

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
June 14, 2022

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

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Downs and Commissioners Duncan, Wright and Butler.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Butler read his report for the street department and said the CTI instillation is going well at the campground and they should have CTI internet service soon. Butler said the signs are out on the lake and they continue to mow and weed eat.

Commissioner Duncan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Wright read her report and it will be included in the minutes.

Mayor Downs said the suburban transmission was on the agenda. Downs thanked the police department and sheriff's office for their work catching the person accused of the Hardee's attempted armed robbery.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell gave her report and it will be included in the minutes.

City Engineer was not present.

Public Comments:

Dawn Young and Wayne Wieteken addressed the Council on Cross Over Ministries and wanted to let the Council know a little about what they did. Wieteken said they are focusing on addiction and recovery in the area. Wieteken said they are providing education on recovery and will have a room for anyone to go to and get information on their recovery and addiction. Young said they found out that Montgomery County has a need for access to mental health. Young said they want to be part of the solution and are working with the Health Department and other substance abuse organizations to get things started. Young said it will be called the living room giving someone a place to go to seek help with their addiction. Young said she welcomes anyone who is curious about the living to show up and help. Young said it is expensive to run so they will need lots of support from everyone. Mayor Downs thanked Young and Wieteken for attending the meeting.

Mike Rappe addressed the Council on the possible sale or transfer of the Blackman-Evans Home or the Harkey House to the Historical Society. Rappe said he understands why it is on the agenda and over the years both have caused the City some money. Rappe said he knows it doesn't bring in money to the City but preserving the historic houses in Hillsboro is a must. Rappe said he knows there are some issues paying the bills for both houses since no money is coming in and he knows that's what it comes

down to. Rappe said he believes at some point in time the City could budget for both houses so one or both don't have to be sold. Rappe said the Blackman-Evans Home was donated to the City with the understanding it was going to be a museum. Rappe said maybe the City needs to ask the family who donated the house if they would like it back. Rappe said he just wanted to let the Council know about the houses and hopefully let the City think about what they are going to do with the houses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve paying bills for the month of June in the amount of \$338,487.30. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve the appointment of John Rapp to the Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda item No. 12 was pulled from the agenda by Mayor Downs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve the 4th of July Biathlon and kid's fun run / bike. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve replacing the transmission in the fire department suburban with a new transmission from Roger Jennings for a cost of \$4,225.06. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to authorize Hurst & Rosche to bid out the Huber St. water main project. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing 195 feet of 24" sanitite dual wall pipe from Midwest Municipal Supply for a cost of \$6,591.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Resolution No. 2022-04, a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the reconstruction of a culvert on Mechanic St. for a cost of \$87,200.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the local agency engineering agreement with Hurst & Rosche for the culvert reconstruction on Mechanic St. for a cost of \$8,400.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing four mobile radios for the street department from GTSI for a cost of \$1,981.60. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve making the south side of Church St. no parking. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve purchasing the materials to build a shed for the street from R.P. Lumber Co. for a cost of \$40,148.36. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve amending the animal control ordinances for the city. Butler said he would like to reinstate the code with some changes just to give the City something to control dogs around town. Everyone seemed to agree that something needed to be done but the County still hasn't got the new proposal to the City for animal control and should probably wait until the County releases the proposal. There was no action taken on the motion.

Commissioner Butler said there have been some issues at the campground. Butler said in the past campers have been able to put two names on sights and if one wants to leave the second person gets the sight without being on the list. Butler said he changed the rule to only allow the persons camping at the sight to be on the lease. Butler said there are some that are mad with the new rules because they want to move into a sight and Butler told him no they are only moving forward from this point. The Council agreed with what Butler was doing and he will continue with the new rule. Butler said there will be some kind of a contract so that someone who puts anything into the ground such as sewer, rock or electric it becomes City property. Butler said it has happened and he feels that there should be some kind of enforcement action and the person that has done this in the past was angry with the City when he did it and other campers told Butler he did it. Butler said he will come up with an agreement and bring it in front of the board.

Commissioner Butler said there are three homes in Hillsboro, the Harkey House and Harkey Rental House along with the Blackman-Evans Home. Butler said there is not a lot of money to take care of the homes. Butler asked when the last time the homes were open and he was told Old Settlers time. Butler said the rent house is not being rented at this time because of a paint issue. Butler said he has suggested to one of the Historic Society members to sell one of the houses and use the money to fix the others. Butler said the Historical Society will have the say in what gets sold, if anything. Butler said there is so much to be done with little money to do it. Butler said we are hurting the homes by trying to keep all three and not keeping them up. Butler said he would like to see a stronger membership between the City and the Historical Society. Butler said talks will continue with the Historical Society to come up with a solution that works best for everyone.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a \$2,000 Façade Improvement Grant Reimbursement to Connie Childers for work done at 101 S. Broad St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve the recommendation by Mayor Downs of Jerry Gregory as Commissioner of Public Health & Safety. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Gregory was sworn in by Mayor Downs.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:35 pm by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

STREET DEPARTMENT

- 1. DURA-PATCHING**
- 2. BLACKTOPPING**
- 3. REPLACING BRICKS ON JEFFERSON ST.**
- 4. REPAIRED WATER LEAK ON W WOOD ST. REMOVED LEAD SERVICE LINE**
- 5. REPAIRED WATER LEAK ON W TREMONT ST.**
- 6. MOWING**
- 7. GRADED SHOULDERS ON SEYMOUR AND KINKEAD.**
- 8. STREET SWEEPING**
- 9. PICKED UP BRUSH**
- 10. STORM DRAIN WORK ON ASH AND VIRGINIA**

Public Utility Report June 14, 2022

Water:

Still waiting to hear back from Petersburg on the status of repairing the lead service line under the intersection of Highway 16/127/185.

Water temperatures are rising, and as a result, we will likely begin to experience the summer algae bloom in Glenn Shoals. We will keep an eye on the water quality and act accordingly if any sign of Cyanobacteria are present.

Water meters are still being changed out as time allows and customers respond. We are approaching the 500 completed in the last 11 months. On average, approximately 20 per month are being swapped out between water plant staff and the youth sports administrator. The street dept. has been helping out installing some meter pits in locations with poor cell service or issues with inside the home meter sets.

We have been told that some of the lab testing equipment will be hard to come by as the summer goes on. The Hach "chemkeys", which are used in our SL 1000 for testing Chlorine, Ammonia, Nitrite, among other things, have been hit by the supply bug finally. We are now switching back to the old style of testing, with some of the older equipment we have as backup. The down side is the amount of time it takes to complete the tests and there is greater chance for operator error. No word when the supply will return to normal.

Sewer:

USDA has once again come back with questions on City Finances. All current questions have been answered and hopefully we are nearing the end of the Q&A period and can begin to make progress on the construction bid portion shortly.

Hickory Street Lift Station rehab has been delayed until late July. Problems with the control panel components are the issue. The control panel is partially assembled and is awaiting the VFD's. Vandevanter's supplier is stating they can start to expect a 20+ week lead time on certain parts. This seems to be the case on a lot of the products in the industry right now.

24" pipe is on the agenda for purchase to replace a section of Sewer Main between the Junior High and the High School. This will be a new material the City can try which is more economical than standard PVC pipe. Metropolitan Sewer District in St Louis uses a lot of this product and has had great success. If this works well for the City in this application, we may start having it quoted as well on sewer jobs.

A capacitor on the City Lake Rd Lift Station went bad. This was caught early during the tri-weekly lift station checks and replaced. Also, it's still operational for now, but we have a seal fail on pump #1. We are working to get it pulled and replaced with an in-house spare. The old pump will be sent off for repairs to be quoted. We will also price a new one but the lead-time will likely be like everything else.

The sewer plant is seeing a tremendous amount of grease and trash coming into the plant. Reminder, please do not dump cooking oil or leftover grease down the sink. The trash is likely making its way from the Prison, as we are seeing a lot of single use containers for instant coffee, ketchup packets, etc.

The new sewer nozzle was delivered from Coe Equipment. We have yet to get it out to test it but we have a couple lines picked out for its inaugural run.

Economic Development and Community Planner Report 6/14/2022

- I have continued to spend time visiting local businesses to introduce myself and generally get to know the community, getting my face out there and meeting people so they know who I am and my job.
- This week I am taking a virtual course to obtain my grant writing certification
- I have an ongoing list of people to meet with and to make contact with.

Thank you,
Sarah McConnell