

Council met in regular session with the following persons present: Mayor Richard Zink, Safety-Service Director Ralph Holt, Law Director Fred Beery, Auditor Rosemary Ryan and Clerk Beverly Brown.

President William G McCreight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Kevin Chambers, Mr. John Dodds, Mr. Richard Donley, Mrs. Peggy McClellan, Mr. R. Paul Pence, Mr. David Shoemaker and Mr. Charles Walker.

Absent: None

Mr. Ron Hennison, Sr. offered prayer for the meeting followed by Mayor Zink leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TEEN OF THE MONTH- Assisted by Joanne Whitley, Mayor Zink explained that the teens being honored were members of the National Honor Society of Hillsboro High School who served as mentors to elementary students on a weekly basis. Mrs. Whitley stated that the school was fortunate to have these young adults assist elementary students who might need a little extra attention. Mayor Zink presented awards to Anthony Perez, Nathan Smith, Maggie Gilmore, Ben Devine, Megan Kropfelder, Emmy Lakes and Mary Beth Zink. Also recognized but not present were Stephanie Elliot and Sarah Gunderman.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2005 were approved as presented.

The clerk read the following monthly reports by title only: Public Utilities Office, Income Tax Bureau, Water Meter Department, Water/Sewer Maintenance Department, Street Department, Water Treatment Plant, Police Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Life Squad, Fire Department and Auditor's Office.

PUBLIC REQUESTS-

A request for permission to rebuild the city park near the street department on West Beech Street was received from members of the Good News Gathering. They proposed to rebuild the park; building ramps, benches, providing trash containers and seeing that the area is kept clean and orderly at no cost to the city of Hillsboro. Mrs. McClellan made a motion to go ahead with it and Mr. Chambers seconded the motion.

Law Director Beery asked about the appointed executive committee and whether or not they dealt only with the Liberty Park. Mayor Zink said that he didn't know of any time that they had looked after the park off Beech Street. There was discussion regarding the possibility of having that committee oversee this group of workers and Mayor Zink said that group was more in to the Ball Park and Liberty Park. He said if council would approve for them to do the work; administration could meet with them and see what they were going to do.

Mr. Chambers asked about liability and Mr. Beery said the liability would be the risk the city would have with items of equipment that are in disrepair that might result in an injury and expose us to liability from our insurance carrier. Mr. Holt asked if the city had placed the original ramps and devices that were down there. Mr. Beery said that there was more liability if defective equipment was left around. Mrs. McClellan said there was a group that had come to the city years ago asking to place the original devices in an attempt to get the skateboards off of the city sidewalks. Mr. Donley said that he thought someone from the city should oversee the project to make sure that the equipment is safe and properly installed and properly posted as to it being city property.

Mayor Zink said that they would talk with them and set some kind of guidelines and make sure they check with Mr. Beery before anything is done. Mr. Chambers said that it sounded like there were good people behind it. Chairman McCreight said that if they were going to do it; it should be done soon so they can get started on it before the summer was over. Mr. Hennison said that last year Ron Hennison, Jr. had taken it upon himself to try to put some of the ramps back together. The group wants to get it done so it is run properly with proper supervision. With no further discussion all members present voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS –

1. A letter from David T Daniels regarding HB 66 assuring everyone that he is aware of the concerns of his constituents and local officials. He expressed his appreciation for the resolution (Res. 05-6 A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUING OF CDBG's TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS) that had been sent to him regarding Hillsboro's concern over the possible elimination of these funds.
2. A notice regarding the traditional Memorial Day services that will be held on Monday, May 30, 2005 at 9:45 a.m. on the Court House square with services at the Hillsboro Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. They were inviting anyone who wanted to honor someone who had died in service to our country to join them in the march or just attend the service.

Mr. Pence made a motion to have the parade and Mr. Dodds seconded the motion with all members present voting yea.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

C.J. Franklin of the Paragon Inn came forward expressing his concern over the rise in taxes. He said this made a total of 17% in taxes he had to collect. There was discussion regarding the 7% additional tax that has been enacted by the city. There is a 3% "bed tax" that goes to the county and 7% state tax. He asked the reason for such an increase and Mrs. Ryan said that this wasn't an increase since the city didn't have a tax before and doesn't get any of the 10% already enacted. She said that she knew there was some confusion about a starting date for the tax and no forms had been sent for filing though she had some forms that came from the state and the county that could be modified to use for his business.

