

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale  
March 12, 2016  
8:00 a.m.

**Special Meeting**  
Hillsdale Community Library  
11 E. Bacon Street

### Roll Call

Mayor Scott Sessions called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers present:            Scott M. Sessions, Mayor  
   Brian Watkins, Ward 1  
   Timothy Dixon, Ward 2  
   Emily Stack-Davis, Ward 3  
   Matthew Bell, Ward 4  
   Patrick Flannery, Ward 4

Councilmembers absent:            Adam Stockford, Ward 1  
   Bruce Sharp, Ward 3

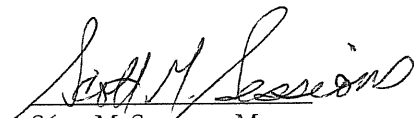
Also present were: City Manager David Mackie, City Clerk Stephen M. French, John Waldvogel (BPU), Kay Freese (HR), Jake Hammel (DPU), Michelle Loren (Recreation Dept.), Bonnie Tew (Finance Director), Mary Wolfram (HPG), Kim Thomas (Assessor), LeAnn Beckwith (Library Director), Sue Kehn (Dial-A-Ride Director), Police Chief Scott Hephner (HCPD), Alan Beeker (Zoning Administrator), Richard Smith (Zoning Board of Appeals), Chris Sumnar (TIFA), Dawn Townley (BPU), Mike Barber (BPU), and Fire Chief Kevin Pauken (HCFD).


The meeting's facilitator, Dr. Lewis Bender, reviewed the four, central goal areas that had been identified from the previous evening's meeting. The four areas were:

1. Infrastructure Improvements
  - A. Parks
  - B. Airport
  - C. Streets
  - D. Stable Government
2. Strengthening Sense of Community
  - A. Improved Community Interaction and Involvement
  - B. Neighborhoods w/ Identity and Claimed Ownership
  - C. Festivals
  - D. Safe neighborhoods that are visibly attractive, clean & well maintained
3. Destination & Vibrant Downtown
  - A. Variety of restaurants/breweries
  - B. Activities and "go-to" places
  - C. Keefer House Developed
4. Economic Development
  - A. Fully developed Industrial Park
  - B. Well educated workforce
  - C. Business-Friendly City
  - D. Three Meadows sold
  - E. Fiber-Centered with Business Incubator

Discussions were held in break-out groups related to each of these goal areas and specific actions were targeted for attainment within one year. The individual groups then presented their findings and discussion points to all those in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

  
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Scott M. Sessions, Mayor

  
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Stephen M. French, City Clerk