

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

February 18, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale  
Regular Meeting

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Douglas G. Moon opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

### Roll Call

Mayor Douglas G. Moon called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Council members Casey Sullivan and Brian Watkins representing Ward One; Councilmembers Ruth Brown and Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Council members Scott Sessions and Mary Wolfram representing Ward 3, and Councilmembers Mary Beth Bail and William Arnold representing Ward 4.

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lew Loren, Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News), Russ Martin (WCSR), Bonnie Tew, Rick Rose, Paula Miller (TI Automotive), and Aimee England.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Sullivan, support by Councilmember Sessions, to approve the February 18, 2013 Council Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

### Public Comment

None

### Consent Agenda

The items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and the City Manager and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and Council action will be taken separately on said item.

- A. Approval of Bills from January 31, 2013: Claims of \$81,258.27; Payroll of \$87,067.21
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
  - 1. Finance Minutes of February 4, 2013
  - 2. BPU Minutes of February 12, 2013
  - 3. TIFA Minutes of January 22, 2013
  - 4. EDC Minutes of December 18, 2012
  - 5. O&G Minutes of February 4, 2013
- C. Council Minutes of February 4, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Sessions, support by Councilmember Watkins, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Council members Arnold – yes; Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes.

Approved 9-0.

Motion carried.

### Communications

None

### Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance. None
- B. Code Enforcement – City Attorney Lew Loren gave a brief update on the status of property located at 12 Waldron St. Councilperson Wolfram asked for clarification on the court process once a property has received a civil citation. Councilperson Watkins inquired about the status of the property at 8 S. Manning. City Manager Brown explained the property is under the jurisdiction of the State Building Code administered by the Hillsdale County Inspection Department.

CITY ATTORNEY  
UPDATE  
12 WALDRON  
ST.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. TI Automotive PA 328 – City Manager Linda Brown informed Council the Clerk’s office had received an application from TI Automotive requesting a PA 328 Exemption on certain identified personal property to be placed at its 200 Arch Avenue location in the Industrial Park. TI representative Paula Miller spoke to Council regarding the equipment being purchased. Ms. Miller stated that with the increase in production, TI Automotive will be able to retain the current number of employees and hire one additional Quality Technician in the current year with a potential of hiring an additional seven employees in 2014.

TI AUTOMOTIVE  
PA 328  
RESOLUTION  
# 3126  
APPROVED  
8-1

Upon approval of the Resolution, the exemption will begin February 18, 2013 and end December 31, 2016.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, support by Councilperson Kinney, to approve Resolution #3126 granting the exemption and authorize signatures on the PA 328 Agreement by the Mayor and Clerk on behalf of the City. Roll Call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilperson Arnold – no.

Approved 8-1

Motion carried.

- B. BPU Electric Rate Study –

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, support by Councilperson Sullivan, to approve Resolution #3123 Amend BPU Utilities Schedule of Electric Rates. Roll call: Councilpersons Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – no; Bail – yes.

BPU  
RESOLUTION  
# 3123  
AMEND BPU UTILITIES  
SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC  
RATES  
APPROVED

Approved 8-1

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, support by Councilperson Wolfram, to approve Resolution #3124 Amend BPU Power Cost Adjustment. Roll call: Councilperson Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – no; Bail – yes; Brown – yes.

BPU RES.  
# 3124  
AMEND BPU  
POWER COST  
ADJUSTMENT  
APPROVED

Approved 8-1

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, support by Councilperson Watkins, to approve Resolution #3125, BPU Cash Reserve Policies. Roll call: Councilpersons Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – no; Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes.

BPU  
RES.  
# 3125  
BPU CASH  
RESERVE  
POLICIES  
APPROVED

Approved 8-1

Motion carried.

C. Resolution Establishing Dates for Board of Review –

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, support by Councilperson Bail, to approve Resolution #3127 establishing dates for 2013 Board of Review.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW DATES 2013 RESOLUTION #3127 APPROVED

Miscellaneous

A. Appointments

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- John Debacker for a term expiring November, 2015
- Aimee England for a term expiring November, 2013
- Adam Stockford for a term expiring November, 2013
- Laura Smith, Planning Commission Representative to ZBA, term coinciding with Planning Commission term expiring November, 2014

ZBA APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission:

- Kerry Laycock for a term expiring November, 2013

PC APPOINTMENTS

Shade Tree Commission:

- Barb Vallieu for a term expiring November, 2015

SHADE TREE APPOINTMENTS

Board of Review:

- Marion Griffiths for a term expiring February, 2014

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, support by Councilperson Arnold, to approve the recommended O&G appointments to the respective committees.

Proclamations

None

Department Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Comment

City Manager Linda Brown had Council take note that flyers for the Region II Planning/Zoning Workshop had been given to them and invited them to attend.

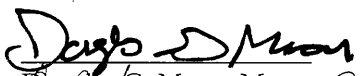
City Manager Brown also invited Council to attend the HCHC open house on March 3<sup>rd</sup> between 1pm and 3pm for the dedication of the John Jack Mac Ritchie wing.

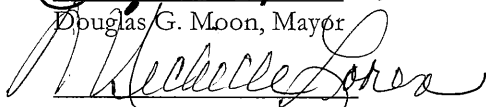
Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Sessions, to adjourn.

Motion carried.

7:39 p.m.

  
 Douglas G. Moon, Mayor

  
 Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk