

In attendance were President, Richard Donley; Mayor, Richard Zink; Safety-Service Director, Ralph Holt; Auditor, Gary Lewis, and Clerk, Carolyn Cook.

President Donley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Shoemaker led the assembly in prayer followed by Major Zink leading in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL: Mr. Kevin Chambers, Mr. John Levo, Mrs. Bonnie Parr, Mr. David Shoemaker, Mr. Charles Walker and Mr. Tim Young.

ABSENT: Mr. Lee Koogler

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 12, 2006 meeting and Mr. Ralph Holt pointed out he was absent at that meeting. It was also pointed out in the matter of Resolution 06-32 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONEY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE ENGINE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, the suspension of the three meeting rule was due to dire need and a matter of urgency.

It was discussed that at the special meeting on June 26, 2006, Resolution 06-30 that the three reading rule suspension was not legal, without a quorum. Mr. Donley explained he has talked to legal council and the way the legislation is written, it can be interpreted by the percentage of council present, rather than percentage of all council members. However, Mr. Donley said this evening we will have the third reading tonight, to clear up any confusion about this interpretation.

Mr. Levo asked that the minutes of the meetings be typed in a more timely fashion, closer to when the meetings were actually held.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Reports have been received from: Police Department, Hillsboro Street Department, Waste Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report, Hillsboro Water Treatment Plant Report.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

However, we did have a letter from Hillsboro Lions Club to City Council, and the Mayor thanking the police and fire department for making the Fourth of July fireworks a successful event for the Lions Club. They look forward to next year.

Karen Daniels, the owner and operator of the consignment shop located where Fields Framing shop was located on North High Street, Hillsboro, spoke. She would like to have a sign the same size as the one the other people had. She was told it would have to go into committee and she will be notified after the council meeting. The business before had a variance for the sign and she will have to go through the same thing. She needs one for her business. It was explained to her that each business has to apply for their own sign variance. She wants the same type sign, nothing more a and nothing less. Council told her they will have a work session two weeks from tonight and she is welcome to come to that meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

The mayor explained all the meetings and functions he attended in the month of June. Liberty park yard waste seems to be working well. He said the two days of GOBA went very well. They heard several compliments about how friendly Hillsboro citizens are. Connie Frost is the new communications technician replacing Amy Jackson. They thank Amy for her years of service and wish her the best. With Ms. Frost's experience, she will be able to start without any additional schooling. They had several applicants. However, Connie had all the schooling and can move right in and fill the job.

The mayor expressed how important it is for City Council to move forward and get the safety building or buildings addressed. The modular is in place to house employees of fire and rescue.