

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
November 1, 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.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Butler read his report for public properties and it will be included in the minutes. Butler said the street department has been picking up leaves and fixing water leaks along with working on the Old Lake Spillway drain. Butler said they have started installing the pole barn at the street shed. Butler said the meeting at the Old Eagle Zinc site went well and he said there are two big piles of dirt that can be used by the City.

Commissioner Gregory had nothing to report.

Commissioner Wright read her report and it will be included in the minutes

Commissioner Ward had nothing to report but said bills will vary every month depending on the date.

Mayor Downs said the leaves are a big issue so homeowners please help the City out and keep your kid's toys picked up.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell read her report and it will be included in the minutes.

The City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright** and seconded by Commissioner Butler to adopt Ordinance No. 1743 amending chapter 38, Article II of the Hillsboro Revised Code of Ordinances to provide for a \$250 utility rebate for new businesses in commercial buildings. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 1744 amending the Façade Improvement Grant to raise the refundable amount to 50% of the project up to \$3,000 and include Facades which face public streets, alleys or parking lots. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 1745 authorizing the sale of the Blackman-Evans Home owned by the City of Hillsboro. The home was sold to the Montgomery County Historical Society for \$1.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve using ARPA funds to complete the Lake Hillsboro Spillway Project. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright** and seconded by Commissioner Ward to the cancel the December 20, 2022 regular council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Butler started conversations on the trading of real property. Butler said he would be bringing something to the Council in the near future which would include the trading of City owned land with an adjacent property owner of the Hillsboro Street Shed. Butler said the trade is necessary since the burn area has started to approach their land.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the proclamation for "support high school project" showing support for the referendum on the ballot for building a new high school. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Gregory voting no.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 4:28 pm by Commissioner Butler** and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

# **Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary**

## **Council Meeting Report-November 1, 2022**

- Jaimann Ellis started his employment on 10/27 and has begun onboarding
- Set the backstop for ball diamond at Central Park in concrete
- IDPH inspected the campground and our permit was renewed for 2023
- Delivered JLG lift to high school for repairs, then returned it to the water tower
- Repaired u-joint on three-point post hole auger
- Replaced and restocked furnace filters in public buildings

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**Water:**

IEPA was on Glenn Shoals November 1 to collect more samples for Cyanotoxins. The plant has yet to have any in the finished water. They are planning to collect 5 to 6 times a year going forward.

The water meters ordered recently are possibly out until next spring. Midwest Meter is holding a meeting with Badger this week to get a better idea on what the hang ups are and what can be done to expedite orders. This is not a unique situation to Hillsboro as they are backlogged by 1000's of units to customer all through the Midwest.

Rain has not affected the water quality in Glenn Shoals lake. Water quality from the lake very good currently.

**Sewer:**

Brown St lift station was cleaned by Vogel Plumbing and their pumper truck. The basket installed had clogged up with wipes. We are going to put together another mailing campaign to not flush wet wipes.....or socks.

A homeowner on West Tremont contacted the Sewer Department about a possible back up. Upon arrival, there was not a current back up but the sewer was cleaned anyway. No blockage was found but a good amount of mud was observed when the line was jetted. Justin and Tim will schedule a time to clean again and get the camera truck out to further investigate the area.

**Tim Ferguson**

Economic Development and Community Planner Report 11/01/2022

Attended the SCI Prairie Works public announcement of their \$8.6 million DCEO grant to build the center. I am on the board of directors for the organization and optimistic about what this facility will mean for our communities.

EPA walk through on Tuesday.

Looking at some of the new grant opportunities being announced by the State.

Continued work on web design and social media campaigns.