

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

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Roderick Daniels, Mr. Lee Koogler, Mr. John Levo, Mrs. Bonnie Parr, Mr. Peter Pence and Mr. David Shoemaker, Mr. Brian Waller

ABSENT: None

Mr. Lewis led the assembly in prayer followed by Mayor Zink leading in the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting and the April 14, 2009 special meeting were accepted as presented.

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

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Phil Roberts stepped forward and addressed the council concerning a decision that had been rendered at the April, 2009 meeting. He explained the problem that his son (Matt) was having with parking tickets on the handicapped parking space at US Bank. His son works there but cannot walk from their parking lot to the bank. He parks in the handicapped parking space and gets tickets for exceeding the 2-hour parking limit.

Mr. Holt asked if it would be possible for some of the bank employees to help by parking his vehicle and then retrieving it for him at the end of the day or perhaps moving it to avoid the 2-hour rule. Matt Roberts said that he wanted to be independent.

This was placed in the Street & Safety Committee for reconsideration. Chairman Levo requested that this matter be considered by the whole council.

Sarah Bollock of the Rainsboro Taxi Service came forward and was requesting information regarding a taxi service that would be operating out of Rainsboro and wanted to know the regulations or restrictions if she brought people into Hillsboro. Mr. Holt said that she needed to come up to his office and they would get everything settled concerning this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Meetings I Attended:

April 2 - Police Department Construction

April 3 - Bid Opening for Fire Department

April 7 - Public Hearing CHIP #2

Street & Safety Committee

April 10 - Wedding

April 13 - City Council Meeting

April 14 - Special Council Meeting

Congressman Mike Turner - \$1,000,000 Grant

April 15 - Revolving Loan Meeting

April 16 – Police Department Construction Meeting
April 17 – Amy’s Army Proclamation
April 21 – Planning Commission Meeting
April 23 – VFW Memorial Day Planning
April 24 – Arbor Day @ Elementary School, Trees & Proclamation
April 30 – Police Department Construction Meeting

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a brief ceremony on the Courthouse square. The parade will follow, proceeding first to the Catholic Cemetery then to the Hillsboro Cemetery for the traditional Memorial Day Service. All units taking part in the parade are asked to be at the Courthouse between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m.

As you know Congressman Mike Turner came to Hillsboro on April 14th and presented the City with a ceremonial check for \$1,000,000. We did not receive the actual money to put in the bank as some may think. We will be reimbursed with \$1,000,000 after it has been spent. We also received word of an additional \$5,000,000 grant being awarded through the stimulus program. All of that money will be used on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There are still some possibilities of additional grant monies being received. Some of the issues that are asked for are something no one can answer especially at this time of economical down turn. Kirby Ellison is still working toward receiving more funds for the city, however; it looks kind of slim with being able to meet the criteria required.

Howell Construction is nearly completed with replacing the sanitary sewer lines in the Southwest section of the City. The East Walnut area will be completed next. I wanted to thank the citizens for their understanding and patience because of the inconvenience during this construction period. The streets will be repaired by the contractor in the near future.

The new Police Department building will be completed by the end of this month and we will be announcing an “Open House” as soon as everything is in place. This will be before the employees are moved into the building as to not disrupt the department.

Next I would like Council’s permission to gate Liberty Park. There has been so much vandalism, theft of swings from the playground, doughnuts cut in grass causing ruts to name a few. We have a \$2,800 estimate from Morgan Fence Company for installing the gate and fencing to prohibit driving past the gate. I spoke earlier with Terry Mull at the YMCA and he was very much in favor of the gate to prevent vandalism and so on. I feel over a period of time we will re-coop our investment by reducing vandalism and theft. Any questions?

The issue of the gate at Liberty Park was placed in the Land and Buildings Committee because there will need to be a change in the legislation regarding the opening and closing times for the park.

SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

The IAFF came to council in April and stated that they would continue to work under the current contract for another year foregoing any additional raises in order that no additional financial burden would be placed on the city. This needs to be voted on by the council. Mr. Koogler made a motion to accept the proposal of the IAFF and Mr. Waller seconded the motion with all members voting yea. Proposal accepted.

All street construction was to be completed today on the sewer infrastructure project on the south side of the city.

The contractors will be moving to the south lift station and begin the last phase of the project replacing the existing sewer lines in the right-of-way off of Muntz Street.

Dean Otworth is scheduling a stake holders meeting on May 28th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Southern State to discuss the design and construction of Hobart/Smith Drive.

Because a portion of this road is within the corporation of Hillsboro and it is anticipated Hillsboro will receive requests for those properties outside the city to be annexed into the City, I feel it is important for all of us to take part in this meeting. Please set this date on your calendars.

