

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 11, 2022**

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

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after a minor change.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Butler started with parks and public properties report. They've been mowing in parks and now starting to wind down. They're emptying trash cans and picking up trash, servicing the dog park. The Central Park playground equipment has been installed. 180 yards of mulch and swing mats have been installed. Picnic tables and trash cans have been put down there at Central Park. I think the playground has been busy, so I'm glad to see it. Removed the old playground equipment from Central Park. I was glad to see some of that get out of there. Started prep work for the ball diamonds for Central Park, so that'd be that kickball ball field we're installing there past the north side of the playground. Cleaned up the dead and fallen tree at Glenn Shoals Lake and North Access. Continued working on power, the Wi-Fi access points at the campground and CTI continues to work on connectivity.

Several city representatives met with the Montgomery County Water and Soil Conservation District. Continuing application for the RCCP and learning about the additional grants and government programs. We're preserving the lakes. Delivered and picked up picnic tables for the fall festival. Worked with Bondurant Plumbing on clogs of the sewer at the South Marina. Replaced lighting at the Challacombe garage. Made repairs in the camp ground and golf cart. Continue working on the archery, deer and waterfall hunting leases for upcoming seasons.

Butler read the street department report. We have located 2, 24-inch sewer mains between the junior high and high school. Made repairs to two police cars. Set up water service for the harvest market. Began taking out old abandoned sewer lines by the high school. Black topping, street sweeping removed. Located curb stops on Vandalia Street and Columbia Street for water department. Had preconstruction meeting for Korte Construction for the Huber Drive water main project. Started replacing sign post on Main Street. Picked up brush and mowing.

Commissioner Gregory had nothing to report

Commissioner Wright said in the water department all lead and copper results came back outstanding. All but one site was no detection on lead with copper being very low

at the location. What that means is that they do this testing all around town to make sure that there is not pollution in the water. So it's several people's houses inside that the testing is done on, and there was no lead and copper, only found at one location in a very small minute amount.

Commissioner Ward had nothing to report

Mayor Downs said everyone has a copy of the codification service. The code books are back so please look them over and compare it online with the changes that we have currently. I want to congratulate the Eisentraut family on their grand opening of the Grand Theatre. What a fantastic site that is. And a good, a bright welcome to our vibrant downtown scene. It is very nice. And it's that time of year, the leaves are starting to fall. So please be cognizant of blowing leaves out in the street or in the ditches. We don't want to clog up the waterways, the culverts. So just help everybody out and keep that clean so the water flows fine. Also, the petitions for mayor and city council are now out. They're able to be picked up at City Hall. We always get a lot of opinions up here and criticism. Obviously it's not an easy job. We hope we get some enthusiastic people to sit up here for the next four years. I encourage people to get out and see what they can do.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell said the ITEP Grant was submitted on September 29th, a day early and she feels pretty good about the work we did on that. Had meetings with Imagine Hillsboro on upcoming holiday events. Selling the merchandise that we've come up with the logo on there. They went over very well at the harvest market, especially the sweatshirts. So we will order more of those. For now, we do have a limited supply left and the dressing room has some available there along with the stickers. Bicentennial Smithsonian committee meetings this week. I will be in those. A few of us went to the library to meet with Shelly for the Smithsonian exhibit to take a look at the basement, get some ideas for the layout, how that needs to get put together. Next week I'll be in Naperville attending an SIUE course on economic development. Ally Grady from the State of Illinois highly recommended anyone new to this position, take the class. So Cory and I got me enrolled into it and got a hotel set up, so I will be there all next week.

The City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve Hilloween for the community churches to be held on Sunday, October 30th on Fairground Ave. in front of the Calvary Baptist Church. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve paying bills for the month of October in the amount of \$467,743.42. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda item No. 11, to adopt Ordinance No. 1737 amending the Downtown Hillsboro Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area, removing certain parcels from said project area was pulled by Mayor Downs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 1738 amending chapter 24 of the Hillsboro Code of Ordinances (Wait St. do not enter). Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to adopt Ordinance No. 1739 authorizing and approving the acquisition of a temporary easement located at 18 Helston Place by negotiation or by condemnation by the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt Ordinance No. 1740 authorizing and approving the acquisition of a temporary easement located at 20 Helston Place by negotiation or by condemnation by the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to adopt Ordinance No. 1741 authorizing and approving the acquisition of a permanent and temporary easement located at 208 North Hamilton Street by negotiation or by condemnation by the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Gregory to adopt Ordinance No. 1742 authorizing and approving the acquisition of a permanent easement located at 216 North Main Street by negotiation or by condemnation by the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11 a resolution amending the fee schedule for recreational users and public properties. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Gregory voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve hiring Bill & Barb Sloop as campground hosts for the 2023 season. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve hiring Jaimann Ellis in the public property department. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve hiring Kirby Painting to paint the outside of City Hall. Two bids were proposed one from Kirby Painting for \$4,800 and one from Richmond Painting for \$8,261.75.

Mayor Downs started discussion on amending the Façade Improvement Grant. Downs said You've all been sent some changes that's going to read, facade grant funding shall only be used for exterior repairs and renovations on commercial buildings within the city of Hillsboro business district. Facades which faced public streets, alleys or parking areas within the business district are applicable. So this will take care of some of the rear entrances, the rears of the buildings that face a public access. We've talked about this and also this is just talking. I want to see about increasing it. I just bumped it up a thousand to \$3,000. So if you spend \$6,000 on your project, you'll get \$3,000 back. Downs asked for any input on this and we'll try to get this passed at the next meeting. Commissioner Wright said she liked the idea and Commissioner Ward asked if the amount was per side so someone could get \$9,000 back if they spend \$18,000 and Downs told him they could only do one per year.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:25 pm by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk