

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

April 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Scott Sessions opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Councilpersons Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to excuse the absences of Councilpersons Stack-Davis and Watkins from the April 20, 2015 council meeting.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Mayor Scott Sessions called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Council members Adam Stockford and Brian Watkins representing Ward One; Councilmember Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Council members Emily Stack-Davis and Bruce Sharp representing Ward Three; and Council members Mary Beth Bail and Patrick Flannery representing Ward Four.

Also present were City Manager Doug Terry, Interim City Clerk Michelle Loren, Bonnie Tew (Finance), Keith Richard (DPS), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Kevin Pauken (HCFD), Nate Rusk (BPU), Judy Buzo (Dial-A-Ride), Adrienne Heath, Wes Welman, Todd Wingate, Ken & Shelley Downey.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Bail, to approve the April 20, 2015 agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of April 9, 2015: payroll \$86,720.81; claims \$62,252.28.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
 1. Election Commission Minutes of April 13, 2015
 - 2.
- C. Council Minutes of April 6, 2015
- D. Financial Reports of March, 2015

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

Communications and Petitions

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

- A. Amendment to Add New Definitions re: Hillsdale City Fire Chief, Hillsdale City Police Chief.

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to adopt Ordinance 2015-8, an Ordinance to Amend Section 16-43 of Article III of Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Hillsdale. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilperson Bail – yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

AMENDMENT
TO ADD
NEW DEFINITIONS
ORD # 2015-8

B. Amendment to Restrict Burning.

City Manager Doug Terry explained the Public Safety Committee proposed a restriction on hours of burning within the City be restricted to the hours of 4:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight on any day. This struck up conversation as some councilmembers felt it to be too restrictive. Councilpersons Bail and Stockford both questioned the fact that this limits activity for such occasions as family gatherings and such. Councilperson Stockford stated people should be permitted to burn at anytime. Fire Chief Kevin Paukens stated from his past experience, burning past midnight often poses the threat of hazardous situations.

AMENDMENT
TO RESTRICT
BURNING
ORD 2015-9

City Attorney Lew Loren stated that currently the Fire Department cannot issue special permits to accommodate special occasions as this would be done on a discretionary premise by the Fire Dept. Mr. Loren stated that if Council so desired, the matter could be referred back to the Public Safety Committee for consideration and establishment of a measureable standard by which individuals would be permitted to burn.

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-9 to Amend Section 16-43(3) of Section 16-46 of Article III of Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Hillsdale to Restrict Burning. Roll call: Councilperson Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Councilperson Bail, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to refer the Ordinance back to the Public Safety Committee to correct the definition to allow an exemption for burning by way of certificate or other device.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance:
None
- B. Code Enforcement
Police Department 1st Quarter & March 2015 Code Enforcement Update
City Assessor/Code Enforcement update on 55 S. Broad St.
Councilperson Sharp stated he would like an update on the properties at 58 and 60 N. West Street and made several comments regarding the state of the properties.
- C. Clerk & Treasurer
Manager Terry reported that Julie Beeker is currently receiving treasury training from both City Treasurer Susan Arnold and BS&A. Mr. Terry stated Ms. Beeker exhibits great potential.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Resolution for Permanent TCO 2015-05: No Parking S. Howell St. to E. Hallett St.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to adopt Resolution No. 3210, Permanent TCO 2015-05: No Parking S. Howell Street to E. Hallett Street. Roll call: Councilperson Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes.

RES. 3210
TCO: NO
PARKING
PERM.

Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Resolution for Permanent TCO 2015-06: No Parking E. Hallett St. from S. West St. to S. Howell St..

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to Adopt Resolution No. 3211, Permanent TCO 2015-06: No Parking E. Hallett Street from S. West Street to S. Howell Street. Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

RES. 3211
TCO: NO
PARKING

Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Airport Amendment No. 1 to RS&H Engineering Contract of 6/16/2014.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve Amendment No. 1 to RS&H Engineering Contract of 6/16/2014. Roll call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor

AIRPORT
AMENDMENT
NO. 1
RS&H ENGINEERING
CONTRACT

Sessions – yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Approval of Airport Sponsors Contract Phase 1 Parallel Construction.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to approve the Airport Sponsors Contract – Phase 1 Parallel Construction and authorize signatures of the Mayor and Clerk. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilperson Bail – yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

City Manager Report

City Manager Doug Terry reported that of the 34 applicants for the City Manager position, it had been narrowed down to 2-3 applicants. Mr. Terry went on to say that of the 3, successful contact had been made with 2 of the candidates. Due to anonymity, names cannot be disclosed at this time. City Manager Terry recommended Council call for a Special Meeting set for May 2, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of holding interviews. Questions from the public would be facilitated as well.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to call for a Special Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of holding interviews.

City Manager Terry also reported on leaf/brush pick-up.

City Manager Terry reported that a preliminary budget was well in the making.

Councilperson Stockford commented that he had a prior obligation the morning of May 2, 2015 and wouldn't be able to make the Special Meeting if it were to be held at 10:00 a.m. City Manager Terry encouraged Council to change the time in order that all Councilmembers would be able to attend.

Miscellaneous

None

General Public Comment

Todd Wingate addressed Council in regard to a matter he had approached them about back in April involving a City volunteer. Mr. Wingate was advised to take the matter to the prosecuting attorney.

Ken Downey thanked Council, especially Bruce Sharp and the Public Safety Committee for their work on the burning restrictions.

Council Comment

Councilperson Sharp stated Economic Development Consultant Mary Wolfram would like Council's consideration to hold city-wide garage sales on June 21st, the same day as the Chamber Car Show.

Councilperson Stockford spoke of the heroin problem in Hillsdale and the need for treatment centers as the problem continues to grow.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

8:04 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL
OF AIRPORT
SPONSORS
CONTRACT
PHASE 1
PARALLEL
CONSTRUCTION

CITY MANAGER
SEARCH
NARROWED
TO 2-3
APPLICANTS