

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

June 2, 2014
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

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to excuse the absence of Ward Three Councilperson Emily Stack Davis from the June 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

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

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, City Attorney Lewis Loren, Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren, Bonnie Tew (City Finance), Kay Freese (HR), Keith Richard (DPS), Ruth Brown, Shirley VanArsdalen, Alan Beeker (Code Enforcement, Planning, Zoning), Julie Beeker, Amos VanAuken, Jeff King, James Scheibner (Airport), Sara Lisznyai, Andy Barrand (HDN), Aimee England.

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Linda Brown requested *Item B. Aimee England, Great American Parade* be added to the agenda under Communications. City Manager Brown also requested *New Business Item C. Resignation of City Clerk* be added.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stockford, approve the agenda with the requested additions.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jeff King, 1020 W. Reading Ave., Cambria Township and owner of Aero Data offered comment regarding the benefit of Hillsdale Airport. Mr. King presented Council with data regarding use by various businesses and the economic value to the businesses and community alike.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of May 22, 2014; Claims of \$87,821.74; Payroll of \$85,661.68.
- B. Committee Reports:
 - 1. TIFA Minutes of March 18, 2014
 - 2. TIFA Target development Minutes of March 24, 2014 & April 28, 2014
 - 3. TIFA Façade Grant Committee Minutes of May 19, 2014
- C. Council Minutes of May 19, 2014
- D. Work Session Notes of May 29, 2014

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

Communications and Petitions

- A. Sara Lisznyai, District Court judge candidate, introduced herself to Council and gave a brief overview of her legal history as well as her strong involvement in the community by serving on various boards and committees.
- B. Aimee England, coordinator of the Great American Parade presented Council with plans for the annual Great American Parade to be held July 3, 2014 and asked Council's approval of the event.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the request and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk on the required Usage Agreement. Roll Call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Wells – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

SARA
LISZNYAI
DISTRICT
COURT
JUDGE
CANDIDATE
AIMEE
ENGLAND
GREAT
AMERICAN
PARADE

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Indiana Outboard Races. City Manager Linda Brown reported to Council that, as in the past, the Indiana Outboard Racing Association requested permission to use the shoreline at Owen Memorial Park for its Jun 27-29, 2014 and September 5-7 boat racing events. Use of the shoreline is to include boat launching from the shore and placement of portable toilets. The racing association also obtains clearance from both the Department of Natural Resources and the Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol for the event.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the request by the Indiana Outboard Racing Association and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk on the use agreement pending legal review. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Wells – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

INDIANA
OUTBOARD
RACES
JUNE 27-29
SEPT 5-7
2014
APPROVED

- B. Hillsdale College Easement. City Manager Linda Brown reported to Council that, last fall, the City was approached by Hillsdale College regarding an expansion to Philips Auditorium and the Dow Center. Upon review of the plans, it was apparent there would be impact to the West Street right-of-way. Since that time, an easement has been developed addressing the impact. City Manager Brown presented Council with a copy of the easement for their review.

HILLSDALE
COLLEGE
EASEMENT
ROW
PERMIT
APPROVED

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the easement and authorize the Mayor's signature. Roll call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Wells – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

- C. Resignation of City Clerk. City Manager Brown reported that, over the weekend, City Clerk Robilyn Swisher had submitted a full resignation from the office of City Clerk. City Manager Brown asked that Council accept the resignation of City Clerk Swisher and authorize Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren to act on behalf of the City at the August and November 2014 elections.

RESIGNATION
OF CITY
CLERK
ROBILYN
SWISHER
APPROVED
AUTHORIZE
DEPUTY
MICHELLE
LOREN

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to accept the resignation of City Clerk Robilyn Swisher and authorize Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren to act on behalf of the City at the August and November 2014 elections. Roll call: Councilpersons Watkins – yes; Wells – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

A. Appointments to Standing Committees.

1. Public Services: Emily Stack Davis, Patrick Flannery, Adam Stockford
2. Community Development: Sally Kinney, Bruce Sharp, Brian Watkins
3. Finance: Mary Beth Bail, Patrick Flannery, Timothy Wells
4. Operations and Governance: Emily Stack Davis, Tim Wells, Sally Kinney
5. Public Safety: Bruce Sharp, Adam Stockford, Brian Watkins

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sharp to approve the appointments of Council members to Standing Committees. Roll call: Councilperson Wells – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

General Public Comment

Amos VanAuken, 15 Salem, expressed his concern with speeders on Salem Street and the danger it brings to the children in the neighborhood.

AMOS
VANAUKEN

Ruth Brown, 45 Apple Run, stressed the importance of council members educating themselves by attending training courses and workshops.

RUTH
BROWN

Julie Beeker, 140 N. Hillsdale St., expressed the need for the City to put proper measures in place in order to ensure a City Clerk is put in office and remains there rather than the turnovers experienced in the recent past.

JULIE
BEEKER

Council Comment

Mayor Sessions, at Councilperson Stack-Davis' request, inquired about setting a date for another Council Work Session. Councilperson Stockford suggested waiting for Councilperson Stack

Davis to return before setting a date. Councilperson Sharp expressed his support of the work sessions. City Manager Brown suggested allowing department heads to respond to items discussed at the last work session before meeting again.

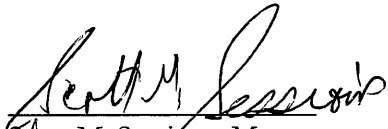
Councilperson Stockford inquired as to whether or not Council can appoint a Clerk on a temporary basis until the next city election. City Attorney Loren stated Charter restricts Council from doing so.

Adjournment

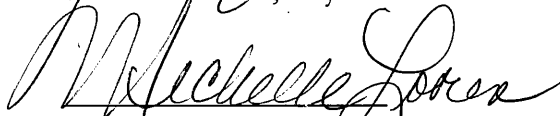
Motion by Councilmember Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Stockford, to adjourn.

Motion carried.

7:48 p.m.



Scott M. Sessions, Mayor



Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk