

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
June 22, 2021

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

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports from the street department and parks department and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy reported the police department was going to receive a donated vest for the K9. Murphy said the summer workers and Stewart are doing a great job with mowing and weed eating around town. Murphy asked everyone to keep their yards clean. Murphy also asked people to use fireworks during the appropriate time and the police will deal with complaints if they come in.

Commissioner Duncan said she needed the budget reports from most departments.

Commissioner Wright reported the hydrant meter and backflow was installed for a contractor. Wright said they have met with a homeowner about bad water and it was found to be his hot water heater. Wright said the lake is below full pool and they are working with Schram City on their meter. Wright said sewer pumps have had wipes in them again and reminded everyone to not flush wipes down the sewer.

Mayor Downs reported he had a meeting with Mayors and said it went well. Downs said the ITEP Grant was not approved for the City but they would try again. Downs said he met with a Senator and showed her around town.

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

City Engineer Jeremy Connor reported the ITEP grant was denied and some bridge funding was denied also. Connor said they are still working on the Helston Pl. sewer project, the spillway project and surveys on Tremont St. for sidewalks.

Public Comments:

Bill Baran, Kathy Dobrinic, Bob Albright, Wally Delong, Ronda Sanford and Gene Knisley addressed the Council on their disapproval of the sale of the park on City Lake Rd. Everyone that spoke was against the City selling the park and concerned that it was the only park with shade. Everyone thought the City should keep the park and install new equipment to make the park better. Everyone said there are memories there from being there as kids. Mayor Downs said the item is on the agenda and everything they said will be taken into consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve a proposal from Hurst & Rosche to complete the necessary design and

permitting for a water main relocation. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Robbins and Wright voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to reconsider approving bids for PIN # 11-36-400-039, Lot 1, 736 City Lake Rd. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-1 to sell the property with Commissioner Robbins voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to reconsider approving bids for PIN # 11-36-400-041, Lot 2, 731 City Lake Rd. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-1 to sell the property with Commissioner Robbins voting no.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve closing Main St. for the harvest festival to be held on October 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the terms of the Planning Commission member retroactive to May1, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve advertising for professional services to apply for the next round of HUD grants. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a request from Hillsboro Free Methodist Church to use the Lincoln Plaza for a worship service and free meal to the community on July 24, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 1704, a fire hydrant meter program. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve an amended water contract with Schram City for 35 years. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve a TIF grant for St. James Ave. Property, LLC for work to be done at 102 S. Main St. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a survey along Wood St. in the Klar and Kress & Wright addition. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve amending section 31-1-15 of the City of Hillsboro Code. **Motion to amend the motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Wright to include 31-1-17 also. Amended motion carried 5-0. Motion to amend both 31-1-15 and 31-1-17 carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve amending the boat slip lease to include maintenance by the lessee. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda item No. 23 was pulled from the agenda by Mayor Downs.

Agenda item No. 24 was pulled from the agenda by Mayor Downs.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:54 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

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, spraying weeds, trimming limbs, weed eating, etc.
- Jim May & Thomas Reynolds completed pesticide testing
- Poured foundation for 15' tall H and floor over restroom plumbing in building at Central Park
- Repaired railing at north access area of Glenn Shoals Lake
- Repaired bench at the fire pit at Hillsboro Lake
- Repaired toilet at the PD
- Lentz Forestry, Mulching, & Land Management mowed the slopes at the Irving Silt Basin and the parks crew removed debris from the overflow structure and weed eaten along the shoreline
- Spread reclaimed rock from former CTI lot as a base for trail along the creek in Challacombe property near the dog park
- Cleaned up limbs and other debris from former CTI lot
- Watered young trees throughout the parks
- Spread mulch around trees throughout parks and South Marina restrooms, Challacombe, and Triangle Park flower gardens
- Replaced two damaged buoys on Glenn Shoals Lake and replaced some lake lot signs
- Made repairs to kiddie pool filter
- Sprayed riprap at Hillsboro Lake and Glenn Shoals Lake spillways, entrance to campground, and Meisenheimer Avenue
- Replace hand dryers at 4th of July Point restrooms and men's shower house in campground
- Completed multiple electrical repairs in the campground
- IDPH inspected the pool and our license was renewed for 2022
- Weed eaten along shoreline of 4th of July Point in preparation from upcoming festivities
- Retrieved boat that had come loose from the Marina
- Continuing work at Glenn Shoals North Access Area to develop park space

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Subject: for your reading enjoyment

From: streets@hillsboroillinois.net

Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 12:51 pm

To: "Cory" <cityhall@hillsboroillinois.net>

Street Department

1. Ran street sweeper
2. Continued sidewalk work on Park St.
3. Installed stop signs on Roosevelt Dr.
4. Mowed right of ways
5. Filled hole in boulevard on Oak St.
6. Blacktopped
7. Edged sidewalks on Rountree and E. Tremont
8. Chipped hot spots on various roads
9. Repaired water leak on city side of a service line on Lakeview Dr.
10. Removed a lead service line and installed a new poly line on Jefferson St.
11. Picked up a deceased squirrel on Kinkead Rd.

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Community and Economic Planner Report 06/22/21

-I am pleased to announce that the MCEDC has partnered with the Center on Rural Innovation. The purpose of this partnership is to help Montgomery County further build a digital economy and think about our entire economic future. To get into this program is very difficult and competitive. Cape Girardeau is the closest city where they've worked. It started out as a possible program for Hillsboro and The Coop, but we soon realized this program had much broader implications for our county. So, we looked for willing partners to stand with us and the MCEDC agreed to take leadership on it. I will be one of the main contact people on the project. Hillsboro wants to work together with everyone in our region and we're hoping this program to help Montgomery County rethink its future will be a huge step forward. For everyone in the public, stay tuned for more details.

-On July 1st, we are going to have a "rough" open house at The Coop at 7:00 PM. I will be talking about the city's economic development plan and seeking to get comments from the community before I present the final draft for your approval at the July 13th meeting. The plan is currently being edited by Barb Hewitt.

-Report on Senator Turner's visit.

-The Future Land Use plan continues to meet and do its work. We want to have a rough draft completed by October.

-I sent the Council all the info, but to inform the public, I completed the grant writing class at the University of Georgia last week and received their certification. I'm now in the process of writing up how we need to go about applying for grants. Stay tuned for more information.

-The Tourism group will be meeting with Rivers and Routes to be trained in all things tourism, sometime in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer
Community and Economic Planner.