

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale  
September 19, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Adam Stockford opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

Mayor Adam Stockford called the meeting to order. Clerk Price took roll call.

Council Members present: Adam Stockford, Mayor  
R Greg Stuchell, Ward 1  
Anthony Vear, Ward 1  
Cynthia Pratt, Ward 2  
Bruce Sharp, Ward 3  
Raymond Briner, Ward 4  
Robert Socha, Ward 4

Council Members absent: William Morrissey, Ward 2  
Bill Zeiser, Ward 3

Also Present: Attorney John Lovinger, Katy Price (City Clerk), Jason Blake (DPS Director), Alan Beeker (Planning Administrator), Scott Hephner (HPD/HFD), Penny Swan, Doug Ingles, Sheri Ingles, Dennis Wainscott, Gary Wolfram, Scott Wiseley, Colleen Ladd and Ted Janson.

### Approval of Agenda

Mayor Stockford asked to add Consent item U. Fair Parade to the agenda.

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Socha to add Consent item U, Fair Parade to the agenda

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Pratt to approve the agenda as amended.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### Public Comment

Ted Jansen, 104 Hillsdale St., commented on the Traffic Control Order 1981-1 amendment is in favor of the proposed change. Jansen was in favor of the proposed Recreation Plan as well.

### Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
  - 1. City and BPU Claims of August 11, 2022: \$442,636.71
  - 2. Payroll of August 18, 2022: \$177,018.32
  - September 1, 2022: \$184,397.00
- B. City Council Minutes of August 15, 2022
- C. EDC Minutes of June 21, 2022
- D. Planning Commission Minutes of July 20, 2022
- E. Shade Tree Minutes of August 3, 2022
- F. Cemetery Minutes of August 3, 2022
- G. Expenditure of Public Safety Equipment Millage Funds
- H. 5K Special Olympics Area 29 Street Closures

- I. 5K American Legion Recreational Fun Run Traffic Control Order
- J. Hillsdale Community High School Homecoming Parade
- K. Hillsdale College Homecoming Street Closures
- L. Hillsdale College Noise Variance for Bonfire
- M. Use of Vacant Lot Agreement – Alumni Homecoming Celebration – J. Emery
- N. Noise Variance Request for 120 N. Manning Street – J. Emery
- O. 2022 Special Assessment Installment Report
- P. BPU WWTP Façade Work
- Q. BPU WWTP Vector Dump Station
- R. BPU WWTP Garage Roof Replacement
- S. BPU WWTP Inlet Works MCC Replacement
- T. BPU AMP Efficiency Smart Program
- U. Fair Parade

Motion by Council Member Vear, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll call:

Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 7-0

**Communications/Petitions**

- A. Public Power Week Coloring Contest
- B. BPU Fire Hydrant Flushing Notice
- C. TIFA Board Resignation- Lance Lashaway
- D. Hillsdale County Road Commission Letter
- E. Ted Jansen Letter – Railroad Train Event

Motion by Council Member Stuchell, seconded by Council Member Socha to accept item C. TIFA Board Resignation of Lance Lashaway

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

All items presented for the purpose of information only.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings**

- A. Adoption of Ordinances to Amend Sections 36-150, 36-631, 36-681

Alan Beeker, Zoning Administrator reported to Council that the three ordinance amendments presented for adoption are a result of the Planning Department’s continual review of Chapter 36. Sec. 36-150 Landscape and 36-681 Obscuring walls and fences are both being amended due to zoning district changes that were adopted in 2018. Some of the districts that were removed at that time were still referenced in the aforementioned ordinances. In addition there were some districts that have been added that were not included.

Sec. 36-631 still restricted the height of parking lot light poles. The height restriction is removed.

Mayor Stockford opened podium at 7:16 p.m.

With no public comment Mayor Stockford closed podium at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Stuchell, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve **Ordinance 2022-02** to amend Section 36-150.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Vear to approve **Ordinance 2022-03** to amend Section 36-631.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Pratt to approve **Ordinance 2022-04** to amend Section 36-681.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

A. Resolution to Amend Traffic Control Order 1981-1

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Pratt to amend TCO 1981-1 to replace Yield signs with Stop signs in both directions on River St at N. Manning St. intersection. **Resolution #3515.**

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Baw Beese System Projects Plan

Alan Beeker mentioned the Recreation Department and the Department of Public Services has turned its focus on the need for revitalization of the City's parks. Much of the equipment is very outdated, no longer meets playground certification regulations and does not speak to inclusive play needs for our population of people with disabilities. In order to address these issues, we have met with Sinclair Recreation and have developed a plan for removal/replacement of equipment and upgrades to the parks. An exciting piece of the Plan is a proposed 18 hole pro golf course on City property adjacent to Waterworks Park/Lakeview Cemetery.

