

In attendance were President Richard Donley, Mayor Richard Zink, Safety-Service Director Ralph Holt, Auditor Gary Lewis and Clerk Beverly Brown

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

At this time President Donley swore in Rodrick Daniels to fill the position of councilman for Ward 2 that was left vacant by the resignation of Charles Walker.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Rodrick Daniels, Mr. Koogler, Mr. John Levo, Mr. David Shoemaker, Mr. Brian Waller and Mr. Tim Young

ABSENT: Mrs. Parr

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to excuse Mrs. Parr and Mr. Levo seconded the motion with all members present voting yea. Mr. Lewis led the assembly in prayer followed by Mayor Zink leading in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Koogler with all members present voting yea.

The minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting were accepted as presented with a motion by Mr. Levo and seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and all members present voting yea.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Income Tax Bureau, Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water/Sewer Maintenance Department, Water Meter Department, Hillsboro Public Utilities, Street Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Life Squad and Auditor's Office

PUBLIC REQUESTS: A letter had been received from the Festival of the Bells Committee regarding permission for the Festival to be held on July 2, 3 and 4, 2009 in the uptown area of Hillsboro. The letter was written by Chuck Emery, president of the committee. Mr. Levo stated that there was great communication between the different facets involved this year and they were recommending that permission be granted.

Three letters had been received; one from the Police Department, one from the Fire Department and one from the Uptown Business Association endorsing the Festival being held in the Hillsboro uptown area. Mr. Levo made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Koogler seconded the motion with all members present voting yea. Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Meetings in July:

July 3 - Opening of the Festival of the Bells

July 4 - Rededication of park on Railroad Street by SWAP

July 8 - Dedication of new sign at Liberty Park

July 9 - Wedding

Property & Maintenance & Street & Safety Joint Meeting

July 10 - Wedding

July 14 - 911 Meeting

July 15 - Public Hearing on 2009 Budget

Public Hearing on Zile Rezoning

Public Hearing on Hillsboro High School Property Rezoning

Planning Commission Special Meeting

Council Meeting

July 15 - Revolving Loan Fund Meeting

Property & Maintenance Committee

July 22 – Emergency Food & Shelter Meeting

July 23 – Wedding

CH2M Hill on Wastewater Treatment Plant

July 24 – Conference call with Senator Sherrod Brown dealing with UPS/DHL deal

The long wait for the paving on North West Street has been completed and the lines have been painted on August 2nd. They will begin this week and they are hauling in the materials they need to work on the storm sewers.

On Tuesday August 5th I attended a round-table meeting in Athens. The meeting was chaired by Senator Voinovich to discuss problems arising from the unfunded mandates imposed by the EPA. In attendance were approximately ten mayors, county development personnel and county commissioners representing this district of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Also present at the meeting was the co-chair of the ARC in Washington.

I happened to be the first person the senator called upon to discuss the City of Hillsboro's problems. I explained the mandates being imposed by the EPA on the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the elimination of inflow and infiltration into the infrastructure. I explained the ever-growing burden upon the citizens due to the increase of water and sewer rates in Hillsboro. I also made mention of the approximately 800 residents employed at DHL that could stand to lose their employment if the UPS/DHL deal comes to pass.

The senator then asked how much the city would need to borrow to meet these mandates. My answer was that it all depended on how much money we received from grants. Some of the comments made by other attendees when they were called on to voice their concern was that our situation was not nearly as dire as yours. I feel those comments helped our cause considering the folks holding the purse strings were listening to the comments being made.

Also, along those same lines; Kirby Ellison of our office has received word that Hillsboro has been rated number one in our district for possibly two more grants that she has been working on. The first one is for \$250,000 from ARC. The second grant is for two and one-half million dollars from the Department of Development. There is no guarantee that these monies will be awarded. It all depends on the next step in the process. I think that being rated first in the district is a step in the right direction.

Next, on Wednesday, August 6, Highland County Commissioner Gary Heaton came to my office and explained the financial crisis the county is now facing. Mr. Heaton had come to the city and asked that the city not increase the water and sewer rates to the county for one year. My comment was that I did not see how the city could waive the increase to the county and not consider other entities such as the school, folks on limited income and so on down the line. I did tell Mr. Heaton that I would bring this up at this council meeting since this was not an Administration call. We filed the legislation passed by the City Council; however, as I stated before I don't see how this could be done while meeting the criteria to fund the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and infrastructure repair and also be fair to all the consumers.

And I would like to thank Turning Point for painting the fire plugs. Are there any questions? I would like the Council's reaction to the request made by the county. Mr. Koogler said that he was grateful that the county had allowed the Police Department to operate from their facility for as long as they had. He thought the city should help out where they can and asked that it be placed in the Finance and Utilities Committees.

SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The city has hired Ryan Passet to the Fire Department. We would like to welcome Ryan to Hillsboro as our newest firefighter.

The Street Department has approximately 200 ton of salt on hand for the winter months. We need another 700 tons for what our usage was last year. However, when Mr. Pence contacted our provider, they informed him that there was a shortage this year. Mr. Pence contacted another provider and they gave him the same information. We will need to use

grit with our salt to extend what we have in stock and it looks like when our salt is gone; we will be using grit only. They are supposed to contact us if there is any change in the salt production.

WDC will be in my office on the 29th to start reviewing drawings for the Police and Fire projects. I would like to request council go into executive session for employee relations and land acquisition. That's the end of my report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

You have in your packets this evening, my reports and the balance of the Bank report matches the unexpended balance of the Fund report as it should. I am pleased to report that the revenues to the General Fund currently stand at 67.8% while expenses currently stand at 50.8%. The expense side also includes recently made transfers to the Street Fund of \$210,000; to the Recreation Fund of \$25,000 as authorized by council under Res. 08-6.

In addition, the revenue side has not seen the increase anticipated from the increase in our EMS billing rates while the reports show that the new billing amounts, we should start seeing the collections coming in in the next month's report.

Now last month I expressed to Mr. Holt concerns I had about the Water Fund. At the time it appeared that if things did not change, we would be facing a shortage in that fund similar if not worse than last year's shortage. However, that concern has been alleviated somewhat because of the "tap-in" fee payments made for the new school under construction; and also because of anticipated "tap-in" fee payments for the apartment complex development on North West Street. And while these developments ease the financial pressure on this fund; bear in mind that there is very little "wiggle room".

We have still to see what impact will be from the water conservation addressed by the consumers once they experience their billing now that the new water and sewer rates have taken effect. But the bottom line is that I am cautiously optimistic that it will be okay in the Water Fund at the end of this year as compared to last year where we had to make some transfers to make ends meet.

Now I have two pieces of legislation for you this evening. Because their passage is of financial essence; I request that the three-reading rule be waived on both counts. One resolution is for the increase in appropriations in the Indigent Drivers Fund. We originally appropriated \$6,000 in this fund, however; expenses currently stand at \$8,000 with prospects of incurring more expenses by the end of the year. Now this fund is very adequately funded and will not have an adverse effect on the budget and therefore I encourage an increase of \$4,000.

The other resolution is a renewal of the interim financing that we have with NCB bank. It is due on August 26th and at that time I plan to pay the interest on the note and then once we receive our long-term financing funds from DEFA, we'll go ahead and pay the principle. As a refresher; this is the interim financing that we procured a year ago in order to begin repairs to our sewer infrastructure.

That's all I have this evening. If anyone has any questions, I'll be happy to answer them for you; if not, I would appreciate a motion to accept my report as presented. Mr. Koogler made a motion to accept the report and Mr. Young seconded the report with all members present voting yea.

HILLSORO PLANNING COMMISSION- Mr. Young

No meeting last month.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES- FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Koogler, Chairman

We had no meeting this month, however; I hope to meet this coming week. We have legislation concerning an increase in council pay and I ask that it just receive its first reading here this evening.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & RESTORATION-Mrs. Parr Chairman

In the absence of Mrs. Parr; Mr. Shoemaker read her reports.

The Property Maintenance & Restoration Committee met on July 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Hillsboro City Building. Committee members present were Brian Waller, David Shoemaker and Bonnie Parr. Also present were John Levo, Council President Dick Donley, SSD Ralph Holt and Mayor Dick Zink.

