

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

April 1, 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 Moon opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Motion by Councilperson Sessions, supported by Councilperson Sullivan, to excuse the absences of Councilpersons Arnold and Watkins from the April 1, 2013 meeting.

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Moon called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Council member Casey Sullivan 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 member Mary Beth Bail representing Ward 4.

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lew Loren, Rick Rose, Eric Macy, Terry Vear, Eldonna Bernath, Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News), Jack Butler (Hillsdale Collegian), Tony Ginolfi, and Brad Benzing.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Sessions, supported by Councilperson Wolfram, approve the April 1, 2013 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 March 14, 2013: Claims of \$104,839.72; Payroll of \$92,353.24
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
 - 1. ZBA Minutes of February 21, 2013
 - 2. Cemetery Minutes of March 4, 2013
 - 3. Finance Minutes of March 18, 2013
 - 4. Planning Commission Minutes of March 19, 2013
 - 5. Communications Committee Minutes of March 19, 2013
- C. Council Minutes of March 4, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Wolfram – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

Communications

Terry Vear, Executive Director, Hillsdale County Senior Services Center, presented Council with an update of programs and services provided to the City and surrounding areas by HCSSC. Ms. Vear distributed an information packet and received questions from Council.

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Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

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

Old Business

- A. Granicus Contract - City Manager Brown reported the Communications Committee met to review services provided by Granicus and make recommendation to Council as to whether or not to continue the contract. A review of the services provided was made at the most recent meeting as well as a review statistics regarding how many and who is utilizing the video services. City Manager Brown stated that the Committee would like Council to consider continuing the contract with Granicus through June 30, 2013 to allow more time to track viewing. City Manager Brown stated that, after considering all aspects of the service and the cost as, she could not recommend to Council that the \$12,000.00 be included in the next fiscal year's budget.

GRANICUS
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Communications Committee Member Eric Macy presented Council with the review findings and offered some options in use. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the Granicus system. Eric suggested that more meetings could be live streamed and posted on Facebook. Councilperson Brown stated although funding for streets is a major concern, the City still needs to recognize necessary spending in order to continue moving.

City Manager Brown once again stated she could not recommend that Council renew the contract. City Manager Brown reminded Council of the upset the wage increase for non-union employees caused. Councilperson Brown responded she was in favor of the increase and likened that expenditure to the Granicus expenditure.

Over all, Council agreed they would like to see more viewership if Granicus were to continue.

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, supported by Councilperson Brown, to renew the Granicus contract until June 30, 2013. Roll call: Councilpersons Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – no; Sullivan – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Bail – yes.

Approved 6-1.

Motion carried.

New Business

- A. Set Public Hearing for the Budget – City Manager Brown

Motion by Councilperson Brown, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to set a public hearing date for May 6, 2013 for the 2013-14 Budget.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

- A. Appointments - None

Proclamations

None

Department Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Comment

Councilperson Brown stated that the upcoming Sunday is Parke Hayes' birthday. Parke is at Medical Care and could use support from everyone.

Councilperson Sullivan asked that Council set a date for a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss Council's goals before approving the budget.

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, April 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

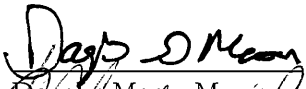
City Manager Brown introduced Kyle Smith, Planning and Zoning for the City of Hillsdale.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried.

7:57 p.m.


Douglas Moon, Mayor


Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk