

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
October 27, 2020**

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

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

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports for the street department and public property and they will be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Murphy was absent.

Acting Mayor Duncan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Downs spoke on a meter pit being installed on S. Main St. and Downs said he thought since the home owner was putting in a new line to the curb stop the City might as well install a pit and get the meter out of the house. Downs said it worked out and there is more pressure to the house now and the line from the curb stop to the main was copper so it didn't have to be replaced. Downs said he had been contacted about a curb stop in the middle of the sidewalk on S. Oak St. around 1112 S. Oak. Downs said the City should maybe look back at Julies and see who the plumber was that did the work. Downs thanked the fire department, all other departments and all the farmers who worked to stop the ground fire on Saturday.

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

City Engineer Scott Hunt said he would like to see two water services located and if there is a third line on Vandalia St. try to locate the line.

Public Comments:

Eric Bradley and John Gibbs addressed the Council on the Summer St. Sewer and Storm Sewer line that they would like to be relocated. Bradley and Gibbs both stated they would like to build garages on their property and both lines are in the way. Bradley said he would like to get the process moving and it seems to be getting delayed. Clerk Davidson said once he figured out Bradley did not own the property he could not make the request himself it had to be the home owner. Bradley said his mother-in-law is the property owner and they are in the process of buying the house. Bradley was told he needed to have his mother-in-law put in a request and it would be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Roger Schamberger from Burbach Aquatics addressed the Council on the pool and what updates need to be done. Schamberger said his firm specializes in pools and they would do a phase 1 evaluation of the pool facility which does about 32 different areas.

Schamberger said the evaluation is then looked over for IDPH review for ADA compliance and if it meets IDPH standards. Chamberger said the agreement the City would sign does not bind them to anything other than the first step evaluation. Chamberger said they are willing to hold billing for up to a year if needed. Acting Mayor Duncan thanked Chamberger for his presentation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve entering into a professional services agreement between the City and Burbach Aquatics for professional services for the Central Park Pool Project for a cost of \$2,350.00 plus reimbursables. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a reverse Christmas Parade sponsored by Imagine Hillsboro. The motion was tabled until further information could be provided by Imagine Hillsboro.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve remodeling the old Mcfarlin building at Central Park for a cost NTE \$3,500.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to adopt Resolution No. 2020-07 a resolution of support for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Cycle 14 "Main Street Landscape". Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Resolution No. 2020-08 a resolution authorizing an agreement with Brian Sullivan for the redevelopment of certain property located at 102 S. Main St. The agreement is for a onetime payment of \$25,000 and for \$5,000 a year for 5 years. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve an equipment use agreement for the use of the city lift. Attorney Hantla asked that a paragraph be put in the agreement requiring insurance by the user. Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to amend the agreement to include a requirement for proof of insurance by the user. Motion carried 3-0. Final approval for the agreement pending the change carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve purchasing a furnace from Hiller's for a cost of \$1,574.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs to adopt Ordinance No. 1707 an ordinance amending section 33-4-4 of the Municipal Code "Road Bonds". Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:19 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Downs. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mulching and mowing in parks and public properties
- Laid erosion blanket and spread grass seed at the lot being used by CTI at Wood & Welch Streets
- Prepared Central Park soil and spread 200 lbs of grass seed
- Began demo and prep work for building remodel at Central Park
- Began clearing bush honeysuckle and establishing trail at Challacombe Park
- Planted 2 trees at Challacombe Park
- Campground was inspected by IDPH and our permit was renewed for 2021
- Replaced swing at lake parks swing set
- Cleaned gutters at Challacombe House
- Continued work on lake lot lease revisions

STREET DEPARTMENT

1. BLACKTOPPED
2. DURA-PATCHED
3. RAN STREET SWEEPER
4. RAN LEAF VAC
5. FINISHED POURING SIDEWALK ON OAK ST.
6. FORMED SIDEWALK ON S MAIN ST
7. INSTALLED NEW METER PIT AND METER AT A RESIDENCE ON S. MAIN ST.
8. ORDERED DUMPSTERS FOR FALL CLEANUP
9. PICKED UP BRUSH AND LEAVES
10. BEGAN FALL MOWING

Community and Economic Planner Report, 10-27-2020

-We had a delay in the Strategic Plan Comment meeting. But, that served us well as that gave Nancy time to finish the whole document. It's now ready for your approval at the November 10th meeting. I've sent copies to everyone on the council and Barb is sending it out to the Planning Commission. There are no content changes, as there have been no public comments up to this point. That could change, of course, depending on the public meeting. However, I do not anticipate that. I want to give a public thanks to Nancy and her hard work.

-The city marketing site is going through final edits. Tori and I will be sitting down this week to go over grammar and wording. Once that's done, we will be ready to launch it next week. Everyone needs to keep in mind this website is a "living document" and will evolve as it moves forward. We will have articles on why Hillsboro is a great place to live, a focus on our area artists, and we will, of course, focus on our local business community. Everyone must also remember this website is for people who are "outside" Hillsboro. This is not a website for residents, unless they want to use it to invite their friends! We want to bring people to our community, one of core principles in the strategic plan, and develop our weekend tourism industry.

-The Corner Block building saga is still ongoing. We are continuing to hammer out details and possible scenarios. Tony and Jim (as a community volunteer) are working with Jerry to get the building sealed up for the winter in order to buy us more time.

-I was just informed yesterday that another business is coming to down. We hope the announcement will be on November 11th.

-Want to compliment the Imagine Hillsboro Theater Group and everyone who turned out on Sunday to work on The Orpheum Grand Theater. This is what Hillsboro is all about and it was a beautiful thing to watch on social media.

-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