1. Permits: It was brought up that we needed the cost of an inspector. This project was then tabled until another time. Fire Chief Powell came to show us some drawings. We reminded him that all final decisions on the firehouse would be up to the architect and Council and would need to be within the 1.7 million dollar budget.
2. Sign Laws: They are finished!

With nothing else to discuss; the meeting was adjourned. Thanks- Bonnie Parr

Meeting on August 7, 2008: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City Building at 130 North High Street. All committee members were present; Brian Waller, David Shoemaker and Bonnie Parr. Others present were John Levo, Council President Dick Donley, Mayor Dick Zink and newly appointed councilman Rod Daniels. Ron Hennison and a couple other members of the Skate Park were also in attendance.

1. Ron Hennison came to the committee to see if the Skate Park could be moved to the old Washington School site instead of Liberty Park. Right now the Skate Park is closed due to SSD Ralph Holt finding the Skate Park trashed.

With deep discussion from all members; David Shoemaker made a motion to give the Skate Park group ample time to get it back in working order and cleaned up. They were then to contact SSD Ralph Holt to inspect the premises to reopen and also for the group to monitor the park until other arrangements can be considered. Brian Waller seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

More discussion was also brought to give the committees and council more time to consider moving the Skate Park.

2. We went over the newly written sign ordinances. It is to our best knowledge to recommend to Council the changes and newly written sign ordinances.

Meeting adjourned- Bonnie Parr

President Donley said that there was some discussion that the Skate Park move back to the old location and then maybe to a new site. Also Mr. Hennison had requested funds if this came to pass so this was placed in the Finance Committee for review. Mr. Holt said that the committee had worked real hard over the weekend and after inspection he had opened the gates. He said that if the city had put the asphalt down that he felt it was the city's responsibility to keep the grass down and the trash down.

CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS- Mr. Levo, Chairman

No report.

STREET & SAFETY COMMITTEE- Mr. Levo, Chairman

Mr. Levo said that he wanted to welcome Brian to the committee. He also said that he wanted to thank Charlie Walker for all of his hard work over the years. He then made a motion to remove the “cat problem” from the agenda and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion with all members present voting yea.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE- Mr. Shoemaker, Chairman

They did not have a meeting but Mr. Shoemaker said that he would be interested in what CH2M Hill had to say. Mayor Zink said that the dike is out and what they are working on now is trying to come up with a solution to close off the two places that are in question.

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE- Mr. Young, Chairman
No report.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE- Mr. Waller, Chairman
No meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

1. RES. 08-24 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF CITY CONTROLLED PETTY CASH- The clerk read the resolution by title only for a second reading.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

1. RES. 08-29 – A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE INDIGENT DRIVER’S FUND- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Koogler made a motion to approve and adopt and Mr. Waller seconded the motion. All members present voted yea; resolution passed.

2. ORD. 2008-15 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000 SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, FIRST (2008) RENEWAL BY THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- The clerk read the ordinance by title only for a first reading. In lieu of reading the entire piece of legislation; City Auditor Gary Lewis explained the essence of the legislation. Mr. Koogler made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion with all members present voting yea. Mr. Koogler made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion with all members present voting yea except Mr. Levo who abstained. Ordinance adopted.

Ord. 2008-16 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL SALARY OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL- The clerk read the legislation in full for a first reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Donley opened up the floor for nominations for President pro tem since the position was vacated when Mr. Walker resigned. Mr. Young nominated Mr. Koogler and Mr. Daniels seconded the nomination. All members present voted yea except Mr. Koogler who voted “no”; motion passed.

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employee relations and land acquisition and all members present voted yea. Entered into executive session at 7:40 p.m. and came out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Holt said that he recommended that they contact AFSCME Ohio Council 8003171. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the contract and Mr. Koogler seconded the motion with all members present voting yea except Mr. Daniels who abstained.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Koogler seconded the motion with all members approving. Meeting adjourned.

Richard Donley, Council President

Beverly Brown, Clerk of Council