

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

March 04, 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

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, support by Councilperson Watkins, to excuse the absences of Councilpersons Bail and Sessions.

All ayes.

Motion carried

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; and Councilmember William Arnold representing Ward 4.

Absent was Ward Three Councilperson Mary Wolfram.

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lew Loren, Bonnie Tew, Judy Buzo, Rick Rose, Eldonna bernath, Valerie Fetters, and Aimee England.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Watkins, support by Councilmember Sullivan, to approve the March 4, 2013 Council Agenda as presented.

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 February 14, 2013: Claims of \$165,673.16; Payroll of \$89,206.11
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
  - 1. Shade Tree Minutes of February 6, 2013
  - 2. IPMC Minutes of February 12, 2013
  - 3. Finance Minutes of February 18, 2013
- C. Council Minutes of February 18, 2013

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

Approved 6-0.

Motion carried.

**Communications**

None

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings**

None

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Local Streets Maintenance. None
- B. Code Enforcement. None

**Old Business**

None

**For the Record:** Mayor Moon stated Councilperson Wolfram arrived at 7:06 p.m.

**New Business**

- A. Hillsdale Community Health Center Project Bond Issue – City Manager Linda Brown informed Council that the hospital issued bonds in 2011 for the purpose of constructing the addition to the north side of the hospital. As the project is nearly complete, the hospital is now issuing bonds to refund the principal amount for the bonds issued in 2011 as expenses related to the bonding process. On January 18, 2013 the Hospital Finance Authority approved a preliminary resolution of intent for the issuance of the bonds. A public hearing is to be conducted March 1, 2013 by the Hospital Finance Authority regarding such action. City Manager Brown asked Council’s approval of the proposed Resolution Approving Bond Issue for Hillsdale Community Health Center Project which after the public hearing would be recommended by the Authority for passage.

HILLSDALE  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER  
PROJECT BOND  
ISSUE -  
RESOLUTION  
# 3127  
APPROVED

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, support by Councilperson Arnold, to approve Resolution #3127 approving Bond Issue for Hillsdale Community Health Center Project Roll Call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Arnold – yes; Brown – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

- B. Dial-A-Ride Funding – City Manager Linda Brown explained to Council that each year the City of Hillsdale must submit an application to the State of Michigan Department of Transportation to fund DART operations for the coming year. City Manager Brown presented a resolution describing the anticipated costs for funding purposes for approval in order that the City receive state financial assistance necessary to provide public transportation.

DIAL-A-RIDE  
FUNDING  
RESOLUTION  
# 3128  
APPROVED

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, support by Councilperson Brown, to approve Resolution #3128 Dial-A-Ride Funding. Roll call: Councilpersons Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

- C. MDOT Aeronautics Contract - Acquisition – City Manager Linda Brown reported that MDOT Aeronautics recently forwarded a contract for a portion of the funding for parcel acquisition at the airport. This includes funding for the State’s Fiscal year 2011-2012. Additional funding is anticipated and will be dealt with in another contract at a later date. City Manager Brown stated the contract and the Terms and Conditions document have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

MDOT  
AERONAUTICS  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, support by Councilperson Watkins, to authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk's signatures on the contract and the Mayor's signature on the Terms and Conditions. Roll call: Councilpersons Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sullivan – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

- D. Cintas Rental Service Agreement – City Manager Brown informed Council that Cintas has provided the City with uniforms and floor mats for several years. For the current year, Finance Director Bonnie Tew solicited a quote from another provider. The Cintas rates were slightly better and Ms. Tew recommended the City enter into a rental service agreement with Cintas.

CINTAS  
RENTAL  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

Motion by Councilpersons Watkins, support by Councilperson Sullivan, to approve the Cintas Rental Service Agreement and authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk's signatures on behalf of the City. Roll call: Councilperson Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

### Miscellaneous

- A. Appointments - None

### Proclamations

None

### Department Reports

None

### Public Comment

None

### Council Comment

Councilperson Wolfram she passed out copies of an article to council members outlining city funding alternatives.

Councilperson Sullivan asked that Judy Buzo of Dial-A-Ride give an update in regard to the reinstated rides to Wal-Mart by Dial-A-Ride. Ms. Buzo reported that just that day 9 people rode to Wal-Mart. Judy stated that, although it might not seem like a lot but it means a lot to the individuals it is helping. Ms. Buzo stated it has no effect on scheduling. Councilperson Sullivan asked about the possibility of Wal-Mart contributing to the cost of tickets. Ms. Buzo responded that she would look into the matter.

PART  
UPDATE  
TRIPS TO  
WALMART

Councilperson Sullivan commented that the manager of the Pub & Grub had passed away over the weekend. He shared that there would be a benefit at the Dawn. Proceeds were to help the family.

City Manager Brown mentioned she had received an email from Paul Livernois, community rep of Michigan Gas informing her that this year's gas cost was the lowest it has been since 1997 and perhaps the lowest offered by any other gas provider in the state.

Mayor Moon made a request for the Granicus numbers to be reviewed. Councilperson Watkins, chair of the Communications Committee, stated he would be calling a meeting soon to go over that very subject as well as take a look at the overall Granicus program and its cost versus benefit. Councilperson Ruth Brown questioned if the benefit to staff would also be a factor in the discussion.

MAKING  
REQUEST  
GRANICUS  
NUMBERS  
BE  
REVIEWED

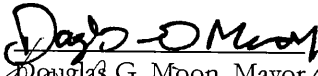
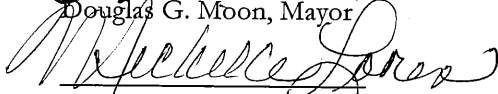
Councilperson Wolfram asked if Council had looked at the City Manager evaluation.

**Adjournment**

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

Motion carried.

7:36 p.m.

  
Douglas G. Moon, Mayor  
  
Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk