

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

February 2, 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 Stockford, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to excuse the absence of Councilperson Watkins from the February 2, 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 Manager Doug Terry, Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lewis Loren, Bonnie Tew (Finance), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Ruth Brown.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to approve the February 2, 2015 Council Agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Bills from January 15, 2015; Claims of \$675,312.05; Payroll of \$148,765.66 with sick and personal hours added.
- B. Committee Reports:
  1. Finance Minutes of January 19, 2014
  2. Officers Compensation Minutes of January 8, 2015, January 14, 2015 and January 21, 2015.
- C. Council Minutes of January 19, 2015

Motion by Councilperson Bail, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, 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. None
- C. Clerk & Treasurer. City Manager Doug Terry reported two orientation sessions had been held for perspective Clerk and Treasurer appointment applicants. One person was in attendance at each session and one requested an application. No applications have been received for either office at this time.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

- A. Resignation of City Manager Linda Brown. Acting City Manager Terry addressed Council regarding the receipt of a formal resignation from City Manager Linda Brown effective February 1, 2015 Mr. Terry thanked City Manager Brown for her years of service to the community and wished her well in life and in her health.

RESIGNATION  
OF CITY  
MANAGER  
BROWN.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to accept the resignation of City Manager Linda Brown effective February 1, 2015. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

**Miscellaneous**

- A. Appointments:

Appointment of Rickie Freeman to the Library Board filling a vacancy ending November 2019.

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Motion by Councilperson Stack Davis, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the appointments of Rickie Freeman to the Library Board.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Doug Terry reported he had advertised for the City Manager position and had received several responses.

City Manager Terry also reported that a recent situation with a city employee is being taken seriously and is being dealt with. Mr. Terry stated he would report back when a final outcome has been determined.

**General Public Comment**

Ruth Brown reported the first meeting of the newly formed Suicide Prevention Coalition was a success. Ms. Brown shared that a free Prevention Prepared Communities (PPC) training will be held February 12, 2015 in Eaton Rapids and encouraged local attendance.

**Council Comment**

Councilperson Sharp reported a Public Safety Committee meeting had been held and asked City Manager Terry to summarize the discussion for Council. City Manager Terry reported that he and Chief Hephner shared some employment plans with the committee members. Mr. Terry explained that, with the retirement of longtime dispatcher Jane Englehart a part-time clerical position would be filled. Mr. Terry also stated that the newly hired part-time police officer would be on a gradual increase up to fulltime. Mr. Terry stated these decisions had been made after a careful review of the current budget and with the 2015-16 Budget planning in mind.

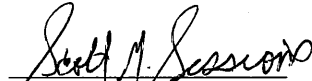
Adjournment

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

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

7:40 p.m.

  
Scott M. Sessions, Mayor

  
Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk