

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
January 17, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor 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
Greg Stuchell, Ward 1
Anthony Vear, Ward 1
William Morrissey, Ward 2
Cynthia Pratt, Ward 2
Bruce Sharp, Ward 3
Gary Wolfram, Ward 3
Robert Socha, Ward 4

Council Members absent: Josh Paladino, Ward 4

Also Present: Attorney Tom Thompson, Katy Price (City Clerk), Jason Blake, Scott Hephner (HPD/HFD), Alan Beeker (Zoning Administrator), Jeff Cooley, Jennette Cooley, Chris Sumnar, Allison Grimm, Leisha Taylor, Ezra Bertakis, Casey Sullivan, Dennis Wainscott, Becky Spratt, Glenn Frobel, Jon Beckwith, Sheri Ingles, Stephanie Myers, Ted Jansen and Doug Ingles.

Approval of Agenda

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

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Jon Beckwith, commented about building an ice cream plant in Hillsdale.

Ted Jansen, 104 Hillsdale St., commented on the appointments of the Homeless Taskforce. He read an article that Mr. Lippincott wrote on the homeless.

Glen Frobel, commented on the Homeless Taskforce and shared about a YouTube video on Seattle.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1. Payroll of December 8, 2022: \$192,975.85, December 22, 2022 \$184,724.49
- B. City Council Minutes of December 19, 2022
- C. EDC Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022
- D. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2022, January 3, 2023
- E. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022
- F. Board of Review Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022
- G. Public Safety Minutes of January 11, 2023

Council Member Socha commented on the Public Safety Committee Minutes and asked that a letter from Council Member Stuchell be included in the next packet.

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

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications/Petitions

- A. Comcast Letter
- B. Hillsdale County Farmers Market Letter – Referral to Community Development Committee
- C. Vested Risk Strategies – Chris Sumnar

Mr. Sumnar reviewed the services agreement that was as approved at the last meeting.

All items presented for the purpose of information only.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Old Business

- A. Homelessness Task Force Appointments:

Josiah Lippincott, Elisabeth Schleuter, Angie Turner, Casey Sullivan, Pat Porter, Jacob Bruns, Sarah Conley, Brad Benzing, Stephanie Myers, Julie Boyce, Cynthia Pratt, Jessica Spangler, Missy Desjardin, Holly Carpenter, Becky Spratt.

Council discussion ensued on the members.

Mayor Stockford asked that Correy Murray be appointed to the Task Force as well.

Motion by Mayor Stockford, seconded by Council Member Wolfram to approve the appointments as presented with Correy Murray added to the Homelessness Task Force.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A. Meijer Electric Agreement

City Manager Mackie reported that Meijer, in preparation for construction to start on their new store this spring, has requested the Electric Department relocate electric transmission line across their property. They have agreed to reimburse the Electric Department up to \$350,000.00 for the work.

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Vear to approve Electric Pole Line Relocation Agreement with Meijer.

Roll call:

Council Member Pratt	Aye
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye
Council Member Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Morrissey	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

- B. Hydaker-Wheatlake Pole Line Relocation

City Manager Mackie shared that the Electric Department solicited quotes from two contractors for

the Meijer pole line relocation project. The BPU Board and the Finance Committee both approved the selection of Hydaker-Wheatlake Company in the amount of \$324,856.00. Meijer has agreed to reimburse the BPU up to \$350,000.00 for the work.

Motion by Council Member Wolfram, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve the agreement with Hydaker-Wheatlake Company in the amount of \$324,856.00.

Roll call:

Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye
Council Member Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Morrisey	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

Miscellaneous Reports

- A. Proclamation – None
- B. Appointments- None
- C. Other- None

General Public Comment

Missy DesJardin, commented on the Homelessness Task Force and asked that emotions be put aside and approach it as a delicate matter.

Ted Jansen, commented on the Homeless and asked council to meet with them.

City Manager’s Report

Congratulated Employees, Gary Stachowicz (Forester), Lindsey Ledyard (Mechanic) and Kelley Newell (BPU Office Manager) on their upcoming retirements.

The Airport sold \$272,000.00 of aviation fuel in 2022.

Mitchell Research Center Lease agreement is finalized for a term of one (1) year.

Westwood Project bid and CBDG Water and Sewer bid will be out and live later this month.

Demolition of the Owen Memorial Park House has started.

In upcoming months discussion of power secure units to provide capacity up for the City will take place.

Council Comments

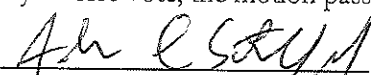
Council Member Stuchell thanked the City Fire and Police for a great job at a fire incident that he had.

Council Member Morrisey asked about debris along the bike path.

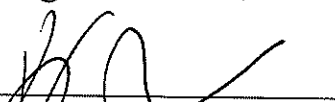
Adjournment

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 8:00 p.m.



 Adam Stockford, Mayor



 Katy Price, City Clerk