The Police building is nearing completion. Later in this meeting you will see emergency legislation for a change order to add an additional lighted exit sign required by the state inspector and a change order for additional concrete work. The police chief advised us today the furnishings for the building will be delivered May 19th and 20th. After the furnishings are in place, Eric Daniels will deliver the computers and setup the computer network. Eric is projecting about a week to do this work.

Chief Thompson is contacting the telephone company to get a work order to get phone lines installed.

I met with Highland County Commissioner Shane Wilkin on Thursday, May 7th to discuss what the city was requesting at the Highland County Justice Center. I explained that the city would like to meter the water and electricity that is provided for the portion of the building that houses the Sheriff's office and Municipal Court. I also explained that I would bring this before city council this evening for discussion.

Mr. Wilkin did request payment or a partial payment of the monthly bills for water, sewer, electricity and gas that haven't been paid by the City of Hillsboro for February, March and April usage.

The building site for the new fire building has been prepared for construction by Cox Paving; however, we are having some issues on location of storm sewer and conditions of the existing lines that were placed. Brick catch basins were used and stone archways for storm sewers.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

In your information this evening you have my Year-to-date Fund Report and my Year-to-date Bank report. The unexpended balance of the Fund report balances with the balance on the Bank report.

The only legislation I have for you this evening is an increase for appropriations in the 509 Wastewater Improvement Fund. The need for this increase was explained in last week's Utilities Committee meeting. In order to receive much of the funding for the treatment plant upgrade, the city will first have to spend the funds and then submit reimbursement requests. Please note that this increase does not exceed the total amount of funds anticipated to be available along with the carryover balance from the previous year in this fund.

From an income perspective, I will note that we are still holding our own in income tax collections, though I will caution that we may have to return some significant amounts in refunds later in the year. In addition, I would like to note that for the first time this year we hit our projected income in ambulance services. While I view this in a positive light, we are still below our projection year-to-date and we also have some traditionally high collection months coming up in the near future. If we get through those months close to the projections, we will look good for the rest of the year.

This concludes my report this evening. If there are no questions, I request a motion from the floor to accept my report.

Mr. Koogler made a motion to accept the Auditor's report and Mr. Daniels second the motion with all members voting yea. Report accepted as presented.

HILLSORO PLANNING COMMISSION-

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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & RESTORATION-Mrs. Parr Chairman

CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS- Mr. Levo, Chairman

STREET & SAFETY COMMITTEE- Mr. Levo, Chairman

UTILITIES Committee- Mr. Shoemaker, Chairman

The Utilities Committee met on May 6, 2009 at the city building. Those in attendance were committee members; Mrs. Parr, Mr. Waller and myself. Also attending were Mayor Zink, SSD Holt, Kirby Ellison, Auditor Lewis and Council member Mr. Levo.

The purpose of the meeting to get clarification on the supplemental loan request of \$289,300 that will be brought forth as legislation at Monday's Council meeting.

The committee realized that council had already authorized a total of \$289,100 by passing Resolution #08-3 and 08-4, however; I wanted the committee and the rest of council to understand the upcoming legislation.

Mrs. Ellison and SSD Holt informed the committee that this was for additional engineering and design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Improvement and Task Order #9 Antidegradation Study of Clear Creek.

A supplemental loan is requested due to the fact that taking the funds from the Water and Sewer revenue fund would create a hardship on that department and could jeopardize service to the municipality, therefore; the Utilities Committee feels that the legislation for a supplemental loan should be approved.

Mrs. Ellison informed the committee that a construction schedule must be completed and turned into the EPA by June 1, 2009. The Utility Committee and Administration look forward to the start of construction.

Submitted by Dave Shoemaker, Utilities Chairman

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE- Mr. Daniels, Chairman
No meeting this month.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION-

1. RES. 09-27 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A CHANGE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MELVIN FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH WEST STREET- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Koogler made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Waller seconded the motion with all members voting yea. Resolution adopted.

2. RES. 09-28 – A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 509 FUND- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Koogler made a

motion to approve and adopt the resolution and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion with all members voting yea; resolution adopted.

3. RES. 09-29 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A CHANGE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH COX PAVING FOR WORK ON THE SITE PREPARATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Levo made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Waller seconded the motion. All council members voted yea; resolution adopted.

4. RES. 09-30 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to pass the resolution and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion. All council members voted yea; resolution passed.

5. ORD. 2009-2 – AND ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CITY FIRE CODE- The clerk read the ordinance in full for a first reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

As the last piece of legislation was being typed for presentation a question was tendered about the possibility of having copies of legislation before the meeting. Mr. Beery indicated that if the typing of legislation was being requested of him; he would need to have the request one week before the scheduled meeting.

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

Richard Donley, Council President

Beverly Brown, Clerk of Council