There was discussion on the percentage of taxes collected in surrounding municipalities and Mr. Franklin asked if there was any way for him to protest. Mrs. Ryan said that this was his chance to voice his opinion and he stated that he was protesting. Dorothy Tate, owner of Cedar Hill came forward and asked why they were being targeted for the tax. Mrs. Ryan said it was because it is a lodging tax and Mrs. Tate said they already have a lodging tax. She was reminded that that was not a "city" lodging tax and she responded asking why don't other businesses have taxes put on them. Mrs. Ryan replied that other businesses do, however; only motels and hotels are subject to a lodging tax. Mrs. Tate said that she had a lot of locals come to her motel and they don't like to pay the high prices. She said that she thought it was unfair since they already have a "bed tax" and she has to pay sales tax.

Mrs. Ryan said that most cities do have a similar tax and Mrs. Tate said that they were small; that it was okay for the big motels to pay but not for the small ones. Mr. Chambers said that he had looked at the area before the legislation was passed; and virtually all communities around have it now. Mrs. Tate asked why so high and Mr. Chambers said that they had compared it to places where they had traveled and a lot of places it is 10% or 15%. When Mrs. Tate asked where he had traveled and he said that traveling across the United States; no matter where you go you look at your bill and you pay that tax. Mrs. Tate said that some places hide their tax in their prices but she doesn't.

There was additional discussion relating to people not staying as long because of the higher prices necessitated by the additional tax, which meant they wouldn't get any more money anyway. Mr. Holt said that he understood but the city has the opposite situation that she was in since the city did not have any revenue coming in to it. He said that they were not trying to get it all from them. They were trying to come up with ways to increase revenues so they would not have to increase taxes all over and what they were going to do with the city as far as the expenditures within the budget. Mrs. Tate said they would have to cut their spending down and Mr. Holt said that they were doing that. Mr. Donley said that they had to realize that the city furnished them a place within the city; roadways, sewer and water, police and fire protection and those things keep increasing.

Discussion followed concerning the rising costs to individual businesses as well as the city. The costs of water plants and sewer plants rises but it makes the city attractive and invites tourism. Because of the city facilities and what is offered to the people, this benefits their businesses. Discussion regarding the amount that was added to a motel bill because of the additional city tax followed with Mr. Holt calculating the additional charge. He said that these taxes were being transferred to the people who stay there and Mrs. Tate said that they don't like it.

Mr. Donley said, "We could probably sit here and argue this all night. We'll take your comments in to consideration. I've got a recorder here that's taking all the information as far as your objections to that. The only thing I can say is; if the council president wants to put it back

in committee and review it; we can do that. Or it's just probably going to stay the way it is." Mr. Franklin said that he thought they should consider what Wilmington charges. They are charging 13% total now. Mr. Chambers asked if they had a county 3% tax and Mr. Franklin replied that he supposed that they did.

Mr. Pasha Patel of the Days Inn came forward and said, "As far as my knowledge goes, neighboring counties such as Adams County and Clinton County; they don't have this tax that's been imposed on us recently. That 7% of bed tax. We are already paying the property tax and we are paying the 10% state tax, we are paying 3% county tax on top of that now you've got the city tax of 7%. Like the lady said and the gentleman said, total comes to 17% on top of the property tax we already pay to the city. That actually translates in to...I already talked to many of the customers; I'm from Day's Inn; and they scratch their head and they say that, 'Well, if there's seven days staying, you stay for three days only. Can't meet the expenses.' After 9-11 especially, the businesses in motels, hotels really went down. The tourism and travel and all that wasn't that...you know, going.

My rates have been the same for the last five years because in order to keep up with people being able to come and stay; there was no way that I could increase it. The only way I could encourage people to come in this town was to keep the rates low as best as we could. And I have been keeping it low for the last five years. With this increase now...let's say my average is \$52 per room and with that 17% added; that's quite a lot of money. And people have already spoken to us several times that, well; instead of staying seven days we'll stay only for three days or four days."

Mr. Donley asked if Mr. Patel was already collecting the 10% and he replied in the affirmative. Mr. Donley then said that he couldn't say it was 17% more since it is only 7% more. Mr. Patel said, "But if it gets added to that it is going to become 17% which I think is quite exorbitant compared to Clinton County, Adams County. They don't have to pay that. And you know it's only nineteen miles from here. The customers can very easily go and stay there. They've got more motels there than we have here. The total number of rooms we have here is only seventy. We three of us have only seventy rooms and they have more than one hundred fifty rooms there in Wilmington. They've got down there in Seaman about forty rooms there. It's only about nineteen or twenty miles from here. And that motel there is as good as any other motel and they charge the same and they have no taxes...not that 7% to pay. So that I think the council should really consider. It's not just the customer coming in and staying with us, they also spend the money for going to the other businesses such as restaurants, so it becomes a counter-productive situation that if they stay only for three days instead of seven days; then everybody loses in the long run. I think the council should seriously consider that and either bring it down to like counties of 3% or do it away with.

Another motel there, Greystone for example; just because it is just outside the city limits they don't have to pay that. Wonderful! Not many people are going there...lots of people will start going there because it is cheaper. Simple as that." President McCreight said that they appreciated all the comments. Mr. Patel said that, "My appeal is that I hope the council will consider our concerns and it's genuinely bothering us. So please consider and see how you can accommodate somehow...you know halfway in between; whatever. I don't think I'm in a bargaining position." President McCreight said that he wouldn't officially put it back into committee; but he said that he knew Mr. Donley would discuss it in his next meeting.

Mr. Patel asked, "We would then wait on to get a specific date and a specific whatever the percentage is supposed to be. Because this letter we received was very ambiguous...like immediately." He explained that he needed a date because this would have to be reset in the system and would take some time to set up. There was some discussion among council members regarding the reporting form and Mrs. Ryan said that the state had a form that was pretty direct and all they would have to do is copy it.

Mrs. McClellan said that she wanted to announce that as far as her chairing of the Safety Committee; she had family obligations that wouldn't allow her to continue in the position so she was submitting her resignation. She said also that she was not going to run for a position on council for the next term. President McCreight said that Mr. Pence was going to replace Mrs. McClellan on the Safety Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Meetings I attended this month:

April 4 - Community Enhancement meeting

Council meeting

April 5 - Supervisor's meeting

April 6 - Wedding

April 11 - Public Forum w/Finance Committee

April 12 - Right-to-Read proclamation

Wedding

April 13 - Attended Highland County Caucus

April 14 - Employee's Safety meeting

Met w/Dave Parry on sediment control

April 19 - Civil Rights Board

Planning Commission

April 20 - Wedding

Attended Fayette/Clinton/Highland County CEO meeting in Washington CH

My attendance at the meeting will save 2% discount on Worker's Comp

April 25 - Attended Police Department employee meeting

Swore in Jeff Martin as new captain in Fire Department

April 26 - Wedding

April 28 - Buddy Poppy Day VFW proclamation

Wedding

I have two appointments that I would like to announce. One of them would be the appointment of Eric Smith to the Planning Commission replacing Kevin Barreras. I would also like to thank Kevin for his service as a member of the Planning Commission. Secondly, the appointment of Lee Koogler to the Tax Review Board. I would like a vote of confidence by council on these two appointments.

Then we have to get back to our financial problems. Council as a whole has asked our employees, our supervisors to come up with a list of problems and expenditures that they were going to have in the next three years. They did this approximately two months ago and now there was a public meeting held on April 11 and we had some input from that meeting and I just urge council to take prompt action on the information received. We're in the fifth month of this year and we have not made any decision on how we're going to proceed with repairing the things that we need to fix. Now I don't want to sound negative, however; we're surviving on a day-to-day basis dealing with issues requiring attention.

I would like to report on negotiations with AFSCME. So far we have held five meetings and progress is moving pretty slow right now. But, for council's information; when we get articles approved by the union and administration, we will have a meeting of the executive committee. This committee is made up of president of council, auditor, law director, safety-service director, and mayor. After reviewing by the committee, the package will then be presented to the city council for their approval. It is my understanding based on legal opinion that the above procedure is the proper course of action regarding union contracts.

The other thing I've got is the letter to the Liquor Board, Charlie; I need a vote on that. I was approached that in 2007 we need to have a bicentennial committee and I would like for council members to be thinking about some leaders that we could get to take this committee and plan a celebration of 2007. I think maybe some of the people who were around for the last celebration that we had might be able to give some input to that. Anybody got any questions?

