other exciting possibilities. More on that soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner