

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 22, 2019**

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

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

Commissioner Duncan was Mayor Pro-Tem.

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.

Commissioner Murphy read his personal statement on Jonathan Weyer. Murphy said the demo at 1116 S. Main St. has started and will continue. Murphy said there are some court dates coming up for derelict properties and a number of ordinance violations have been identified by the City and everyone needs to clean their property up and keep it clean.

Commissioner Duncan said the tax levy will be started in the next few weeks. Duncan turned her report over to Patrick Murphy. Murphy said he was asked to look for derelict property and he used City water records, County recorders and a non-owner qualified rates. Murphy said he has identified 108 possible vacancies in the City that could be addressed by Ofc. Gary Satterlee. Murphy said there are some questionable properties that he will get with Satterlee and discuss them with him. Commissioner Murphy said this is not a revenue venture for the City and doesn't want it to be but the City has to start cleaning up the City.

Commissioner Downs said an informational notice will be sent out reference to the water quality issue in the distribution system. Downs said one site had a bad reading and helped push the average above the EPA limits. Downs said there were several factors that didn't help and included the wet spring, algae bloom and non water use at the site. Downs said all the numbers have come back normal since the bad test. Downs reiterated that the water is safe to drink. Tim Ferguson said this is not an immediate health concern.

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

City Engineer Jeremy Connor reported there would be a public meeting on the Main St. street scape grant.

Public Comments:

Tony Marcolini addressed the Council and informed the Council that Wood St. would be blocked off next to his building for the last summer concert series and he has talked with Chief Leetham and will let the fire department know.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 on Main St.. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a façade grant for Tony Marcolini at 405 S. Main St.. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a façade grant for Linda Saathoff at 221 S. Main St.. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan absent.

Mayor Sullivan arrived to the meeting at 7:36 pm and chaired the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded Downs to approve the fall cleanup dates for October 29th – November 2nd. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Agenda item No. 13 was pulled from the agenda.

Agenda item No. 14 was pulled from the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the revised animal control services contract with Montgomery County Animal Control. After a minor discussion the motion failed 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve rescinding all ordinances pertaining to animal control. There was no decision made and the item was tabled.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve hiring Clay Murzinski as a patrolman in the Hillsboro Police Department. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(5) "The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired" and 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) "Possible Litigation" at 7:50 pm. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Roll call was taken to go back into regular session at 8:10 pm and all Commissioners and Mayor Sullivan was present.

There was no action taken on the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

There was no action taken on possible litigation

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:10 pm by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing, weed eating, and bush hogging in parks and public properties is winding down
- Second coat of resurfacer applied to pickleball courts and first coat applied to basketball pad. Conditions must be above 50 degrees to apply coatings and remain above 50 degrees for 24 hours after application, so we are being challenged by Mother Nature.
- Delivered and picked up trash cans for the Haunted Forest
- Assembled coated picnic table for the pool
- Changed furnace filters in all public buildings
- Burned two brush piles at the North Access Area
- Demolition has started at 116 S. Main St.
- Assembled and installed waste receptacle and two benches at Pawsboro 620K9 Dog Park
- The grand opening ceremony for the Pawsboro 620K9 dog park was Saturday, October 19th at 10 am. The event was well attended by patrons and dogs.
- The "Forest of Terror" at Sherwood Forest Campground was held October 11th & 12th. 558 people went through on Friday night and 835 on Saturday.

STREET DEPARTMENT

1. BACKFILLED SIDEWALK AND RETAINING WALL ON SUMMER ST.
2. CLEANED STORM DRAINS AND GRATES
3. FIGHTING FALLING LEAVES
4. MOWING
5. CUT BRUSH ON PENCE DR.
6. PICKED UP SEVERAL DEAD SQUIRRELS
7. MET WITH WINDSOR HOMES ABOUT WATER LINES ON NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
8. HAD OSHA INSPECTION
9. FIXED ALL ISSUES FOUND DURING OSHA INSPECTION

Interim Community Planner Report 10/22/2019

-Strategic Plan Submitted to Council and Planning Commission. First 56 pages. Vision Statement and the Six Principles are the most important things to focus on. I'm working on a graphic design person.

-December 7th, Hardcore Hammers Wood Chopping and Christmas lawn build. City, Imagine Hillsboro and Atlas working on this project.

-Central Park Reinvention project. Wrote up formal proposal with numbers and cost. Once we get it finalized, we will bring it to the council.

-Working on Corner Block Building and getting Gerry to the table.

-E-Commerce workshop at the end of January or first of February. Brian Carver will lead it. Part of our joint projects with the city.

-Talked to a few people about getting a business incubator together. Infant stages and we will see how this moves forward.

-Heartland Conservancy will be meeting with Jim, Kendra and myself on November 12th. Nonprofit group that works with cities to figure out trail systems and how to protect and utilize other natural resources in the city. We are also hoping to explore funding possibilities with them as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Interim Planner