Mr. Walker asked about the three-year plan and whether or not it should be the administration's responsibility to lay out the plan and bring it to city council. Mayor Zink said that they already had it. Mr. Walker said that it wasn't laid out in a plan; it was just what they need. Mayor Zink said that he thought that was what council asked for. He said they could do that but every time they turned around; they were getting further behind and he said that they need to do something on Harry Sauner Road, they need to do something on North West Street and he thought Mr. Holt had some things that were going to stir them up more. He said that they had to do something so they could operate and get some things fixed. Mr. Walker said that it was just his opinion but he thought administration should lay out what they wanted to do this year, the next year and the next year. He said that would be a plan; what the employees laid out was what they need.

Mayor Zink said that they had dollar figures in there and he thought after the committee reviewed all the information that they asked for; that they would help decide exactly where the

money should be spent. He said that that question was asked at the meeting and nobody answered it. Mr. Walker said that he thought it was administration who needed to lay out a plan for the next three years. He said he thought what the people wanted was a plan laid out. He said that it wasn't their place to lay out the plan; it would be administration saying this is what we will do if we get this money. Mayor Zink said that they could do that but he thought the reason they wanted the department heads to go through the "dog and pony show" was to show what they needed. Mr. Walker said that they wouldn't be able to give them all in three years but they need to know what they will do this year if they get the tax and we will do this next year and this the next year if we get the tax. Mayor Zink said that if they get the tax, about everything in there they could handle; but they will prioritize it. Mr. Walker said he thought that was what they needed; what they would get the first year, the second year and the third year. Mayor Zink said that they could do that.

Mrs. McClellan said that she thought the people of Hillsboro would like to see a three-year plan so they would know where the money was going then they could show that they were making an effort. Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the appointments of Mr. Smith and Mr. Koogler and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. All members present voted yea.

Mr. Holt said that he would meet with Mrs. Ryan and sit down with her and see what funds they had available and they would prioritize the funds they have with the work that needs to be done.

SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The brush cleanup is nearing an end. The contractor has acquired a tub grinder in an effort to grind up the brush pile at Liberty Park. The city of Hillsboro bid out the construction work needed to upgrade the south lift station at Belfast Pike. URS Engineering projected the cost of 1.2 million dollars. The city of Hillsboro only received one bid and that was from Righter Company for 2.2 million dollars. Due to the extreme difference between project costs and actual bid we must re-bid the project. We are talking with DEFA (Ohio EPA), URS and the portion of EPA that does our regulation, in order to reduce the cost, not to give up the work and the equipment necessary to meet the EPA requirements. So we're trying to make sure we're going to be able to do what the EPA requires us to do for the lowest amount of dollars.

Administration found out in a meeting on April 6 with EPA, that the city of Hillsboro was sent information in mid-2003 that required the city of Hillsboro to provide to EPA a schedule of when the update to the sewer plant would be completed and to stop all flow by bypass at the sewer plant. That information was not sent. We are now getting information that the city of Hillsboro has paid for on an engineering design and working with the engineering firm. The engineering firm has given us four cost estimates beginning at 3.5 million to 5 million dollars. Now we must review each of these alternatives to see which one will provide the city of Hillsboro with the needs to comply with Ohio EPA.

I also have a request; Carol Robinson called to request that the semi-professional football team be allowed to use the basketball courts at the city park to sponsor a three-on-three basketball tournament. She did not provide me with any dates or times.

President McCreight asked if he needed anything on that and Mr. Holt said that when she had called him, as far as he was concerned; it needed to go through council because he knew they used it the Fourth of July. Lions Club used it and he didn't know how the council felt about the semi-pro football team using it so he had told her it had to come through council. President McCreight asked Mr. Pence to take it in to his committee for review.

President McCreight said that he was thinking about the EPA situation and how high the price came had come in. Mr. Holt said that the only issue they have since if the bid comes in more than 10% then they have to re-bid; so they had talked with the engineer that morning and then they had a conference call with the engineer and DEFA for about an hour that day to work on getting the costs down on the south lift station. He said that they were going to have to work with them on the sewer treatment plant because we are in a position there where we're being directed by the EPA to do away with these flows during heavy rains. President McCreight said that they won't sit on them forever and Mr. Holt said that he thought they were through sitting. Mayor Zink said that he would like to add to that; the engineers came back and wanted to decrease the size of the holding tank and he said they were standing pretty firm on a 650,000-gallon tank. He said that the thought if they would shrink it down to 350,000-gallon like they suggested, maybe in five to seven years they would be right back and going through it again. He said they had spent about two hours on the phone with Kirby, Brandon Leeth from the sewer plant and Randy Barr from sewer and water maintenance trying to get this set up. He said that

they would keep council informed. Mr. Pence asked if this would hurt their possible funding any by delaying the lift station and Mr. Holt said that that was a good question. He said that he thought they were okay on their funds so far but his concern was the EPA. He said that they had an August deadline to have the south lift station fixed. He said they had a dialog with the EPA and talk with them and see if there's any kind of movement that they will give us to lengthen that time because remember they told us "You have to fix this". They don't care how you fix it as long as you don't have the overflows. They gave us a timeframe. After August or September; whenever that timeframe is up, if it is not completed; they could start fining us daily if they want. He said that they need to keep a dialog with EPA. They know that we're trying to get this fixed; they know that we're trying to make sure we had the funds in line; we're trying to get it resolved. Everything that could go wrong with this portion; just like the bid, did go wrong. We had an issue with the engineer at the beginning and then we had a issue with the paperwork flow through DEFA and now we have this deal but we need to continue to work through this thing.

Mr. Chambers said that people wonder why the sewer rates are going up and said to look at the dollar amounts they are talking about. He said that maybe sewer is more than water but if that's where the costs are now; that what's it going to have to be. There was discussion on how far the bid missed the projection, having only one bid and the timeframe for completing the work.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

I'll try to make this short and sweet. There's one thing that is not on your written report and that is that I have made transfers from the General Fund; a transfer of \$150,000 to the Street Fund and a transfer of \$50,000 to the Life Squad Improvement Fund; a total of \$200,000 and that completes the scheduled transfers from the General Fund. Now I have three pieces of legislation to come up that I would appreciate you passing at this meeting and since we did not have a committee meeting to discuss those; I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about them. One of them was not in you packet. One of them I just wrote today.

Mr. Holt asked where the funds were transferred from and Mrs. Ryan said that she transferred from the General Fund a total of \$200,000. Mr. Holt then asked to where and she replied \$150,000 to the Street and \$50,000 to Life Squad Improvement and those were all scheduled by previous legislation and they are the last transfers from the General Fund that are scheduled. Mr. Chambers asked about the last piece of legislation and wanted to know under Section 2 about the additional \$100,000 to be appropriated to the Water Improvement Fund for additional expenses incurred. Mrs. Ryan explained that in February council approved change orders and since they don't know when the project will be finished; they are incurring interest every day and she hoped that the \$100,000 is enough to take care of the additional expenses for the new water plant. She explained that the change orders in February were not in her original appropriations so she is covering those now. She said the \$5,000 to the Water Debt Fund is considerably less than they put in there last year and the additional amount will cover the last payment that they will have to make this year.

Mr. Walker asked about the \$100,000 appropriation for the Hillsboro Fire Department and Mrs. Ryan said that the Fire Department had received a grant of \$100,000 for communications systems and in order for them to spend that money; it had to be appropriated and they have to list their purchases in the next couple months and they have a deadline for spending it. She said the \$83,000 from the Rural Development Water Reserve Fund will be put back in the Water Revenue Fund as a refund because she had done refinancing on the 1991 loans they had with the USDA. They no long require as high of a security deposit against our debt so we are able to take that much money and put it back in to the Water Revenue Fund which is where it came from in the first place.

HILLSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Hillsboro City Planning Commission met April 19, 2005. As the mayor has already spoken; Eric Smith was introduced as the newest member of the commission replacing Kevin Barreras. Request from a resident on 921 North High Street to establish a consignment shop. That request was denied. Simply because that used to be a consignment shop; but because it changed hands that variance was changed; it goes with the owner not with the property. Plat review for Elm Hill East Subdivision; that plat was approved. The request for the rezoning of Catherine Street; request was denied as the application was not received. Site plan review was presented for Dakota's Roadhouse. No action was required to be taken, information only. A request for replat on Willettsville Pike from four lots to two lots; that request was approved if access street is brought up to city standards. Request for zoning on recently annexed property between 73 and Careytown Road; zoning was voted to be industrial and that was E and it was approved.

Mr. Holt commented on the zoning of the property between 73 and Careytown Road and asked the law director if they needed to have a meeting between council and planning commission. Mr. Beery said that the best thing to do was to schedule a joint public hearing just prior to enacting the legislation. He said the planning commission could give its recommendation immediately following the public hearing and then council could take action. He said that thirty days notice was best if they could squeeze it in. The clerk will advertise the hearing for June 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Fair Housing meeting at 6:30 p.m.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES-

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Donley, Chairman

First of all there's the items listed under the standing committee; just request that leave those in there for now. Most of them are something that we are still working with as far as the funds with the fire positions and the contracts and so forth. My report is; reference the finance committee meeting and the public forum which the mayor has already commented on partially; the finance committee called a meeting of the whole council on April 11, 2005. We held a public forum at the Hillsboro High School cafeteria. The well-attended forum discussed proposed increases in the city income tax and the possibility of putting that on the ballot in the fall. Present in addition with the members of council were the mayor, safety-service director, auditor, treasurer and various department heads.

The council heard from several residents and business owners. Items discussed and some of their suggestions that were presented to the council such as the discussion of the present budget and the anticipated revenues and expenditures which we have all talked about this evening and some of the figures that were thrown out were quite expensive. Also some ideas on ways to increase the revenue within the city. Some of the ideas brought forth and some of the suggestions....some of the people in attendance were as we have previously discussed as far as developing a plan that we can take and show to the public what our needs are; immediate needs, intermediate needs and long range needs. That way we can show to the voters what the tax would be used for in a priority criteria. It was quite an interesting evening. I felt that everybody got a lot of information from it, got an idea of what some of the citizens of Hillsboro are watching the council and administration do as far as our expenses and what they are going for and I think that they just want to be informed as to the needs and so forth.

Also a local business owner introduced us to a petition that's being passed around the city for an anti-tax I guess. The committee, myself and I think that everybody in administration and council would like to thank the people who were in attendance that night with their input and comments to the issues that we have. From the attendance that we had I think the people are concerned with our future of the city and wanting to do the right thing. They just want to be involved in it and have a discussion and be able to show them what we're using their money for. I feel that sometimes; I don't know that we do it, but I think that sometimes people think that we're doing things behind their back and that we have our committee meetings and we come in here and vote on them. I think that my aspect of it; that that's what the people want to know. They just want to know what's the city's doing for them and to be involved in the decision-making. I'm sure that we're going to follow-up with more meetings around town for the people to be involved and I'm sorry that I didn't have any follow-up meeting before the council meeting but I've been rather busy with some family things so I just want to say that I appreciate what the administration's doing and I want them to work with us and try to work together and see if we can't get this thing resolved.

As the people from the motels mentioned, everything keeps going up and sometimes we've got to pass those on. That's something we might have to do with the voters this fall. The ultimate decision will be with them as to what their wishes will be. I do think that we need to keep them involved and informed and entertain all the comments and suggestions those people might have and try to come to some kind of a resolution for this.

A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Walker. All members present voted yea.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE-Mr. Pence, Chairman

We did not have a meeting last month. We're having troubles though with people putting their signs up before we ever get the sign permit. That's going to have to be addressed one of these days. I would recommend that we keep these three items in committee.

STREET & SAFETY COMMITTEE, MR. WALKER, CHAIR

Safety committee met on April 21, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. The item discussed was the beer license for Hillsboro Entertainment Center. I talked to the committee and we recommend to go ahead. The committee recommends that the mayor sends a letter stating that the license be approved and council will not oppose the issue. On this beer license, it's for the bowling alley and it's a necessity; they already have their hard liquor license, they just need approval on that one.

Handicap parking at 314 John Street- The committee feels there's no need for a sign and recommends that the other two signs be removed as there are no handicapped people living there at this time.

Request from Pat Stafford for handicap sign at 466 Vine Street. The committee recommends that we put a "No Parking" sign and make it a handicap-loading zone only. I talked to her about it last night and she requests what if somebody drops the ladies off; the handicapped ladies there and stays for a few minutes and I said there would probably be no problem if they were bringing the ladies in and parking. I said if we put up a handicapped sign, then everybody that's handicapped can park in the zone and there is nothing that you can do about it. That was the committee's recommendation.

