

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

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lee Koogler, Mrs. Bonnie Parr, Mr. Peter Pence and Mr. David Shoemaker

ABSENT: Mr. Roderick Daniels, Mr. John Levo, Mr. Brian Waller

Mr. Koogler made a motion to excuse Mr. Levo who was out of the country, Mr. Waller who was on a major water break and Mr. Daniels due to his active military responsibilities. Mr. Pence seconded the motion and all members present voted yea.

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

The minutes of the October 13, 2009 regular meeting, the October 19, October 26 and November 1, 2009 special meetings were accepted as presented.

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

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Drew Hastings stepped forward and said, "You know I'm probably if not the largest, one of the largest property owners uptown at this point. I guess I was moved to bring up this particular topic today in that; you know I just found out today; went in to get my dry cleaning. Of course the dry cleaners is moving out as of next week uptown and probably; I don't know for certain yet, but probably taking the JC Penney store along with them. After talking a little bit to them it seems to me that one of their biggest reasons their saying again was the parking problem uptown.

It's inconceivable to me if the city's goal is to essentially let uptown shut down; I think their doing a good job of it. Something has to be done about the parking up here and I would like to know what we've got to do.....This isn't a matter of creating new laws; this is a matter of enforcing laws that are on the books currently. I seem to notice in through here there's money for people looking for ball diamonds and lights and everything else and I guess I would like to know what is going to be done about this parking so that I know as a property owner what I need to do in the future. That's it!

President Donley asked Mr. Hastings if he had spoken to anyone lately and Mr. Hastings responded, "Recently? No. The mayor and I have spoken.....spoken to Dick casually. I mean I'm a member of the Uptown Business Association and know that's been a big issue with them. I'm not sure how aggressive; I don't know about speaking in behalf of them, but I don't know that's it's a.....there hasn't been any kind of peace to anything they're trying to do. You know, it hasn't been serious. I just don't think it's been an aggressive enough movement up there. And it just made me sick today to see one of the.....the dry cleaner. I mean one of the most basic businesses that has people coming in and out which is what you want with retail; moving out. Granted, they are going to be inside the city limits. They're going to go over to Beech Street; over to that other operation they're combining. You know a lot of the problem I've noticed. You know I was driving up the road today and it's easy to go talk to and I've tried to talk to; being a landlord and being a neighbor of other businesses. Tried to talk to businesses, but it's kind of like playing 'Whack-a-Mole' with these businesses.

You know you're trying to get this one to not park there and then this one starts parking there. I noticed the oxygen; there's an oxygen company on West Main a couple doors

down; who's only been there at most three to four months that has a minimum of two vehicles out there. They obviously feel that they can just park there and I think that's the whole kind of.....you know a lot of it is.....I think people just see there's just a complete apathy or breakdown about it and people can just kind of do what they want. It occurred to me how much of business; you know we talk on a national scale about the size of government growing. You know if you really look at the downtown area; how much of it is city, county and state offices is now moving into uptown or taking up a lot of uptown space.

I mean the Fifth Third Bank building I have is entirely state employees and maybe some of it is local and county employees but you know there's a lot of governmental employees that are now concentrated uptown. That's just what I wanted to bring up; I wanted to bring up my concerns about that and hopefully get the ball maybe rolling on this thing somehow. If I can be a part of it; I'm not sure what I can do, but if I can be a part of an answer or solution then I would like to put forth my time. Or if there's a group or committee you want to form or something; I'm open to getting involved."

Mayor Zink replied, "Right now we have fourteen police officers and one chief. We run three shifts a day. This past month with sick leave, vacation, comp-time, whatever; we had over four people off for the whole month. Now then, they did get some tickets written last month. I was looking for the number, but about two days a week is all they can do. Until money comes falling down from heaven and we can add employees to the Police Department; you just don't have the people to do that. You've got investigations to do and Chief Thompson can tell you better than I can; a lot of times he's out on patrol himself because of having these four people off. That runs about the same thing every month; from three and a half to four people every month. So actually our department instead of having fourteen we've got about eleven to cover three shifts. It makes it pretty hard. I don't know what the answer is and like I said, until the goose lays the golden egg to give us more policemen and more firemen.....The only thing I can see probably Drew, would be maybe to go to some point in time for a safety levy; the taxpayers. Now's a bad time to do that to try to add any taxes. Three years ago we tried it and got shot down so people evidently didn't want it. Whenever something happens so he can get enough people to do what he has to do to enforce those laws; our hands are kind of tied."

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

I'm going to by-pass the meetings this month and get right into the other things that I've got down here. One of them is that we're nearing completion of the new Fire Department. There are several issues that need to be resolved. First I would like council to allow us to offer for bid the modular which is sometimes referred to as the "shanty town outhouse". I think by the time that we get the advertising done the Fire Department should be completed and the modular vacated. I have had some interest already in it, but I think what we need to do is bid it out and see where the bids come in and hopefully we'll be able to recoup some of the expense from that.

Next I would like the committee of council to give some thought as to the future of the present building currently housing the Fire Department. There has been some interest by several different citizens as to the use. Some of them mentioned the Farmer's Market and some things like that so I would suggest a town meeting and give the citizens an opportunity to express ideas as to the future use. We all know there will be limitations due to financial status of the city.

Next I asked council a couple months ago about furnishings for the new council chambers. Again this room should be available at least by January, 2010 council meeting. Part of the furnishings would be the recording system for the clerk. I know Mr. Koogler mentioned earlier a dollar figure that he had picked up I think from the court and I guess I would like for the city's IT employee to be given the okay from council to get quotes on a system and make a choice on the equipment since his department will be

responsible for the set-up and operation of the system. He also has dealt with vendors in the past and has been able to secure equipment and I know he's asked for quotes on equipment a couple a three times and he told me the other day, he said, "I'll be glad to do it again", but he said, "I'm not going to unless council gives me that permission".

The other thing is we have a leaf pick-up starting this week and it will probably take longer to make our rounds than it has in the past because of the lack of community service and inmate help. The last time I talked to Steve last week, he's having trouble getting inmate help and so it'll probably take a little longer to get around.

Another thing we've got; in your packet is a letter from the Hillsboro Board of Education concerning the highway construction on Route 62 south. And following the direction the School Board was given; they're asking the city to pre-approve the repair work that has been stated and due to complete next spring. By doing this the school would get \$300,000 from a grant from the state which been held up because the road did not meet state specs. You can see that all of the board members have signed the letter dated October 22, 2009. The only problem I have with this is, we attended a meeting in Chillicothe approximately a year ago resulting in Ralph Holt sending a letter to the school in late spring requiring the corrections completed in a timely manner. Now here it is in November and the work has still not been completed; even the guardrail hasn't been changed. I want to know what council thinks about going ahead and pre-approving the project since they all signed the letter that it will be done in the spring. That's the other question I've got.

I would like to thank the National Honor Society of Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro Uptown Business Association and WSRW employees for the costume contest and the decorating of businesses and the festivities held on October 29th preceding Trick-or-Treat night in Hillsboro. I think it was well organized and a fun event enjoyed by a lot of youngsters as well as the oldsters.

Next I would like to congratulate those of you who will be coming back to serve the citizens of Hillsboro for another four years. I would also like to welcome the two new members of council that will be seated in January; Bill Alexander representing Ward 4 and Mary Brown Turner will be representing Ward 3. I'm looking forward to a productive relationship with City Council in 2010. That concludes my report; any questions?

Mr. Koogler said that he did not have an issue if Mr. Daniels wants to get some quotes in regards to a recording system; I certainly don't have any issue with that and would welcome and encourage him to do so.

Mr. Koogler made a motion to bid out the modular and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion with all members present voting yea.

Regarding the letter from the Hillsboro School Board requesting pre-approval of the road work; Mr. Koogler asked if they were confident that the state would provide the grant funds if council does that. Mayor Zink said, "When we went to Chillicothe last year they said.....well I was originally told by the treasurer that is no longer there; that they had to have it done by last June, 2008. Well, that didn't happen so when we went to Chillicothe to discuss this with ODOT last fall, we were on a conference call with the gentleman in Troy that oversees these grants and he said, 'Oh, I'm holding the money'. He said, 'You'll have a year to get it done'. So the only thing I can tell you; it's been a year and unless we tell them that it's okay; they won't get their funds; \$300,000."

Mr. Koogler said that it needs to get done and Mayor Zink said, "I think it does, too but you know after waiting a year and not having anything move on it until just here lately; I was kind of reluctant to jump in and say, 'Yea?'" Mr. Koogler made a motion to extend council support and authorize it. Mrs. Parr seconded the motion and all members voted yea except Mr. Shoemaker who abstained.

SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Holt was absent due to illness. Mayor Zink said if anyone had any questions, he would try to answer them. Otherwise Mr. Holt would have a report next month.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

I have submitted to council my monthly bank report and my fund report and they balance with each other as they should. I've submitted this evening for its first reading a policy on the deposit of public monies. This measure is in response to a minor issue found in our annual audit. That is all I have and if there are no questions I request a motion from the floor to accept my reports. Mr. Koogler made a motion to accept the Auditor's report and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion with all members present voting yea.

HILLSORO PLANNING COMMISSION-

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES-

FINANCE COMMITTEE- Mr. Koogler, Chairman

Finance did not meet this past month, however; we do have some end of the year issues that we need to begin addressing. It would be my hopes that once Mr. Levo has returned to the country, he, Mr. Shoemaker and myself can sit down and conduct a Finance meeting which I would expect in the next several weeks.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & RESTORATION-Mrs. Parr Chairman

The committee did not have a meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS- Mr. Levo, Chairman

Nothing to report.

STREET & SAFETY COMMITTEE- Mr. Levo, Chairman

UTILITIES COMMITTEE- Mr. Shoemaker, Chairman

Nothing to report at this time. We're just waiting for the next round of bid openings which will be November 20th.

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE- Mr. Daniels, Chairman

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE- Mr. Waller, Chairman

No meeting this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-

1. RES. 09-48 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR- The clerk read the resolution by title only for a second reading.

2. RES. 09-53 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTING WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC., (PSI), AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY- The clerk read the resolution by title only for a second reading.

3. RES. 09-54 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTING WITH B.W. COOPER SERVICES, LLC, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY- The clerk read the resolution by title only for a second reading.

4. RES. 09-55 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY AND SERVICE DIRECTOR TO INVITE BIDS TO CONSTRUCT A WATER-SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICE BUILDING AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY- The clerk read the resolution by title only for a second reading.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS-

1. RES. 09-56 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY ON THE DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC MONEYS- The clerk read the resolution in full for a first reading.

Mr. Shoemaker asked if the council had a resolution before on something like this and Mayor Zink said that concerned petty cash.

Mayor then requested to go into executive session for possible litigation. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to go into executive session and Mrs. Parr seconded the motion with all members present voting yea. Executive session entered into at 7:25 p.m. and came out of executive session at 7:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 present voting yea. Meeting adjourned.

Richard Donley, Council President

Beverly Brown, Clerk of Council