

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

June 1, 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.

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.

Interim City Clerk Loren was excused as she was late to meeting and notified Mayor, Katy Price- Clerk's Office fills in.

Also present were City Manager Doug Terry, Katy Price (Clerk's Office), City Attorney Lewis Loren, Bonnie Tew (Finance), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Mary Wolfram (Economic Development), Alexis Kozub, Eldonna Bernath, Josh Colletta, Shirley Van, Sheri Ingles, Pam Osmun, Nancy Taylor, Andy Barrand (HDN), Judy Buzo (DART), Ted Jensen, Julie Beeker, Alan Beeker, Bob Batt, Marty Hubbard, Tony Ginolfi, Richard Smith, Jeff King, Penny Swan.

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Terry requested the addition of *Unfinished Item D. BPU Director Contract* to the June 1, 2015 Council Agenda.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the June 1, 2015 Council Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Pamela Osmun- 32 E. Carleton Rd. running as write-in clerk had questions about the election in August.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of May 21, 2015: payroll \$85,918.09; claims \$187,702.19.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
 1. Airport Advisory Committee Minutes of May 16, 2015
 2. Finance Minutes of May 26, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of May 18, 2015
- D. Chamber Summerfest Use Agreement
- E. Mrs. Stock's Park Morehouse-Walters Wedding Use Agreement

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

Motion carried 8-0.

Communications and Petitions

A. None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing: OPRA Application- 42 Union St., Creative Constructs, LLC Mayor Sessions opened the podium to received comment from the public. Mary Wolfram Economic Development spoke in favor in granting the OPRA tax abatement. She also mentioned that the name is actually Creative Concepts, INC.

PUBLIC
HEARINGS
OPRA
42 UNION ST
RES.
3/20

Marty Hubbard owner of property of 42 Union St. thanks Council for their consideration and corrects Mary Wolfram about the name, she noted that it is Creative Constructs, Inc.

Mayor Sessions closed public comment.

Mayor Sessions opened the floor for Council comment. None.

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis to approve Resolution #3215. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance:
None
- B. Code Enforcement
None
- C. Clerk & Treasurer: Councilperson Stockford lead discussion about the August election. He had several questions about upcoming election as to why there was one in August and why is the City paying for a special election. City Attorney Loren mentioned that he had communication with the Attorney General's Office and it's office suggested that it would be beneficial to have an election in August prior to the election in November. The ballot language was submitted to council for approval and was approved. The ballot language was then submitted to the Attorney General's Office for approval and was approved as being legal and consistent, then sent to the Governor of the State and was reviewed again with consistency and approved. Councilperson Sharp mentioned that he was under the assumption the ballot language was for the November Election but understands what the City Attorney explained and agreed. Mayor Sessions discussed the ballot language he saw prior to approval and didn't see a date on it, then he mentioned when he saw the amended language he didn't read thoroughly through all the language and missed the August Date as it had been approved. City Manager Terry mentioned that the City Administration had greatly advertised for the positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer in the winter months. When ballot language was presented to council the City didn't have the candidates as it does now for the Clerk's position. City Administration wanted a fair question to the electors about appointment of the City Clerk along with the City Treasurer as City Administration and Council members were concerned with the vacancies of elected officials in the past.
- D. BPU Directors Contract. City Manager Doug Terry discussed the director's contract and mentioned the approval of the contract ended in a 4/4 vote at the last council meeting. City Administration made some modifications and adjustments for a succession plan to the contract after discussing with Council at the May 18th meeting. Motion by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the contract with the amendments, supported by Councilperson Kinney, Council Discussion; Flannery point of order according to Council Procedures Sec. 10.5 motion to reconsider can only be made on the opposing side as Councilperson Watkins was not. City Manager Terry waits for direction from Council. Motion dies.

Old Business

A. Resolution to adoption of the 2015-16 City Budget. Councilperson Stockford thanks City Staff for the hard work and effort putting the budget together. Mayor Sessions thanks City Staff as well.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to pass Resolution #3216 to adopt the 2015-16 City Budget. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes.

Motion passes 8-0.

B. Resolution to levy taxes.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to pass Resolution #3217 to levy taxes. Roll call: Councilperson Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes.

Motion passes 8-0.

C. Resolution to designate Neighborhood Enterprise Zone #2.

2015-16
CITY BUDGET
RES.
3221

LEVY
TAXES
RES.
3222

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to pass Resolution #3218 to designate the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) #2. Roll Call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilperson Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes.

Motion passes 8-0.

D. City Manager Contract: David Mackie.

City Manager Terry discusses the City Manager contract for employment of David Mackie. Councilperson Sharp expressed his concern about starting wages but understand the City needs a full time City Manager. Mayor Sessions expressed concern about severance package.

APPROVAL
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CONTRACT
W/
DAVID
MACKIE

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve City Manager's Contract with David Mackie as presented. Mayor Sessions was concerned about salary, he believes it should be progressive salary and had questions about the severance package. Mayor Sessions reiterated that if the contract passes he will work along Mr. Mackie and continue to grow and help the City of Hillsdale. Roll Call: Councilpersons Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – no; Councilperson Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

Motion carries 7-1.

New Business

A. Resolution for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Changes to PA 563 of 2014

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to pass Resolution #3219 to accept the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Changes. Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes.

Motion passes 8-0.

B. July 3rd Fireworks Display.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to approve of the July 3rd Fireworks Display.

Roll call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes.

Motion passes 8-0.

City Manager Report

City Manager Thanked Judy Buzo and the Dial-a-Ride crew for doing a wonderful job.

Miscellaneous

A. Appointments: None.

B. Information Only: Dial-a-Ride Above and Beyond Award.

General Public Comment

Alexis Kosub- 32 E. Carleton Rd appreciates the Dial-a-Ride Crew and program.

Jeff King- Cambria Twp Hillsdale Airport upcoming information and events Hillsdale Fly-in & Cruise in.

Mary Wolfram- Economic Development events: Train mural June 12th, Historical walk. Chamber Summerfest June 20th, Hillsdale City-wide garage sales June 25th-27th.

Richard Smith- 63 S. Broad St. expressed concern about the BPU director, water samples and other matters.

Penny Swan- 205 N. Manning St. expressed concern about the time left to find a good BPU director.

Council Comment

Councilperson Watkins motioned to have the Public Services Committee meet to discuss possible search options for the BPU director. Councilperson Flannery expressed concern under Charter that the City Manager is responsible for the BPU search.

Council discussion: Mr. Mackie expressed that he would be meeting with the Public Services Committee and working with Interim City Manager Terry along with Council and BPU board moving forward on the BPU director's position along with other items.

Motion a meeting Public Services Committee, City Manager Mackie, Interim City Manager Terry and the Board of Public Utilities Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons: Bail- yes, Stack-Davis -yes, Flannery -no, Kinney -yes, Sharp -yes, Stockford -no, Watkins -yes, Mayor Sessions -yes.

Motion carries 6-2.

Councilperson Stack-Davis asked for upcoming elections/events and page marking for the future council packets.

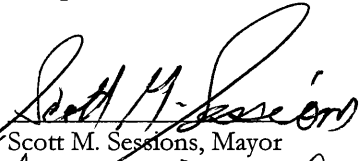
Adjournment

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to adjourn.

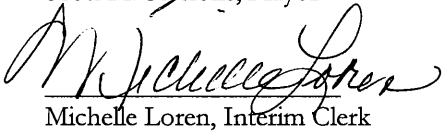
All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

8:30 p.m.



Scott M. Sessions, Mayor



Michelle Loren, Interim Clerk