

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

February 16, 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 Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to excuse the absence of Councilperson Flannery from the February 16, 2015 meeting.

All ayes

Motion carried

Roll Call

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

Also present were: City Manager Doug Terry, Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lewis Loren, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Keith Richard (DPS), Judy Buzo (Dial-A-Ride), Ruth Brown, Greg Bailey (Officers Compensation), Sharon Bisher, Julia Denig (Domestic Harmony), Nichole Dunlap (Domestic Harmony), Andy Barrand (HDN), Kristin Lucas, James Scheibner (Hillsdale Municipal Airport), Jeff King, Tony Ginolfi.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to approve the February 16, 2015 Council Agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Sharon Bisher, Executive Director Hillsdale County Community Foundation, spoke in support of Domestic Harmony in regard to the proposed contract for services.

Jeff King, Airport Advisory Committee Chair, addressed Council expressed his disappointment regarding the Jason Walters Lease Assignment explaining the advisory committee had not been given the opportunity to review and advise.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from January 29, 2015; Claims of \$212,084.88; Payroll of \$85,795.64 and Payroll for February 12, 2015: \$89,226.71.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
 1. Shade Tree Minutes of February 4, 2015
 2. TIFA Minutes of November 18, 2014
 3. Planning Commission Minutes of December 16, 2014
 4. Officers Compensation Minutes of February 22, 2015
 5. Public Safety Minutes of January 23, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of February 2, 2015
- D. Finance Reports: January 2015

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Communications and Petitions

Julia Denig, Executive Director, Domestic Harmony, addressed Council regarding the consideration of contractual services in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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Councilperson Stack-Davis expressed that, while she supports Domestic Harmony and the City's support of its services for city residents, she also felt that as the City nears its budget cycle, approval of the contract should wait until Council is given a chance to review its budget. Ms. Stack-Davis questioned amounts received from other cities and questioned the possibility of a challenge grant.

Councilperson Watkins encouraged Council to support Domestic Harmony due to the services provided to city residents.

City Manager Terry spoke favorably of Domestic Harmony and encouraged Council's support.

Councilperson Stockford offered that this item might be considered a Public Safety item in the future.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the Domestic Harmony contract in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk. Further discussion ensued namely budget concerns. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – no.

Approved 6-1.

Motion carried.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance: None
- B. Code Enforcement: None
- C. Clerk & Treasurer. Mayor Sessions introduced Greg Bailey, Chair of the Officers Compensation Commission, spoke to Council regarding the final determination for election officials compensation as follows: Mayor: \$3,700.00/year; Councilpersons \$1,430.00/year plus \$30.00 for standing committee meetings not to exceed 40 meetings; City Clerk: \$26,000.00/year; City Treasurer: \$15,740.00.

Mr. Bailey proceeded to read a letter submitted by the Commission recommending Council consider moving toward making the positions of clerk and treasurer appointed positions rather than elected positions.

Council asked questions of Mr. Bailey pertaining to how the Commission arrived at its determination.

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CLERK &
TREASURER
POSITIONS

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. DART Funding Resolution #3208. A resolution of intent required by MDOT as a part of the annual application for financial assistance under At 51 for public transportation known as Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART) was presented to Council for adoption.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to adopt DART Funding Resolution #3208. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Walters Airport Hanger Lease Assignment.

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Stockford to approve the assignment of the Blair Mohr (MASCO) ground lease to Jason Walters and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk. Roll call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes;

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3208
DART
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AIRPORT
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Stack-Davis – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous

A. Appointments:

Appointment 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.

APPTS.

City Manager Report

City Manager Doug Terry made note of the reception to be held in honor of Former City Manager Linda Brown's years of service to the City on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 3-5:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Research Center.

City Manager Terry also commented on cold weather safety.

General Public Comment

Ruth Brown, District 1 County Commissioner, commented on the Officers Compensation determination. Ms. Brown also informed Council of a grant opportunity and that she had passed the information onto City Manager Terry and Fire Chief Kevin Pauken.

Judy Buzo, Dial-A-Ride Director, reported to Council regarding the turnout for Dial-A-Ride's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Greg Bailey answered to comments made regarding the Officers Compensation Commission's approach to their determination of the Clerk's compensation.

Tony Ginolfi commented that Dial-A-Ride was created in 1975.

DIAL
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ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Council Comment

Councilperson Sharp thanked thank Keith Richard for a quick response to the building at 90 Galloway. Mr. Sharp also thanked Greg Bailey and the other members of the Officers Compensation Commission for a hard job well done.

Councilperson Stack-Davis concurred with Councilperson Sharp's comments and asked that Code Enforcement information not be submitted in the packet due to its size.

Councilperson Stockford also concurred with Councilperson Sharp's comments; thanked Keith Richard for his job on the building at 90 Galloway; thanked Greg Bailey for the work done by the Officers Compensation Commission; thanked Judy Buzo for her efforts at Dial-A-Ride; thanked Ruth Brown for holding an evening County Commissioners Meeting.

Mayor Sessions thanked Keith Richard for his quick response to the building at 90 Galloway and thanked Judy Buzo for her work at Dial-A-Ride and congratulated her for 40 years of Dial-A-Ride.

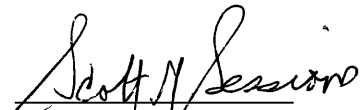
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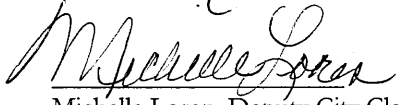
Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

8:04 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk