

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
May 11, 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, Murphy and Robbins. Commissioner Murphy were remote.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy thanked Acting Mayor Duncan for her service and stepping up and wished soon to be Mayor Downs. Murphy said Lisa Schneider has been inquiring about the use of the fireman's clubhouse and has been calling a lot and Murphy said he called Schneider today to tell her the clubhouse will be open following CDC guidelines. Murphy said the City will start following the guidelines for the bridge phase and start reopening City assets. Murphy thanked the government class for coming to the meetings. Murphy said the City has had a public servant, Rich Stewart, for the City for the last three years and the City will find out tomorrow if he coming back. Murphy said he is a hard worker and wants to stress how everyone needs to watch their words and if you ask for advice don't do the opposite of what you are told. Murphy reminded everyone to keep their property clean and mow their grass.

Acting Mayor Duncan said she has not received one budget from the departments. Duncan thanked everyone who supported her.

Commissioner Downs said Stewart will work for the City this year. Downs said it is not easy and he is going to find out. Downs thanked Duncan for roll as Acting Mayor. Downs said the sewer truck has been out around town using the camera and hopefully by next meeting figures will be available for installing a manhole on Fairground Ave. to shorten up the run between manholes. Downs asked everyone again to not put stuff down the toilet that doesn't belong there. Downs said IDOT is in town getting the stoplight and ADA work lined out. Downs sent his condolences to the Carl Miller family. Downs said Imagine Hillsboro was supposed to have their spring cleanup but it was cancelled because of the rain.

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

City Engineer Jeremy Connor updated the Council on the upcoming MFT letting, the Seward St. bridge project, spillway repairs and said sidewalk replacement is in IDOT's court and said there will be revisions to the Helston Pl. sewer project.

Public Comments:

Eric Bradley addressed the Council on closed session minutes from the November 24th. Bradley gave his qualifications to the Council and read a paragraph from the Attorney

General's Office opinion. Bradley said to his knowledge the closed session minutes concerning Bradley and verbatim recording has not been released. Bradley said he has a copy of both and would be willing to give a copy to anyone who wants them. Bradley said there was couple of things that got him hot under the collar and communication was the biggest problem. Bradley said he didn't get some things he was promised and he gave the definition of prescriptive easement and eminent domain. Bradley said he has knowledge on all of them and he is a professional and is licensed in this state and offered his services to help.

Dave Stromatt addressed the Council and said he has not received any reports from the City like he was told he would get them and hasn't got them or the Greenville College report yet. Stromatt said he was disappointed the lake restoration money was not on the agenda again.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve paying bills for the month of May in the amount of \$401,907.99. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a request from the Old Settlers Association to close Main St. for the Old Settlers Car Show, Old Settlers and bands for Old Settlers. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 a resolution to IDOT requesting to close Rt. 16 and Rt. 127 for the Old Settlers Parade. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 a resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Hillsboro and Tim Sheldon of Sheldon & Sons LLC. Utilizing business district funds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve an agreement with IDOT regarding local agency maintenance of traffic control devices. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a proposal from LOCIS for a block of 40 hours prepaid services at a cost of \$3,800. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a façade grant reimbursement to Hollie Blake for work done at 206 S. Main St., Subway, in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve hiring summer help in the police, parks and street department. Enno Greenwood in police, Dalton Taylor and Dominic Haggard in parks and Ethan Magdalen, Cameron Hacked, Jaen Compton and Brady Huber in the street department. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve hiring Josey Martello as the Central Park Pool manager. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve purchasing a garage door for the parks department from RP Lumber for a cost of \$1,297.17. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Montgomery County for sidewalk repair around the Old Courthouse. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve opening bids and accepting bids for property located on Glenn Shoals Lake PIN 12-19-200-029. One bid was received from Dean Less man for \$3,000 and the Council accepted the bid. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda item No. 21 was pulled from the agenda by Acting Mayor Duncan

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Motion to Adjourn Sine Die was made at 7:53 pm by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Downs was given the Oath of Office

Roll call to go back into regular session was taken at 7:56 pm with all Commissioner and Mayor Downs present.

There were no public comments.

Agenda item No. 29 was pulled from the agenda by Mayor Downs.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:00 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing in parks, lakes, and public properties, emptying trash cans, servicing dog park, etc.
- Continued repairs and preparation at the pool
- Central Park Pool and kiddie pool have been painted and are being filled with water
- Returned painted bike racks and picnic tables to Central Park
- Delivered replacement upright freezer to Marina and hauled off inoperable unit
- Illinois Oil Marketing came and made repair to gas pump at Marina
- The Marina restaurant is now open for business on weekends
- Repaired swing at the campground playground
- Continued electrical repairs at the campground
- John Deere X738 is down with a broken drive shaft awaiting parts for repair
- Overhead garage door at the shop broke
- Secured two windows at the Corner Block
- Waiting on a couple of quotes to complete budget draft

STREET DEPT.

1. MOWED
2. RAN STREET SWEEPER
3. RIP RAPPED DITCH ON KINKEAD RD.
4. BLACKTOPPED
5. WORKED ON SIDEWALKS
6. CUT TREE ON PARK ST.
7. PICKED UP BRUSH
8. MANNED DUMPSTERS FOR SPRING CLEANUP
9. HAULED SAND FOR SPORTS COMPLEX
10. CLEANED DITCH ON OAK ST.
11. CLEANED DITCH ON GUNNING ST.
12. CLEANED STORM DRAINS AND GRATES

Community and Economic Planner Report 5/11/2021

-Aly Grady, our state Economic Development representative was in town last week. Mayor-Elect Downs and I gave her a tour and discussed matching state grants with our needs. I sent her the strategic plan and I will follow up with her next week.

-Rivers and Routes will be here on Thursday for a similar tour. They will be meeting with Atlas and Hardcore, as well as getting a tour of the Rooster followed by lunch.

-Further, I want to really emphasize and encourage people to follow our Head to Hillsboro social media. This is our official tourism arm, run by the city, the Chamber and Imagine. Kaitlyn and I have formed a fantastic group of people who are really driving our content on social media. Rachel Beckett is chairing the group and doing a fantastic job.

-Just a reminder that I will be taking the University of Georgia's grant writing classes and will most likely be out of pocket for most of that time, as I will be taking 24 credit hours in the space of a week. This will most likely also include some night work.

-Work on the Economic Plan continues and I hope to be submitting it to you next week for you to approve at the May 25th meeting. I will be submitting the rough draft for approval and permission to ask Nancy Slepicka to do graphic design work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer
Community and Economic Planner.