

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
November 12, 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. City Attorney Hantla was available by phone during the meeting.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports from the public property and street departments and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy reported the house at 1116 S. Main St. had been demolished. Murphy said Chief Leetham wanted to apologize for not being around as much during the day since he has covered night shifts recently and Ofc. Fath was successful at passing the police training academy. Murphy said Fath had the highest GPA and most improved physical fitness. Murphy gave his condolences to Ofc. Green's family for the loss of her mother. Murphy said the tarp on the roof of a house had been removed and shingles moved in to fix the roof and a car in East Hillsboro had been removed. Murphy asked everyone to keep their stuff clean and don't litter.

Commissioner Duncan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Downs had nothing to report.

Mayor Sullivan thanked all the veterans for their service and everyone that came out for the Veterans Day service and thanked Commissioner Murphy for attending the service. Mayor Sullivan said the new City website is up and will continue to be updated as time allows.

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

City Engineer Scott Hunt reported the Rountree St. and Summer St. project will be bid out in the spring for work to start after school gets out. Hunt said they are still working on the Central Park hydraulic study and the Main St. Street Scape project. Hunt said the Main Street project is 98% complete and the application cycle has been delayed.

There were no public comments.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve paying bills for the month of November in the amount of \$410,009.22. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve an agreement with Hurst & Rosche Engineers for the 2020 MFT program. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Agenda item No. 11 a motion to approve amending Ordinance No. 1677; an ordinance regarding water connection requirements was pulled from the agenda.

Agenda item No. 12 a motion to approve amending section 38-3-18 of the City of Hillsboro Code; maintenance of water lines was pulled from the agenda.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a \$2,000 TIF reimbursement to Hubbart Wood. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve fireworks for June 20, 2020 at 1 Fox Hollow Dr. in Pinnacle Point Subdivision. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve switching dump trucks between the street department and waste water department. **Motion to amend the motion was made by Commissioner Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to amend the motion to just move the dump truck from the waste water department to the street department. The amended motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Downs abstaining and Mayor Sullivan a NV. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV to move a dump truck from the waste water department to the street department.

Agenda item No. 16 a motion to approve moving forward with an ordinance regulating hot air balloons was pulled from the agenda.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt an Ordinance establishing a Deputy Chief position in the police department. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve hiring Tim Hopper as Deputy Chief in the police department. **Motion to amend the motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to include a salary of \$55,000. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV. Motion to approve hiring Tim Hopper with a salary of \$55,000 carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve purchasing ballistic vests for the police department for a cost NTE \$5,000. This will be half the cost with the other half paid for by a grant. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a \$1,703.50 façade grant reimbursement to Chris Hamm. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Downs** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to open and accept bids for surplus property. After discussion it was decided to table the motion until a future meeting. **Motion was made by Commissioner**

**Duncan** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to table the acceptance of the bids. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Agenda item No. 21 a motion to approve awarding bids for surplus property was pulled from the agenda.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve moving forward with the Central Park Revitalization Project. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) "Possible Litigation" at 8:01 pm. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Roll call was taken to go back into regular session at 8:29 pm and all Commissioners and Mayor Sullivan was present.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve institute demolition action on property located at 324 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

# Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

## Council Meeting Report–November 12, 2019

- Demolition is complete at 1116 S. Main St. We will finish dirt work when conditions are favorable.
- Ground stumps at Challacombe and near the CTI lot
- Winterized boat and moved into storage
- Applied first coat of green paint to pickleball courts. This project will likely be on hold until spring.
- Installed new engine on the log splitter and have split some wood for the campground
- Illinois State Fire Marshall inspected underground fuel storage tank and monitoring system at the South Marina
- Winterized pool shower house building, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Point restrooms, South Marina restaurant, Veterans Memorial, and Little John plumbing. Heat has been turned on elsewhere. We will winterize other buildings as small projects are completed at each.
- Replaced broken solenoid valve box at Veterans Memorial
- Sherwood Forest Campground is closed for the season. The golf cart has been moved into heated winter storage and all other supplies, appliances, etc. have been secured for the off season. Sites have been inventoried for storage, proper payment, removal of seasonal items, etc.
- Installed outlet at ADA dock at north access area for deicers
- Worked with Hillsboro Electric and buried power to be installed at Santa's House and to panel for future downtown use. This project is still ongoing.
- Hauled dirt to CTI lot to cover up broken concrete, asphalt, etc. that littered the slope. We will plant grass there in the spring and this will allow for proper care and maintenance.
- The City of Hillsboro is seeking a lessee for the South Marina restaurant at Glenn Shoals Lake for the summer of 2020. Interested parties should contact City Hall for more information.

Interim Community Planner Report  
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-Strategic Plan. I've sent out worksheets to everyone on the council and the planning commission. I'm hoping to collect those responses by the end of the month. Further, I've gotten some good responses to the rough draft and including some of the suggestions in my edits. Finally, I'm working with an editor and a graphic designer to make the plan eye catching and easy to read.

-Last weekend, the Mayor and I met extensively with Atlas and Hardcore Hammers on about Hardcore's interest in town which included tours of possible available downtown buildings. We anticipate hearing something in the next week or two. We are also currently helping them connect with area businesses for possible subcontract work that could be extensive over the long term.

-Central Park Committee is going to present later in the meeting. It is extensive plan that has been worked on for a few months and the amount of work they've done is impressive. We all know it will be a long-term project, but I just wanted to thank them for their work in public as the initial state of planning is complete.

-The first joint business open forum was held last Tuesday, and it went very well. Joann from the SBDC shared what the SBDC can do for small business owners in the area. We believe this is just the first step in a long process, but it was an encouraging one. The next one will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>, and it will be an e-commerce workshop led by Brian Carver of Atlas 46.

-Heartland Conservancy meeting about our trail system was delayed due to weather and we've rescheduled it for next Tuesday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Interim Community Planner