

## **City of Council Hillsboro Unofficial Minutes for November 9, 2021**

Mayor Downs called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The roll call was taken with all members present except for Commissioner Robbins, who was required to attend the county board meeting. He arrived ten

The Pledge was administered.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Downs asked for any objections to the minutes. None were given and they were approved by the entire council.

### **Mayor and Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Murphy gave his report. He noted that the Mental Health summit went very well and could not have gone any better. He gave praise to Hillsboro Area Hospital and Community Planner Jonathan Weyer for putting it all together. Further, he noted that people are still taking problems to social media and he asked that people not do this. Commissioner Murphy also asked people to stop complaining and focus on getting involved in the community.

Commissioner Duncan had no report.

Commissioner Wright read the report that is in the appendix of these minutes.

Commissioner Robbins arrived and gave the reports for Parks and Public Properties as well as the street department. These reports are in the appendix of these minutes.

Mayor Downs noted the mental health summit and the community involvement.

### **Community Planner Report**

The Community Planner, Jonathan Weyer, gave the report located in the appendix of these minutes.

### **City Engineer Report**

City Engineer Jeremy Connor noted the public meetings on November 18<sup>th</sup> that include the street grant information meeting, which will take place at noon. He also noted that the Letting for the Sidewalks, Curb and ADA project on Mechanic Street, Wood Street, and Tremont Street would be happening that day as well starting at 9:00 AM at City Hall.

### **Public Comment**

One public comment was made about Commissioner Robbins's push for money to be put back into the lake fund.

### **Discussion/Decision on a Motion to Accept The Resignation of Commissioner Robbins. (Administration)**

The motion was given by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Robbins read from his resignation letter which is in the appendix of these minutes. Mayor Downs thanked Commissioner Robbins for his seven year service to the city and his hard work on behalf of the Streets and Parks. Everyone wished Commissioner Robbins well in his new role as county circuit clerk.

Mayor Downs called for a roll call and the vote was unanimous.

**Tim Ferguson with Woodard and Curran To Present the Water and Sewer O3A Annual Report.**  
(Commissioner Wright)

Mayor Downs gave Commissioner Wright the floor, who in turn asked Tim Ferguson to give the report. Ferguson gave the report that's attached to the appendix of these minutes. The Council thanked him for his report.

**Jennifer Anders from Woodard and Curran To Present the Final Report on the Hydraulic Model/GIS Project** (Commissioner Wright)

Commissioner Wright still had the floor and turned it over to Jennifer Anders. She gave the report that's attached to the appendix of these minutes. The Council thanked her for her report.

**Discussion/Decision on a Motion to Approve Paying Bills for November. (Commissioner Duncan)**

Commissioner Duncan motioned and it was seconded by Commissioner Murphy.

The floor was given to Commissioner Duncan who noted total bills amounted to 345,822.20. For more information, she directed everyone to the full report attached to these minutes.

Roll Call was taken and it carried without objection.

**Discussion/Decision on a Motion to Approve a Proposal from Hurst and Rosche for the Engineering Services Associated with the Underwater Bridge Inspection of SN 068-3164 Smith Road over Lake Hillsboro. (Administration)**

Commissioner Murphy made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Wright.

The floor was turned over to City Engineer Jeremy Connor. He gave a presentation on why the work needed be done. The proposal is attached to these minutes.

Roll call was taken it and it carried without objections.

**Discussion/Decision on a Motion to Approve a Proposal from Hurst and Rosche for the Structural Engineer Services for the Corner Block Building. (Commissioner Murphy)**

Commissioner Murphy made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Wright. Mayor Downs turned the floor over to Commissioner Murphy. He asked City Attorney Kit Hantla to give a report on the court proceedings. Hantla reported that the owner of the corner block agreed to allow the city to get a full structural engineer report. He indicated the owner does want to sell the building. Commissioner Murphy noted that this is a legal process it is going to take time, with the next court date set for the first

week of December, in which time the engineering work need to be finished. The Mayor noted the fire chief needed to be involved and Commissioner Murphy replied the chief had already been in the building. It was deemed unsafe for firefighters to enter the building. Everyone expressed their opinion the time had come to figure out this building and something had to be done.

Roll Call was taken and the vote was unanimous to approve.

**To Approve a Quote from Page Three Trimming Services to Remove and Trim Trees in the Campground and Challacombe Park for a cost of 2,500. (Administration)**

Commissioner Murphy made the motion and Commissioner Wright seconded.

Mayor Downs turned the floor over the Park Supervisor Jim May. He talked about how the trees in question are tricky due to power lines and need more professional hands to handle the situation.

A vote was taken and the motion carried without objection.

**To Approve a Closed Session on 5 ILCS 120 2C1 Personnel (Commissioner Murphy)**

Commissioner Duncan made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Wright.

The Council adjourned into closed session at 8:09 PM.

The Council returned to regular session at 8:24.

No action was required for the agenda item.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Wright seconded. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.