

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
November 18, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Reconvened from November 12, 2024 Meeting

III. Oath of Office (Board of Canvassers to Certify Election after November 12, 2024)

Ward One Council Seat- Jacob Bruns

City Clerk Price administered Oath of Office to newly elected ward one Council Member Bruns. Bruns took his seat with Council.

Ward Two Council Seat- Matthew Bentley

City Clerk Price administered Oath of Office to newly elected ward two Council Member Bentley. Bentley took his seat with Council.

Ward Three Council Seat- Bob Flynn

City Clerk Price administered Oath of Office to newly elected ward three Council Member Flynn. Flynn took his seat with Council.

Ward Four Council Seat – Robert Socha

City Clerk Price administered Oath of Office to newly re-elected ward four Council Member Socha. Socha took his seat with Council.

Mayor Stockford congratulated new Council members and made a few comments. Stockford stated he will add his resignation on the December 2, 2024 agenda. He has moved out of the City. He also gave a brief background of the mayor.

IV. Mayor Pro Tem Election

Councilman Morrisey and Councilman Paladino expressed interest in the Mayor pro tem position.

Election processed ensued, council voted by written ballot.

Clerk Price tallied votes. Votes were noted:

Paladino 5, Morrisey 4

Paladino received votes from Councilman Bruns, Paladino, Socha, Bentley and Mayor Stockford.

Morrisey received votes from Councilman Flynn, Morrisey, Wolfram, and Stuchell.

V. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Shannon Gainer, Ward four, thanked Mayor Stockford for his services, welcomed new council members and spoke about special assessments.

Jack McLain, Hillsdale Twp., stated on November 9, 2020 Councilmembers were sworn in from the election and included Socha. His concern was he wasn't sworn in at the November 12, 2024 meeting. McLain also stated he hoped that Council votes for what is best for the City.

VI. Adjournment

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

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Stockford called to order the November 18, 2024 regular council 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 Jacob Bruns, Ward 1 William Morrissey, Ward 2 Matthew Bentley, Ward 2 Gary Wolfram, Ward 3 Bob Flynn, Ward 3 Robert Socha, Ward 4 Joshua Paladino, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	None
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Also Present: David Mackie (City Manager), Attorney Tom Thompson, Katy Price (City Clerk), Jason Blake (DPS Director), Brandon Janes (IT), Ginger Moore (Airport Manager), Steve Boyd, Tom Siimes, Sheri Ingles, Karen Hill, Cindy Flynn, Ann Davis, Louise Worms, Shannon Gainer, Keri Stewart, Gerry Brown, Dan Poole (HCFD), Stephanie Stockford, Penny Myers, Eric Myers, Christian Winter, Casey Sullivan, Missy DesJardin, Brian DesJardin, Grace Novak, Brad Benzing.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilman Morrissey, support by Councilman Flynn, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Christian Winter, ward one, commented on his potential Planning Commission appointment and his residency.

Keri Stewart, Homeless advocate, spoke on Camp Hope and supporting Missy DesJardin's effort.

Jack McLain, Hillsdale Twp., commented on the Freedom of Information Act Appeal. McLain stated if you ask for the information you should pay for it.

Shannon Gainer, ward four, commented on the audit and procedure.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1. City and BPU Claims of October 17, 2024: \$297,979.51
 - 2. Payroll of November 7, 2024: \$214,154.92
- B. City Council Minutes of November 4, 2024
- C. Finance Minutes of November 4, 2024
- D. BPU Minutes of November 12, 2024
- E. BPU SmartSights WIN-911
- F. BPU Grit Screw Wear Shoe Replacement
- G. BPU Mowing Contract 1 year Extension
- H. BPU Hallett and South Lift Station Standby Generators

Motion by Councilman Morrissey, support by Councilman Socha, to approve the agenda as

presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Communication/Petitions

- A. Audit Report
- B. Holiday Bazaar Flyer
- C. Melissa DesJardin- Camp Hope Discussion
- D. Penny Myers- Share the Warmth Discussion
- E. Hillsdale County Commissioner Update – Doug Ingles

Melissa DesJardin, Hillsdale Community Thrift, gave an update on Camp Hope and stated she received a letter from the City requesting the tent on property come down end of January 2025.

Penny Myers, Share the Warm Director gave a brief update on the program. Stated she is hoping to go full time with a shelter soon.

Doug Ingles, County Commissioner, end of November scaffolding should be completely down on the Courthouse. Discussion on the clock chimes ensued.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

Old Business

New Business

- A. Airport Hangar Lease

Ginger Moore, Airport Manager reported Tom Siimes is a current renter in corporate hangar #1. Siimes currently leases the hangar for \$400/month. The hangar is 2,700 sq ft. It is an old hangar in need of new hangar doors and lighting. Siimes has agreed to put at least \$50,000.00 in repairs in lieu of hangar rent for the next 10 years. After 10 years he would pay a market value rent.

Motion by Council Member Flynn, seconded by Council Member Socha moved to approve the hangar improvement agreement as presented with Tom Siimes.

Roll Call:

Councilman Bentley	Nay
Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Nay
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Councilman Morrisey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Nay

Motion passed 6-3

- B. Airport Tug Purchase

Ginger Moore, Airport Manager stated the airport is in need of an aircraft tug that can pull an aircraft weighing up to 25,000 lbs. Airplane tugs are used to put the aircraft into the hangar and to bring it out of the hangar when preparing for a flight. They can also be useful when multiple aircraft are on the apron and need to be repositioned. Tiffin Aire Tug can pull up to 25,000 lbs. The cost of the tug is approximately \$25,000 and was approved in the fiscal year budget.

Motion by Council Member Flynn, seconded by Council Member Socha moved to make the tug purchase from Tiffin Aire for the presented quoted price.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Nay
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Nay
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Nay
Councilman Bentley	Nay

Motion passed 5-4

C. FOIA Appeal

David Mackie, City Manager/FOIA Coordinator stated on November 6, 2024 the City received the FOIA Appeal from Michael Ayele (W) asking that the City waive the FOIA fees associated with his request.

Council discussion ensued on FOIA.

Motion by Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Morrissey moved to deny the FOIA appeal request.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports

A. Proclamations – None

B. Appointment- Planning Commission – Christian Winter

Councilman Flynn shared concerns on candidates that are not present at meetings to ask questions. His concern is the short length of time Mr. Winter has been in the City.

Further Council discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilman Paladino, seconded by Councilman Bruns moved to approve Christian Winter to the Planning Commission.

Roll Call:

Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Nay
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Nay
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye
Councilman Flynn	Nay

Motion passed 6-3

General Public Comment

Joseph Hendee, 181 Rea St., Spoke on the city charter and congratulated newly elected Council members.

Jack McLain, Hillsdale Twp., commented on standing committee assignments, vetting candidates and camping ordinance.

Kari Stewart, 2288 Pondbrooke Dr., thanked Missy DesJardin and Penny Myers on a job well done and they work side by side. Hillsdale needs a transitional living arrangement. Desjardin has been doing her program out of pocket for the last year. Asked city to help take care of the homeless.

Karen Hill, ward 3 and library board member, commented on vetting candidates for boards and commissions. There is a library board vacancy and asked council to look at candidates that are more neutral and looking to do what is best for the library.

Melissa DesJardin, Hillsdale Community Thrift, asked council where the city wants the homeless to go if she has to disband Camp Hope.

Shannon Gainer, ward 4, commented that she isn't against the airport she doesn't want it to be the focus. Spoke on hangar door costs. Gainer commented on the audit and budget.

City Manager Report

Christmas Train, Wednesday, November 20, 2024 5:30- 7:00 p.m.

Library Movie Night, 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Airport funding and revenue.

MML Handbook.

Council Comment

Councilman Socha read aloud Mayor Pro tem section of charter.

Councilman Stuchell thanked Mayor for his service and wished him well.

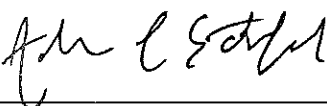
Councilman Flynn asked council to use their microphone for rollcall votes. Flynn reported that the SAD Westwood Project went well that he spoke with and thanked this city of a job well done and had great communication throughout the project. Also, Flynn thanked Mayor Stockford for his services and wished him well.

Councilman Wolfram thanked Mayor Stockford for his service and agreed on the communication on the SAD Westwood Project stating it was great.

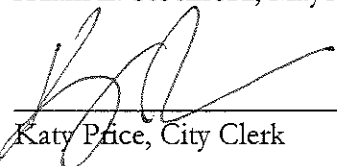
Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Stuchell, seconded by Councilmember Flynn to adjourn the meeting. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting Adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



Adam L. Stockford, Mayor



Katy Price, City Clerk