

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

March 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 Pro Tem Brian Watkins opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to excuse the absence of Mayor Moon from the March 18, 2013 meeting.

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

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

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Loren, Rick Rose, Eric Macy, Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News), Jack Butler (Hillsdale Collegian).

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Linda Brown asked that the ZBA Minutes of February 21, 2013 be removed from the Consent agenda for revision.

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to redesignate Resolution #3127 Meeting Dates for Board of Review, as Resolution #3129.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Sessions, supported by Councilperson Arnold, to amend the minutes of the February 18, 2013 meeting to reflect the redesignation of Resolution #3127 as #3129.

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 28, 2013: Claims of \$65,007.72; Payroll of \$89,125.69
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
 - 1. BPU of March 4, 2013
- C. Council Minutes of March 4, 2013

Roll call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Councilperson Arnold – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

Communications

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance. None
- B. Code Enforcement. Council reviewed the February, 2013 Code Enforcement Report. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins questioned the status of the former Buy Rite property. City Manager Brown responded that a permit had been taken out to begin work on the roof and south wall. City manager Brown further stated she had spoken with Marty Taylor of the County Inspectors regarding a State Street property as well as the Buy Rite property. City Manager Brown reported that Mr. Taylor indicated that under direction of the County Commissioners, there was no money to enforce code past giving the order to the property owners to fix the properties. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins questioned the City's power to enforce. City Manager Brown stated the City can enforce for the outside of the building under IPMC Code. City Manager Brown reported she had a discussion with Dave Turnbull regarding the State Street property and enforcement of IPMC code. City Manager Brown directed Mr. Turnbull to return to the property, take pictures and begin enforcing the cleanup of the outside of the property under the IPMC Code. Further discussion ensued regarding enforcement procedures under various circumstances.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Hillsdale County Historical Society Loan Agreement – City Manager Linda Brown informed Council that the Hillsdale County Historical Society has in their possession several books containing historical newspapers. The Historical Society does not wish to relinquish ownership, but are concerned for the preservation of the items. The Historical Society has offered to move the items to the Mitchell Building on loan to the City in order to proper storage and enable the public and Friends to view and enjoy them.

Councilperson Ruth Brown asked for clarification regarding insuring the items. City Manager Brown explained that, as stated in the Agreement, the Historical Society would continue to insure the items naming the City as an additional insured.

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, support by Councilperson Arnold, to approve the Hillsdale County Historical Society Loan Agreement and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

- A. Appointments - None

Proclamations

HILLSDALE
COUNTY
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY LOAN
AGREEMENT

None

Department Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Comment

Councilperson Wolfram shared dates for the City Wide Garage Sale, HBA Cruise in and the Chamber Car Show. Councilperson Wolfram also shared that she had been contacted by the Lady Elks regarding a craft fair they would like to "dove-tail" off of another community event.

City Manager Brown made mention that a law suit involving the City had been dismissed in large part to the detailed report and pictures submitted on behalf of the City by DPS Director Keith Richard.

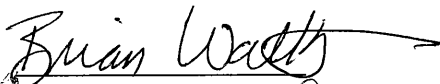
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C. MANAGED

Adjournment

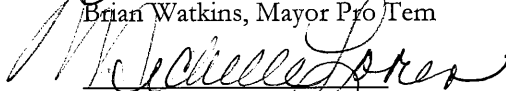
Motion by Councilmember Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Sessions, to adjourn.

Motion carried.

7:26 p.m.



Brian Watkins, Mayor Pro Tem



Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk