

Council Chambers
Hillsdale City Hall
97 N. Broad St.
Hillsdale, MI 49242

January 19, 2015
7:00 p.m.
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Scott Sessions opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to excuse the absence of Councilperson Watkins from the January 19, 2015 meeting.

All ayes

Motion carried

Roll Call

Mayor Scott Sessions called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Councilmember Adam Stockford representing Ward One; Councilmember Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Council members Emily Stack-Davis and Bruce Sharp representing Ward Three; and Council members Mary Beth Bail and Patrick Flannery representing Ward Four.

Also present were: City Attorney Kevin Shirk, Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Keith Richard (DPS), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Jane Englehart (HCPD), Judy Buzo (Dial-a-Ride), Kevin Pauken (HCFD), Andy Bassand (HDN), Russ Martin (WCSR), Sam Nutter, Ruth Brown, Dan and Marie LaRue, Cec Mead.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the January 19, 2015 Agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from January 2, 2015; Claims of \$71,176.34; Payroll of \$89,829.97.
- B. Committee Reports:
 - 1. EDC Minutes of October 16, 2014, November 11, 2014 & December 9, 2014
 - 2. Finance Minutes of December 22, 2014
 - 3. Operations and Governance Minutes of December 8, 2014 & January 15, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of January 5, 2015
- D. Finance Reports of December 2014

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson XXX, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call: Councilpersons Stack Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Bail – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

Communications and Petitions

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance: None
- B. Code Enforcement. A brief update on 55 S. Broad St. was submitted to Council stating there are still delinquent property tax amounts owed in addition to current 2014 taxes, a Certificate of Forfeiture of Real Property was filed by the County Treasurer for the 2012 taxes in question. No action taken.
- C. Clerk & Treasurer. City Manager Doug Terry stated the appointed positions of Clerk and Treasurer had been advertised.

Councilperson Bail stated she felt Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren had all of the qualifications for appointment to fill the Clerk vacancy until the next city election. Councilperson Stack-Davis stated the decision to receive applications from the public had already been discussed and supported by Council prior to this meeting. Ms. Stack-Davis stated she agreed Deputy Clerk Loren was qualified and welcomed her to apply.

Motion by Councilperson Bail to appoint Deputy Clerk Loren to fill the position of City Clerk until the November City Election. No support was given and the motion died.

Members of Council agreed that Ms. Loren was very qualified and commended her for the job she has done to date, but felt Council's decision to receive application from the public was the fair direction to take regarding the appointment.

City Manager Doug Terry thanked Deputy Clerk Loren and Treasurer Sue Arnold for their service.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Hillsdale County Equalization – 2015 Imagery – “Buy up to 6” Resolution No. 3206. City Assessor Kimberly Thomas explained in a memo the importance of the GIS imagery system as a tool for the assessor to be able to define a property in more exacting detail. Council was presented with a cost of between \$1,514.40 and \$3028.80.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to adopt Resolution #3206 and authorize the imagery expense. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate – Resolution No. 3207. Council was notified that the Clerk had receipt application for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) certificate at 14 Foxtail Lane in the Three Meadows subdivision.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to adopt Resolution #3207 and approve the NEZ at 14 Foxtail Lane for 10 years. Roll call: Councilperson Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Review of City Manager Contract Provisions.

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to remove automatic renewal language from the City Manager's Contract expiring May, 2015. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack – Davis – yes; Kinney – yes; Flanner – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous

- A. Appointments:

RES. 3206
2015
IMAGERY

NEZ
CERTIFICATE
RES 3207
14 FOXTAIL
LN.

REVIEW
OF CITY
MANAGER
CONTRACT
PROVISIONS

APPT'S

Reappointment of Richard Emery to IMPC Board for a 3 year term ending January 2018.

Appointment of Sam Nutter to Planning Commission filling a vacancy ending November, 2015.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the appointments of Richard Emery to IMPC and Sam Nutter to Planning Commission.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

City Manager Report

City Manager Doug Terry, with support from Councilperson Flannery, presented Council with the budget schedule.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the 2014-15 Budget schedule as presented. Roll call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – no; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes.

2014-15
BUDGET
SCHEDULE

Motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Councilpersons Flannery to set a Public Hearing date of May 18, 2015 to hear public comment regarding the 2014-15 Budget. Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – no; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

Motion carried 6-1.

General Public Comment

Ruth Brown addressed Council to announce the first meeting of Hillsdale County Suicide Prevention group on January 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Cece Mead complimented Mary Wolfram for her efforts in helping the LaRues, new owners at 14 Foxtail Lane, obtain the NEZ.

Council Comment

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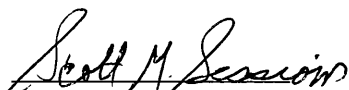
Adjournment

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

8:05 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor

Michelle Loren
Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk