

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
November 24, 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. Acting Mayor Duncan and Commissioner Murphy attended remotely.

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 asked everyone to pick up after themselves especially dog poop on Main St. and if you don't the City will utilize cameras to catch you. Murphy said if assistance is needed with brush pickup please contact Coach Stewart and he can help. Murphy asked everyone to please not litter and Murphy said he is looking at Code Enforcement for the future since Ofc. Satterlee will be retiring and will be bringing the option to hire Mike Lee to the Council in the future. Murphy said he had a citizen contact him reference to demolishing the lore property on Virginia St. and Murphy said if someone wants the properties that are demolished they should get involved and buy the taxes for the properties.

Commissioner Duncan said the application process for the water clerk position will be over soon and she will go through all the applications.

Commissioner Downs said the City continues to replace meters and mark utilities around town. Downs said once the map is completed then he will have Tim Ferguson come in and show the map to everyone.

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

City Engineer was not present.

Public Comments:

Eric Bradley addressed the Council and asked that the City please consider moving the sanitary main and storm drain running through the properties. Bradley said they both diminish his property value and he is concerned about them running under his two neighbor's houses. Bradley said he feels this is a safety concern. Bradley said the breach that he knows of has never been fixed. Bradley said he was denied to be on the agenda tonight and was never notified why. Bradley said he has asked questions and never got answers and has not been kept in the loop on anything that is going on. Bradley said he would like a plan put into place that would satisfy him. Bradley said all three homeowners went to a meeting with Commissioner Downs and no one else from the City showed up. Bradley said he believes in the process that's why he has been so diligent. Bradley said he heard from Interim Mayor and she told him it would be discussed in closed session and he didn't understand how it could be discussed if the

City had no numbers or solutions to look into. Bradley asked for a resolution for himself and his neighbors.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a proposed agreement with IDOT for traffic signal and ADA improvements. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve 2 payments for the housing grant to Bill's Home Improvement for \$18,500 and \$14,900. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a \$15,000 TIF reimbursement to Tom Compagni for work done at Paris Frozen Foods. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve an up to \$2,000 façade grant for Tony Marcolini for work to be done at 106 W. Wood St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve an up to \$2,000 façade grant for Tim Sheldon for work to be done at 213 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Downs** and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve an up to \$2,000 façade grant for Brian Limbaugh for work to be done at 114 School St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve the reverse Christmas parade sponsored by Imagine Hillsboro to be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Robbins started a discussion on lake lot lease agreements. Robbins said Jim sent out a lot of information that everyone was suppose to look over. Robbins asked if anyone had any comments on the changes for the leases and Clerk Davidson said the City could have a system set up to mail out notices and it cost about \$400 per year.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Downs to approve a closed session on 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) "possible litigation" at 7:43 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call to back into regular session at 8:52 pm with Acting Mayor Duncan and all Commissioners present.

There was no action taken on possible litigation

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:53 pm by Commissioner Robbins** and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

# Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

## Council Meeting Report-November 24, 2020

- Mulching and mowing in parks and public properties
- Turned off water and winterized plumbing and secured buildings at north access area restrooms, South Marina, South Marina parking lot restrooms, campground shower house, Little John, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Point restrooms, Veterans Memorial irrigation, and Central Park pool
- Jim met with Carl Reynolds and Kendra Wright finalizing draft concepts for changes to lake lot leases
- Jim met with CTI about expansion of free wifi and wifi supported surveillance cameras at Challacombe, Central Park, and along the planned trail system
- Backfilled, graded, and seeded area of new sidewalk at Sports Complex
- Burned off hillside at north access area
- Winterized the boat and put into storage
- Replaced boards on old lake dock
- Repaired roof on raw water pump station at Glenn Shoals lake
- JLG man lift was repaired by Steve Barnes and returned to town and is back in use on downtown buildings
- Took F-250 to Victory Lane Ford for front end repairs covered under warranty
- Continued repairs and maintenance on weed-eaters, mowers, etc.
- Replaced fuel pump on wood chipper
- Replaced tire on red Chevy
- Pumped out pool and representatives from Burbach Aquatics came and completed an inspection of the pool. We should have a report in upcoming weeks.



# CITY OF HILLSBORO

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Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Second & Fourth Tuesdays

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## STREET DEPARTMENT

1. Put up new street signs and post at Mechanic and Columbia
2. Ran leaf vac.
3. Dura-patched
4. Blacktopped.
5. Picked up leaves and brush.
6. Repaired erosion under Meisenheimer bridge.
7. Finished backfilling new sidewalk on Oak St.

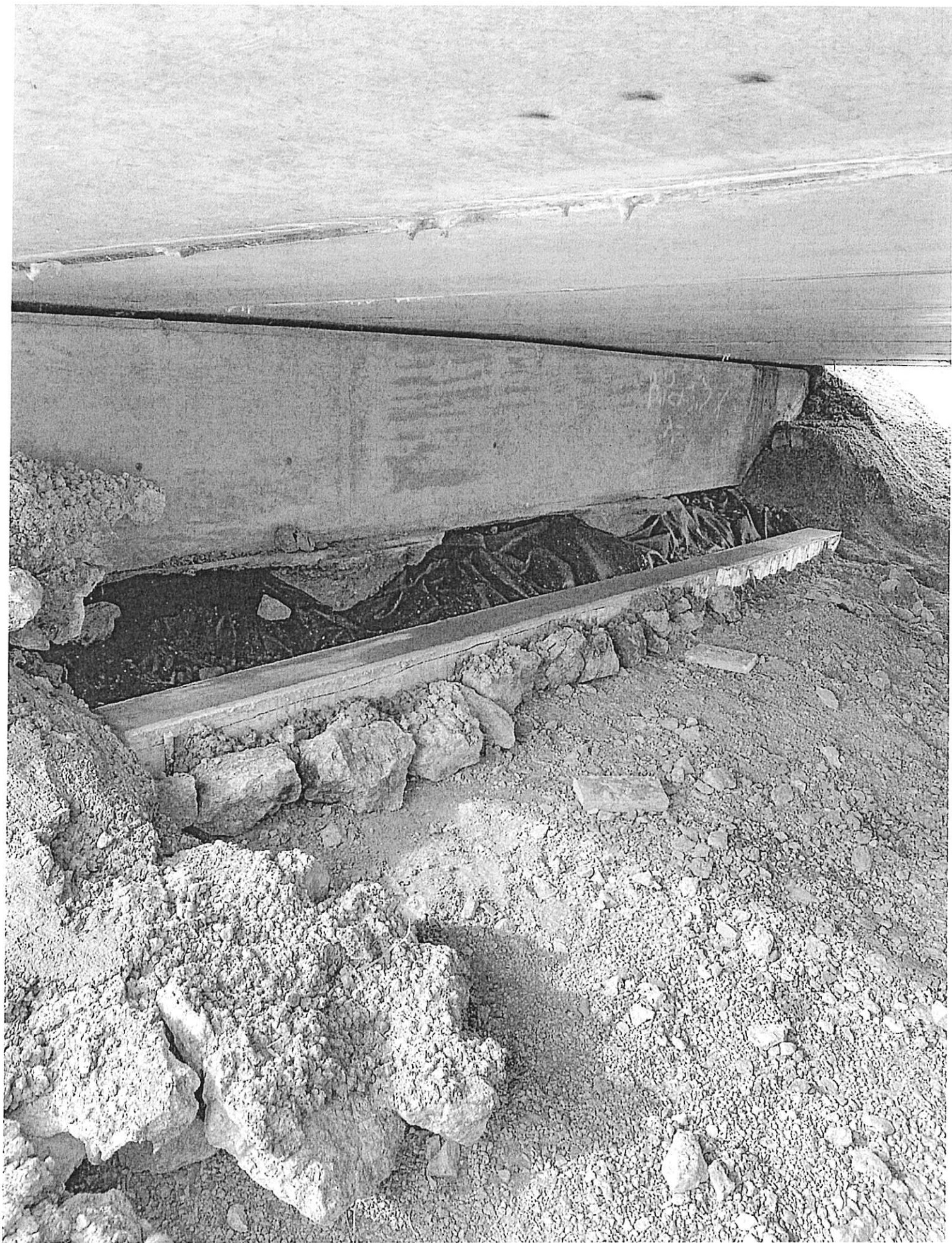
Brian Sullivan, Mayor

Katie Duncan, Commissioner Accounts & Finance, Michael Murphy, Commissioner Public Health & Safety

