

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 13, 2020**

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.

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 reminded everyone to call the police if there is a problem and do not put it on Facebook. Murphy said please get rid of your tires and do not stack them up in your yard and use your trash cans and then put them back behind your house as the ordinance states. Murphy reminded everyone to use paper bags for their leaves and do not put them in the street. Murphy said the corner block building was progressing and there are talks among individuals for the sale of the building and thanked Tony Marcolini for helping to secure the building.

Commissioner Duncan reported the ITEP grant will be submitted soon and there will be a public hearing during the HPC meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Downs reported the water leak on Vandalia Rd. has been fixed and hydrants are being tested by the water department. Downs thanked Vogel Plumbing and Bondurant Plumbing for helping find a sewer blockage at the intersection of Rountree St. and Summer St. Downs reminded everyone to take down their yard sale signs after they are done and don't blow your leaves into the street. Downs said the Imagine Hillsboro rake and run will be done on Saturday, November 7th and they will be going from yard to yard helping people cleanup their yards.

Community Planner Jonathan Weyer's report will be included in the minutes.

City Engineer Scott Hunt reported the 2020 MFT is coming to an end and the end of the year audit will be done soon and work will begin on 2021 MFT. Hunt said the work on the plans to repair the Old Lake Spillway is progressing and they are starting to work on a zoning update for the City. Hunt said work on the Helston Pl. sewer replacement plans is progressing and they have met about possible grants for the project and the Huber Dr. water line project.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve paying bills for the month of October in the amount of \$393,107.18. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Robbins abstaining because of a family conflict.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a proposal from Hurst & Rosche to complete a preliminary environmental site assessment associated with the enhancement of Main St. for a cost of \$4,000.00 to be paid out of the business district fund. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a use agreement for the use of the city man lift. Council discussion including changes to include use as of manufactures specs and diesel fuel only. There was no action taken by the Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve fall cleanup dates of Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to Saturday, November 7, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve setting trick or treat dates and hours. After discussion the Council decided not to set specific dates and times and leave it up to the citizens to make a decision on if they wanted trick or treating at their house because of Covid-19. No action was taken by the Council.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:45 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing, and weed eating in parks, public properties, and campground
- Performed electrical and water hydrant repairs in campground
- Replaced bench near playground at Sports Complex
- Laid erosion blanket, spread grass seed, and placed riprap on stream bank near the Wood St. bridge to maintain repairs from wash outs caused by 12" water main break
- Stained benches at the fire pit at Hillsboro Lake
- Many hours of work leveling and preparing the slopes for grass seeding at Central Park
- Cut dead trees at Glenn Shoals north access area
- Jim renewed his underground storage tank operator's certification for the Marina fuel system
- Turned off water at former Scout Camp
- Planted 18 trees at Glenn Shoals north access area, dog park area, and Challacombe Park
- Continued work on lake lot lease revisions
- Trimmed dead limbs in park and campground
- Helped Street Dept. pour sidewalks on Oak St.

STREET DEPT.

1. Repaired water main on Vandalia Rd.
2. Poured sidewalk on Oak St.
3. Patched hole in road on Rollins St.
4. Hauled tree away that was cut down on Broad St.
5. Set new sign post and put up new stop sign on Broad St.
6. Ran leaf vac.
7. Oiled N. Larkin, Brailey and Independence streets.
8. Cored out cul-de-sac on Oakbrook Dr. and put in new base rock
9. Dura-patched Old Oaks Dr. and Oakbrook Dr.
10. Picked up brush.



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Second & Fourth Tuesdays

10/13/2020

WATER: Since our last meeting in September, the Street Dept. coordinated with IDOT to dig in the Northbound lane of Rt. 127 in front of Butlers Laundry Mat. To attempt to locate the cause of the ongoing issue of water on the pavement, which has taken place for the past several months. Much thanks to the crew for their hard work and the repair of the small pin hole in the main.

Woodard & Curran employees have completed the flushing of Fire Hydrants. During this time each hydrant was Flow Tested, Static Pressure Tested as well as the Monitoring of Chlorine Residuals throughout the entire water system. All this information has been loaded into the new GIS system as well as any new issues found with hydrants that need to be addressed.

SEWER: Would like to thank Vogel Plumbing and Bondurant Plumbing in their assistance in a backup at Rountree & Summer St. After Woodard & Curran employees were able to get past the blockage which was under the intersection, a camera revealed a lodged section of clay tile and mud. It appears that during the earlier construction this summer, a stake may have been drove through the clay tile or it may have become dislodged during the compaction of the roadway. This section of pipe was not known about prior to construction as it is not located on our city map.

This is being monitored daily as plans for remediation are being sought after.

On a side note, it is the season of Yard Sales and rapidly falling leaves. If you as a resident go to all the trouble of putting out signage for your yard sale, PLEASE take the time to take them down after your sale is over.

As for the windy days to come and the displacement of leaves around town, PLEASE don't Rake or Blow your leaves into the street. On Sat. Oct. 24th a couple of High School aged boys are raking leave for donations for their travel baseball team. Also Imagine Hillsboro & The Hospital Junior Board are doing the annual Rake-N-Run on Saturday Nov 7th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don E. Downs, Commissioner

Katie Duncan, Commissioner of Accounts & Finance & Interim Mayor, Michael Murphy, Commissioner of Public Health & Safety
Don Downs, Commissioner of Public Utilities, Daniel Robbins, Commissioner of Streets & Public Property
Cory Davidson, City Clerk, Bonnie Hefley, City Treasurer

Community and Economic Planner Report, 10-13-2020

-The Strategic Plan Public Comment Meeting will be set for October 27th. The plan is up on the website for public reading. Nancy has finished the first 35 pages and I've sent it to the council by email for review. I'm very pleased with the results, as it's important for the strategic plan to look professional and eye catching.

-There's been a bit of a delay on the city marketing website. We put the site out to a variety of community leaders who gave us some good suggestions for changes. Right now, we're working on those changes. This seems like a long process, but we want to get it right and make sure it's the best site possible for the community.

-The Corner Block building saw some significant progress in the past two weeks. Everyone is starting to come together around the incremental approach to the building. We've all realized that an "angel" investor is not going to come and save us from this problem. So, Interim Mayor Ducan, Commissioner Murphy, Jim May and Myself along with a variety of community leaders are working on implementing this strategy. It is bearing fruit and we hope to have more updates in the future.

-The Coop's vision casting meeting took place and established a wonderful, community based vision. They want to emphasize the community aspect of their work, especially as we gather local talent to teach local talent.

-The Economic Development plan is continuing and I've started writing it. Again, the focus will be on putting an emphasis on local development, whether it is encouraging businesses already started or the ones that will begin in our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner