

HILLSBORO CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 27, 2023

At 6:00 p.m. Council President Tom Eichinger called the Hillsboro City Special Council meeting to order. The following were present for the meeting: Clerk Whitney Aliff, Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins, Auditor Patty Day and Law Director Randalyn Worley.

ROLL CALL

Greg Maurer, Don Storer, Jo Sanborn, Dan Baucher, Jason Brown, Mary Stanforth and Adam Wilkin were present.

MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to excuse SSD Brianne Abbott, seconded by Adam Wilkin. Vote: all yeas. SSD Brianne Abbott excused.

Mr. Eichinger led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS-

Resolution 23-19 A Resolution to enter into a contract for municipal mowing services and declaring an emergency

DISCUSSION: Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins shared a forced account document with all council members that provided costs for city employees mowing the parks. The document included costs of wages, fuel, equipment and hours worked. Adkins shared Weber Lawn Care and Landscaping's bid was the lowest and best bid for mowing. Discussion was had between councilmembers and Shawn Adkins about contracted services in prior years. Adkins noted if council allows the city to contract mowing services, the employees in the public works departments will be able to complete tasks that are not currently being completed. Shawn Adkins provided an example of turning water valves that are located in the middle of the street. Adkins noted this task would require two employees operating the valve and four employees flagging. Councilmember Don Storer asked how the services would be paid for, being answered "it is in the budget" by Adkins. Councilmember Jason Brown shared he met with an individual who had at one time mowed the parks. Mr. Brown noted the individual could complete mowing with one 72" zero-turn mower within 11 hours at Liberty and Harmony Lake. Jason Brown cited manufacturer information for a 72" zero-turn mower that stated at seven miles per hour, it can mow nine acres an hour. Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins invited Jason Brown and any councilmember if they so choose to see how long it takes to mow. Councilmember Mary Stanforth shared the city employees "don't stop mowing" and thanked parks employee Rick Tipton for efforts of beautifying the parks. Councilmember Jo Sanborn requested clarification if the contract is passed, no additional money would be needed and if council chooses to continue with city employees mowing, more money will be needed. Shawn Adkins confirmed, as the recreation budget does not have enough to pay city employees wages for the mowing season. Councilmember Greg Maurer asked which would be cheaper, answered "to bid it" by Shawn Adkins. Adkins noted the idea of looking into a recreation department for the city.

MOTION: Adam Wilkin moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 23-19, seconded by Greg Maurer. Vote: Dan Baucher-yes, Jason Brown-yes, Jo Sanborn-yes, Greg Maurer-yes, Mary Stanforth-yes, Don Storer-yes, Adam Wilkin-yes. Resolution 23-19 three-reading rule suspended.

MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to approve and adopt Resolution 23-19, seconded by Mary Stanforth. Vote: Jason Brown-yes, Jo Sanborn-yes, Greg Maurer-yes, Mary Stanforth-yes, Don Storer-yes, Adam Wilkin-yes, Dan Baucher-yes. Resolution 23-19 approved and adopted.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS-

Ordinance 2023-17 An Ordinance making appropriations transfers for the City of Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio

DISCUSSION: Ordinance 2023-17 will transfer \$21,000.00 to help pay for contracted mowing services.



MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 2023-17, seconded by Don Storer. Vote: Greg Maurer-yes, Mary Stanforth-yes, Don Storer-yes, Adam Wilkin-yes, Dan Baucher-yes, Jason Brown-yes, Jo Sanborn-yes. Ordinance 2023-17 approved and adopted.

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, Public Works Superintendent asked council for guidance for the 2024 budget. Councilmembers voiced to be in favor of bidding the service out. "As long as we use our other men very efficiently so we make up for that time" Don Storer added.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Adam Wilkin moved to adjourn, seconded by Don Storer. Vote all yeas. Council meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hillsboro City Council is Thursday May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Courtroom 130 Homestead Drive.


Tom Eickinger, President PRO TEM
Greg Maurer

Whitney Aliff, Clerk