

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
January 26, 2021**

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Acting Mayor Duncan and Commissioners Downs and Murphy. Commissioner Robbins was absent because of an illness. Acting Mayor Duncan and Commissioner Murphy were remote.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins was absent.

Commissioner Murphy gave his condolences to the Kirby family for the death of Theresa Kirby. Murphy encouraged everyone to wear their masks, social distance and wash your hands. Murphy said this is not a mandate just an encouragement from him only. Murphy asked Attorney Hantla if he started proceedings on 617 Lakeview and he said yes they have been started. Murphy again encouraged everyone to clean up after themselves and keep the town clean. Murphy asked everyone not to throw their furniture out, especially not along the road and call the sanitation service to pick it up. Murphy said Mike Lee has started and hit the ground running and will be streamlining the service.

Acting Mayor Duncan reported Jennifer Weiss started a week ago and is training with Jan and seems to be doing good.

Commissioner Downs said the street department has been working on water leaks with the weather changing lines are breaking and there have been a few small boil orders and going door to door to let everyone know. Downs gave his own condolences for the Kirby family. Downs said everyone needs to shop local because small communities are losing their grocery stores and small businesses, please shop local.

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

City Engineer Jeremy Conner introduced himself and said the Seward St. project is ongoing and the 2021 MFT is on the agenda with a few extras such as concrete. Jeremy said if anyone has any questions he will be available to answer them.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 a resolution of maintenance for the 2021 MFT. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the planning commission's recommendation to appoint members to the future land use committee. Members appointed were Rex Brown, Jeremy Connor,

Brian Limbaugh, Brian Sullivan, Sami Eisentraut, Barn Hewitt and Brandi Lentz. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve hiring Frank Kenny and Tom O'Brien as part-time police officers in the police department with a starting salary of \$22.05. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a façade improvement grant for Jamie Ross for work to be done at 105 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a façade improvement grant reimbursement of \$1,550 for Linda Saathoff for work done at 221 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a façade improvement grant reimbursement of \$2,000 for Baltic Ave. Investments, LLC for work done at 107 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve stocking fish in the north access kids fishing pond for \$1,760 and in Glenn Shoals Lake for \$5,001. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a \$5,975 dollar pay request from Bill's Home Improvement using the housing grant for work done on Hillsboro-2. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a \$11,430 dollar pay request from Bill's Home Improvement using the housing grant for work done on Hillsboro-3. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downs and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve vacating a utility easement located on property at 7 Westwood Dr. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:38 pm by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Community and Economic Planner Report 1/26/2020

-I've begun writing our Economic Development plan. We will be focusing on three specific areas: Cultivate. Generate. Innovate. Cultivate will be focusing on developing our current small business communities. Generate will be focused on starting new businesses through The Coop. Innovate will be looking to develop a new economic sector around weekend tourism and making connections to develop Eagle's Zinc (also part of the future land use plan). Interesting stat to note, about 80 percent of our jobs in our town are generated by businesses with 50 or less employees.

-The Future Land Use Committee is before you tonight. You'll probably have noted that it is rather large for a normal committee. This is by design, as there is a lot of work that needs to be done and everyone will be a volunteer. I want to make sure we have enough hands on deck to do the work. We will be focusing on four specific areas: Possible Future Zoning, Use of our current public land owned by the city (land that is not a park), Eagle's Zinc development, and possible annexation. Our work will be divided up into four committees for each area that will move through three specific phases: Research, Writing, Approval/Publication. The goal is to have this plan approved and published in January 2022.

-At the request of Commissioner Murphy, I'm working with Mike Lee to examine our current zoning codes as well as working with Mike when he needs research or information.

-Finally, at the first meeting of this year, I forgot to inform the council that I've finished my Master's Degree in Community and Economic Planning from Western Illinois University. I believe this is one of the requirements of me being offered this job a year ago. This has been fulfilled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer
Community and Economic Planner