421 South West Street, the alley request; put on hold until we discuss it with the law director. I talked to Fred Beery tonight and Nathan Burke is here tonight, so we're going to have a meeting and have everybody involved to the meeting and then discuss it and decide from there.

Mr. Holt had a question about the sign for 466 Vine Street and Mr. Walker asked if they could have a "No Parking – Handicap Loading Zone Only". Mr. Holt said that he didn't know; he would have to talk with Steve Pence to see if they even make such a sign. Mr. Beery said that it could be done but it would require some pavement markings to make it legal. After clarification on the recommendation for 314 John Street, a motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Dodds and seconded by Mr. Donley with all members voting yea.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COM. - Mr. Shoemaker, CHAIR

The Community Enhancement committee met on April 21st of 2005. Present were committee members myself, Dick Donley and Paul Pence. Also present were Bill McCreight, Ralph Holt, Kevin Chambers, John Dodds and Charlie Walker. One of the items in the committee was the Festival of the Bells. This item was placed in committee to determine if the uptown businesses felt that the festival should stay uptown or be moved in 2006. It was determined that the members would go to the businesses uptown to seek opinions on the issue and report their findings to council. Mr. Donley, Mr. Pence, myself and Mr. Walker agreed to conduct the survey.

The second thing in the committee was the car show Cruise-in. Discussion on the dates and times was set up to help and entertainment was considered. Cruise-in dates will be June 24, July 29 and August 26; 4:30 in the afternoon to 8:00 in the evening. Mr. Donley asked council members to sponsor a trophy for one of the shows. All council members present agreed.

The third item was the Lion member Tom Tise who was invited to speak about having the 4th of July fireworks at Liberty Park. He informed the committee that the Hillsboro Lions Club spends approximately \$8,000 for the display. He asked if the restrooms could be opened this year. Safety-Service Director Holt indicated that it shouldn't be a problem. There was some discussion about ways to move the traffic out of the park at the conclusion of the evening. Mr. Tise said that he had spoken with Chief Thompson and he was taking care of the traffic. Safety-Service Director Holt said that the directional signs could be placed in the event. All committee members present voted to allow the Hillsboro Lions Club to hold the 4th of July fireworks at Liberty Park.

Item number four; special assessments were discussed as a way to increase revenues for the city. After some discussion, the committee and members of council and administration would like to find other cities that implemented the special assessment ordinance. The committee wishes this to remain in committee. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Dodds and seconded by Mr. Walker with all members voting yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Mr. Donley asked if the mulch from the tub grinding was being left for us and Mr. Holt said that they had an individual who wanted the mulch; who would take it away. Liability insurance would not allow the schools to utilize the free mulch and a mulch distributor who had been

contacted by Mr. Chambers could not use it since they use only bark.

Mr. Holt said that they were finished picking up brush in Hillsboro. He said that he would like to thank those citizens in Hillsboro that helped by doing theirs and helping their neighbors. He said that this had been an undertaking, that unfortunately they had citizens in Hillsboro who liked to take advantage of the city. They've done what they said they would do and he was sure that there was still brush there, but now it was the responsibility of the property owners. He said in some areas they had picked up three times.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RES. 05-13 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND- The clerk read this resolution in full for a first reading. A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. McClellan and seconded by Mr. Dodds with all members voting yea. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. McClellan and seconded by Mr. Chambers with all members voting yea. Resolution adopted.

RES. 05-14 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$83,000.00 FROM THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER RESERVE FUND AND REFUND SAID AMOUNT TO THE WATER REVENUE FUND- The clerk read this resolution in full for a first reading. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Donley and seconded by Mrs. McClellan with all members voting yea. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. McClellan and seconded by Mr. Donley with all members voting yea. Resolution adopted.

RES.05-15 – A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE WATER REVENUE FUND TO OTHER WATER FUND ACCOUNTS AND TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION- The clerk read this resolution in full for a first reading. A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Mrs. McClellan and seconded by Mr. Donley with all members present voting yea. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Chambers with all members voting yea. Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Dodds asked to be excused from the June meeting as he would be out of town. A motion to excuse Mr. Dodds was made by Mr. Shoemaker and seconded by Mr. Walker. All members present voted yea.

With no further business to come before council; a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pence and seconded by Mrs. McClellan. Meeting adjourned.

Bill McCreight, President

Beverly Brown, Clerk of Council