Once approved, the Plan will then be included in the renewal of the City of Hillsdale-Hillsdale Township 5-Year Joint Recreation Plan for approval on the State Level in 2023. This update will be key in moving forward with revitalizing our parks and securing funding resources.

Council discussion ensued.

Motion by Council Member Vear, seconded by Council Member Briner to approve the Baw Beese Park System Projects Plan as presented.

Roll call:

Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Nay
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 6-1

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Set Public Hearing for Special Assessment District for SAD 2023-07 (Westwood Area)

Motion by Council Member Stuchell, seconded by Council Member Sharp to set the public hearing for SAD 2023-07 Westwood area for Monday October 3, 2022.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Set Public Hearing for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Cambria Tool

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Stuchell to set the public hearing for IFT Exemption Certificate for Cambria Tool on Monday October 17, 2022.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

E Public Services Street Sweeper Purchase

Jason Blake, reported the street sweeper is one of the most essential and frequently used pieces of equipment within City’s fleet. It’s used on the highways, major and local street systems in addition to the city parking lots for approximately nine (9) months out of the year.

The proposed purchase of the MTEC M4HSD Mechanical sweeper will replace the 2004 Sterling Vac all Vacuum sweeper. The DPS crewmembers test drove three (3) different mechanical sweepers and found that the MTEC Global M4HSD would serve our needs most efficiently.

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Vear to approve the purchase of the MTEC M4HSD Mechanical sweeper at the cost of \$343,000.00.

Roll call:

Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 7-0

F Compliance 401K Retirement Plan Agreements

City Manager Mackie reported that on August 15, 2022 the City Council discussed and authorized the City Manager to notify ICMA that the City would be cancelling our current 457 and 401 retirement plans with the organization. That notice was faxed on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and delivered by certified mail on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the City Council authorized the City Manager to work with Compliance 401K to prepare replacement plan agreements. Attached are the two agreements with Compliance 401K for consideration. The agreements would go into effect upon the cancellation dates of the ICMA plans.

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Vear to authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City of Hillsdale the attached retirement plan agreements with Compliance 401K for 457 and 401 retirement plans.

Roll call:

Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye

Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 7-0

**Miscellaneous Reports**

A. Proclamation – None

B. Appointments- TIFA Board – Kevin Conant

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Briner to approve the appointment of Kevin Conant to the TIFA Board.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Other- None

**General Public Comment**

Colleen Ladd commented that Summit street parking is an issue. Hillsdale College parks on the street and creates parking issues. Snow plowing is another issue, Ladd is requesting Council to review the pictures she submitted to clerk Price and see if there is a way to have no parking on one or both sides of the street.

Dennis Wainscott commented on the Baw Beese Park Plan and the Fair Parade.

Jack McLain commented on an article in The Collegian newspaper. He also stated he like the new building colors on the stores in the downtown.

Ted Jansen, commented on the Baw Beese Park Plan. He suggested downtown bathrooms in a plan as it would be a great asset for people visiting the downtown area.

Gary Wolfram commented that Prints in Review ranked Hillsdale College #1 in country for the most engaged in community service.

Scott Wiseley, 40 Glendale Ave, commented on the asked about the leaf pick up going by date or weather. He also commented on the street sweeper.

**City Manager's Report**

Sound system is being installed later this week.

Train event will be help on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Construction on Budlong St/Waldron St and open to traffic tomorrow morning. Crack filling will continue on S. Howell, State St, W. Fayette St. this week.

S. Howell St to Lynwood Ave will be closed tomorrow through Friday for construction.

BPU hydrant flushing today through the week.

Fair Parade is on Monday, September 20, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Council Comments**

Council Member Sharp commented on the ongoing construction projects and thanked all involved with putting the train event together this month. Sharp mentioned the Dawn Theater looks so amazing and nice.

Council Member Socha thanked the Rotary Club and everyone involved as well with the train event.

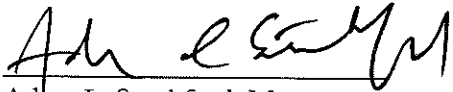
Mayor Stockford commented that there will be a City Council candidate debate held at the Dawn Theater soon.

Council Member Briner mentioned the fair is next week.

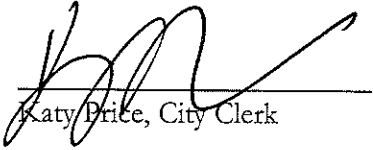
**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Socha moved to adjourn the meeting.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Adam L. Stockford, Mayor



Katy Price, City Clerk