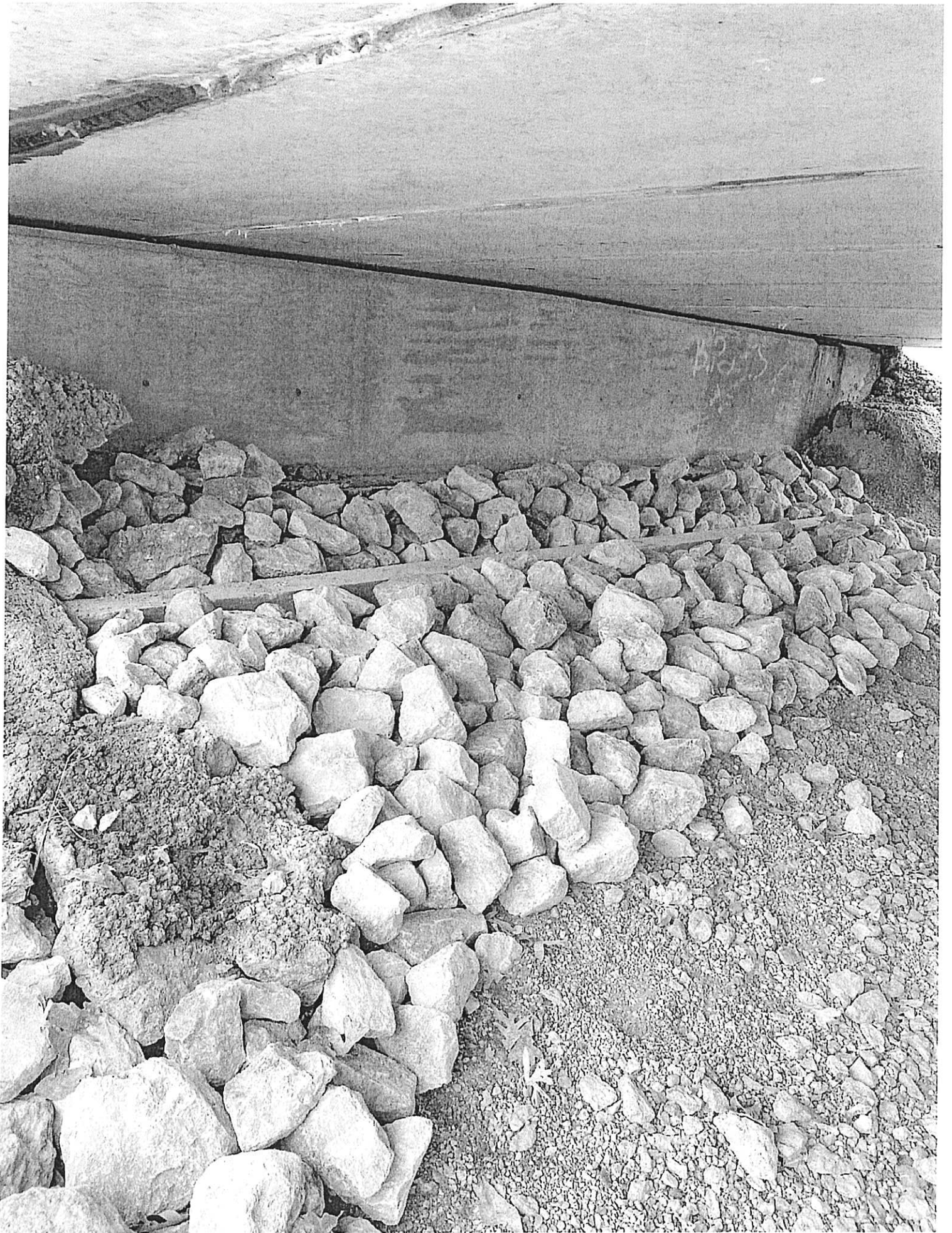
Don Downs, Commissioner of Public Utilities, Daniel Robbins, Commissioner of Streets & Public Property

Cory Davidson, City Clerk, Bonnie Hefley, City Treasurer









Community and Economic Planner Report, 11/24/2020

- Since the launch of the Strategic Plan and marketing website, I've been fielding calls and emails, wanting to know what's going on in Hillsboro. I've gotten inquiries from Iowa, Missouri and Illinois so far. Further, this has resulted in companies expressing interest in Hillsboro and have requested tours. I'll be doing one tomorrow with a group possibly interested in investing in Hillsboro.

-The Planning Committee passed a resolution to ask you all to give them the ability to do a future land use plan, as outlined in the overall strategic plan. This plan would take a year and involve input from a number of different council members and departments. It will help us decide how we want to use the land that we already own, a plan for how to use Eagle's Zinc (which needs a new name), and what land we may want to annex into the city.

-Along with the Atlas stable of companies, we have four new businesses that have already opened or are coming into downtown in the next few months: dog grooming place, a bakery (3 Fern Hill), vintage store (Shags), and art gallery/supply store (Taylor Kay Art Gallery). The only two vacant buildings we have in town that don't have anything going on in them are the Corner Block and the North side of Greg Chambers's building. I anticipate by the end of next year or even the middle of next year, we will be at 95 percent capacity in our downtown and the opening of the Red Rooster. This is phenomenal, considering we are in the midst of COVID, uncertainty in the economy and other challenges being faced by all Illinois small towns. I believe this shows that our game plan of focusing on small businesses and companies is working. We still have a long way to go, as we hope these companies will start providing jobs as they grow, but, it also shows something important. That is, the key to health in a community is an entrepreneurial spirit that keeps pushing, growing and striking out on our own. This is what is getting people's attention and wanting to come here to see what's going on in Hillsboro.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer

Community and Economic Planner