

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
November 26, 2019**

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

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

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 and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy was absent.

Commissioner Duncan reported the annual tax levy would be voted on later in the meeting and the hospital has been working with the fire department to get physicals done per OSHA requirements and reporting.

Commissioner Downs reported on a water leak on the west side of town that was fixed by the street department and a water line had busted in the basement of the burnt building on Main St. and Commissioner Downs commended Danny Robinson Jr. for his work and effort during the break to get the water shutoff. Downs said he checked nearby buildings and no one had any damage from the broken line on either side of the burnt out building.

Mayor Sullivan report the HUD grant the City received is moving forward with contract to be signed with homeowners in mid-December and construction starting in mid-January.

Interim Community Planner Jonathan Weyer presented his report and it will be included in the minutes.

City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments.

Kaleb Payne addressed the Council on mowing of City property. Payne said the City has several advantages to contracting out the mowing of City property. Payne said the City would save money on equipment, manpower and cut costs on hiring summer help. Payne said even if the City kept some of the more prominent areas to mow and contracted the other areas they could still save money. Payne was asked about mowing the back of the dam on Glenn Shoals Lake and he didn't think that would be a

problem and it may be easier with some of the other equipment that could be used. Payne said some of the areas could be mowed with a bush hog and that would cut down on time and some would be easier cut with a bigger zero turn mower. The Council explained to Payne that they would take everything under advisement and said this may be the time for a RFP to see what advantages and costs would be out there if the City decided to contract out the mowing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Ordinance NO. 1699, the annual tax levy. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt Ordinance No. 1700, an Ordinance establishing water connection requirements for the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Ordinance No. 1701, an Ordinance amending the animal control code for the city of Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve the annual insurance renewal with ICRMT for a cost of \$169,168.00 an increase of 2.8%. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve moving forward with a resolution to place a referendum on the election ballot on whether to allow the sale of recreational cannabis in the corporate limits of the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve cancelling the December 24th Council meeting. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:43 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Sullivan a NV and Commissioner Murphy absent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

Council Meeting Report-December 10, 2019

- Received and put out 19 new trash receptacles downtown
- Installation of the electrical service for the Plaza and future downtown use has been completed and is energized
- Mulched and bagged leaves at Veteran's Memorial
- Continued splitting wood
- Installed door shade and serviced faucet at City Hall
- Put up holiday banners at the Plaza and decorated tree
- Working with Hurst-Rosche on finalizing permit requirements for the bridges for the planned Central Park/Challacombe trail
- Put up 22' tree on the courthouse lawn for the second time after 11/26 high winds blew it down
- Repaired ridge cap at north access area restrooms damaged from 11/26 high winds
- Cleaned gutters at Challacombe House