

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

August 3, 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: Councilmembers Brian Watkins and Adam Stockford representing Ward One; Councilmember Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Councilmembers Emily Stack-Davis and Bruce Sharp representing Ward Three; and Councilmembers Mary Beth Bail and Patrick Flannery representing Ward Four.

Also present were: City Manager David Mackie, City Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lewis Loren, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Jeff King, Chief Scott Hephner (HCPD), Chief Kevin Pauken (HCFD), Keith Richard (DPS), Ruth Brown, Don Tippner, Angelica Barnes, Greg Kurtz, Pam Osmun, Elaine Richason-Riopelle, Margaret & Glenn Frobels, Doug & Molly Covert, Pam Benzing, Nate Rusk (BPU), Mary Wolfram (ED Consultant), Richard Smith, Penny Swan, Josh Colletta.

**Approval of Agenda**

City Manager David Mackie requested Old Business Item A. Approval of Development Block Grant for 42 Union St. and New Business Item D. Closed Session for the Purpose of Bargaining Negotiations be added to the August 3, 2015 Council Agenda.

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the August 3, 2015 Council Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of July 16, 2015; Claims of \$175,964.36; Payroll of \$98,936.48.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
  - 1. TIFA Minutes of May 19, 2015
  - 2. Board of Review Minutes of July 21, 2015
  - 3. Shade Tree Minutes of May 6, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of July 20, 2015
- D. NHCW Proclamation

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

Motion carried 8-0.

**Communications and Petitions**

None

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings**

None

**Unfinished Business**

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

- C. Clerk & Treasurer. Reminder by City Manager David Mackie to get out and vote August 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the matter of Clerk and Treasurer appointments-elections.

**Old Business**

- A. Approval of Development Block Grant – 42 Union St. Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis to approve a Development Block Grant for 42 Union St. and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk as necessary. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

(CDBC)  
BLOCK  
GRANT  
42 UNION ST  
APPROVED

Motion carried 8-0.

**New Business**

- A. Fire Department Bid for 2016 Ford F350. Council was presented with bid information with regard to a bid opening held on May 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Fire Chief Kevin Pauken recommended the bid be awarded to Ken Stillwell Ford in the amount of \$33,285.24. Chief Pauken explained that while the bid was \$534.00 higher than the lowest bid, it was well within the 3% local allowance.

FIRE DEPT  
BID  
2016 FORD  
F350  
APPROVED

Discussion ensued as Council had concerns with the purchase. Points of concern over the purchase were discussed; namely expending monies designated specifically for the purchase of a new ladder truck, and that this item was never included in the 2015-16 budget for consideration.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the purchase of the 2016 F350 and award the bid to Ken Stillwell Ford. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – no; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – no; Stack-Davis – no; Flannery – yes.

Motion carried 5-3.

- B. Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to Designate City Manager Mackie as Officer Delegate and Kathy Flaughter employee Delegate for attendance at the Annual MERS Conference. Roll Call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

- C. Three Meadows: Lot Division. City Assessor Kim Thomas reported the need for splitting Lots 12, 7, and 8 at Three Meadows Subdivision, a property owned by the EDC, for the purpose of sale.

THREE  
MEADOWS  
LOT DIVISION  
APPROVED

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the lot divisions of Three Meadows Lots 6, 7, and 8 as follows:

**Lot 12** (parcel #006-327-340-12) - split in half, east and west. The eastern half of Lot 12 is to be combined with Lot 13 and the western half of lot 14 (previously approved for sale with lot 15). The western half of Lot 12 will be combined with Lot 11 for future sale as a single building site.

**Lot 6** (parcel #006-327-340-06) - split into a southern 1/3 and a northern 2/3 parcel. The southern 1/3 is to be combined with the existing building site on lot 5. The northern 2/3 of Lot 6 will be combined with the southern half of Lot 7 for future sale as a single building site.

**Lot 7** (parcel # 006-327-340-07) - split in half, north and south. The southern half of Lot 7 will be combined with the northern 2/3 of Lot 6 for future sale as a single building site (as indicated above). The northern half of Lot 7 will be combined with Lot 8, also for future sale as a single building site.

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

Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to amend the August 3, 2015 Council Agenda in order to move the Closed Session to the end of the meeting. All ayes.

CLOSED  
SESSION

Motion carried.

- D.. Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to move to a Closed Session in for purposed of Collective Bargaining Negotiation. Roll call: Council

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

Motion carried 8-0.

8:25 p.m.

**Miscellaneous**

A. Appointments:

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to appoint John Barrett to the Cemetery Board for a five year term ending May, 2020.

APPT.  
JOHN  
BARRETT  
CEM.  
BOARD

All yes.

Motion carried.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager David Mackie reported he had put together some tentative names for the BPU Research Committee for the possible sale of the Board of Public Utilities. Mr. Mackie reported he wished to have John Waldvogel, Chris Sumnar, Greg Bailey and Gary Wolfram serve as committee members.

**General Public Comment**

Pam Benzing, Hillsdale County Farmers Market, addressed Council regarding concerns with the over involvement by the City's Economic Development Consulting firm and its attempts to change the manner in which they do business.

PAW  
BENZING

Glenn Froebel also addressed Council with the same concerns as Ms. Benzing.

GLEN  
FROEBEL

Greg Kurtz, 151 Westwood Dr., approached Council in regard to the terrible condition of Westwood Drive.

GREG  
KURTZ

Kevin Pauken, HCFD, concurred with Councilmember Sharp's earlier comment on the benefit of a road with access to Three Meadows Subdivision from Bacon. Chief Pauken stated trucks cannot pass under the viaduct on Hallett and this would give emergency vehicles and alternative entry route into the subdivision.

KEVIN  
PAUKEN

**Council Comment**

Mayor Sessions referred Council members to the packets containing RFQ's for a new City Attorney upon the August 15, 2015 effective resignation date given by City Attorney Lew Loren.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, support by Councilperson Davis, to hold a Special Meeting on August 11, 2015 at 6:00 in Council Chambers to discuss and recommend to the Mayor for Legal Council appointment.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to direct City Manager Mackie to research new audio and video equipment for council chambers.

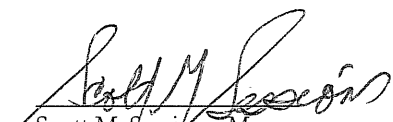
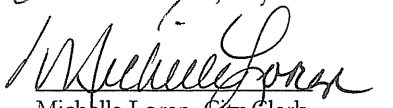
**Adjournment**

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

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

9:15 p.m.

  
Scott M. Sessions, Mayor  
  
Michelle Loren, City Clerk