

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

August 17, 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 Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to excuse the absence of Ward One Councilperson Watkins from the August 17, 2105 meeting.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Mayor Scott Sessions called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Councilmember 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, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Chief Scott Hephner (HCPD), Chief Kevin Pauken (HCFD), Keith Richard (DPS), Ruth Brown, Eldonna Bernath, Samuel Nutter, Julie Beeker, Shirley VanArsdalen, Josh Colletta, Andy Barrand (HDN), Cindy Bieszk, Chris Sumnar, Penny Swan, Holly Carpenter, Rich Péwé, Mary Wolfram (HPG).

7 Present, 1 Absent

BRIAN WATKINS
ABSENT

Approval of Agenda

Councilperson Stockford requested *New Business Item F. Diversion Program* be added to the August 17, 2015 Agenda.

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Davis, to approve the August 17, 2015 Council Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

County Commissioner Ruth Brown reported there would be a County Commissioners meeting regarding the Diversion Program scheduled sometime during the week of August 24th and encouraged attendance by council members.

RUTH BROWN

Chris Sumnar expressed his support of the law office of Marcoux Allen for the city attorney appointment.

CHRIS SUMNAR

Cindy Bieszk, owner of Hillsdale Filling Station, expressed her support of the passing of the overnight parking ordinance amendment.

CINDY BIESZK

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of July 30, 2015; Claims of \$90,632.29; Payroll of \$94,457.70.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
- C. Council Minutes of August 3, 2015
- D. July 2015 Code Enforcement Report

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Communications and Petitions

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing: Board of Review Ordinance Amendment. Mayor Sessions opened the public hearing in order to receive public comment; no public comment. Mayor Sessions opened the floor for Council discussion; no comment. Mayor Sessions closed the public hearing.

P.H.
BOARD OF
REVIEW
ORDINANCE
AMEND.
2015-11

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11 Amended Board of Review. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

B. Public Hearing; Overnight Parking Ordinance Amendment. Mayor Sessions opened the public hearing in order to receive public comment; no public comment. Mayor Sessions opened the floor for Council discussion. Councilperson Sharp expressed his concern with the Midtown Parking Lot snow removal with the passing of the amended overnight parking ordinance.

P.H.
OVERNIGHT
PARKING
ORDINANCE
2015-12

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-12 Overnight Parking Ordinance Amendment. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes;

Motion carried 7-0.

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance: None
- B. Code Enforcement: None
- C. Clerk & Treasurer: None

Old Business

A. 2015 Uniform Service Agreement.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on the Arrow Uniform Service Agreement. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – no; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

2015
UNIFORM
AGREEMENT
(ARROW)

Motion carried 7-0.

B. Mayoral Appointment for Legal Services. Mayor Sessions announced his recommendation for the appointment of the law firm Marcoux Allen for City legal services. Mayor Sessions stated he reviewed input by councilmembers from the Special Meeting regarding legal services held on August 11, 2015 as well as held meetings with both Fink and Marcoux Allen. Mayor Sessions based his recommendation on consideration of location, fees, and council consensus.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Bail, to award legal services to Marcoux Allen. Roll call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

A. Lot Division Approval for Reconfiguration of Parcels Blackmar & Beebe's Addition Lots 36-44.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to approve the Lot division of Lots 36-44, Blackmar & Beebe's Addition. Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

LOT
DIVISION
BLACKMAR
& BEEBE'S
APPROVED

Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Bail, to adopt Resolution No. 3237 John & Ginger Mach NEZ Application. Roll call: Councilpersons Bail - yes; Stack-Davis - yes; Flannery - yes; Kinney - yes; Sharp - yes; Stockford - yes; Mayor Sessions - yes.

RESOLUTION
3237
NEZ -
MACH APPL .

Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to adopt Resolution No. 3238 ISD NEZ application. Roll call: Councilpersons Stack-Davis - yes; Flannery - yes; Kinney - yes; Sharp - yes; Stockford - yes; Mayor Sessions - yes; Councilperson Bail - yes.

RESOLUTION
3238
NEZ -
ISD APPL .

Motion carried 7-0.

- D.. Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Bail, to approve the purchase of BS&A Inventory & Work Order Software and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery - yes; Kinney - yes; Sharp - yes; Stockford - yes; Mayor Sessions - yes; Councilpersons Bail - yes; Stack-Davis - yes.

BSA
INVENTORY &
WORK ORDER
SOFTWARE
AGREEMENT

Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the Division of Lot 18: parcel 006-237-340-18 and Lot 19: parcel 006-237-340-19 of Three Meadows Subdivision. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney - yes; Sharp - yes; Stockford - yes; Mayor Sessions - yes; Councilpersons Bail - yes; Stack-Davis - yes; Flannery - yes.

THREE
MEADOWS
LOT DIVISION
APPROVED

Motion carried 7-0.

- F. County Diversion Program. Councilpersons Stockford stated he would like to see Council step forward in support of the County's Diversion Program by submitting a letter to the County stating so. Councilperson Stockford, as well as Councilperson Sharp expressed strong support of the program as they had worked with individuals from that program during the Airport Cleanup Project. Councilperson Stockford asked that any councilmember interested in signing a drafted letter of supported should see him.

Miscellaneous

- A. Appointments:

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to reappoint Mike Parney to TIFA for a four year term ending July, 2019.

ADPT.
RE-ADPT
MIKE
PARNEY
TIFA

All ayes.

Motion carried.

City Manager Report

City Manager David Mackie reported the Recreation Department had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,700 for the purchase of 100 new football helmets. Mr. Mackie reported the Hillsdale Industrial/Tech Park had been certified, providing another important avenue for marketing. Sunday, August 23rd at 3:00 a Memorial Dedication was to take place at Oak Grove Cemetery.

GRANT.
REC DEPT.
FOOTBALL
HELMETS
\$7,700

General Public Comment

County Commissioner Ruth Brown again spoke in support of the Diversion Program.

RUTH
BROWN

Holly Carpenter stated the Story Walk installed by her Girl Scouts troop had been stolen/vandalized the day after installation and thanked Councilperson Stockford and City Manager Mackie for their help in restoring it.

HOLLY
CARPENTER

Council Comment

Councilperson Sharp replied to Ms. Carpenter's comments regarding the Story Walk and stated the community cares about the Girl Scouts.

Councilperson Stockford stated "Go Girl Scouts"

Discussion regarding eligibility and qualifications for running for council seats. Council members agreed they need to hold further discussion in regard to the possible amendment of charter concerning eligibility and qualifications of council candidates. It was agreed to place it on the agenda for Council discussion.

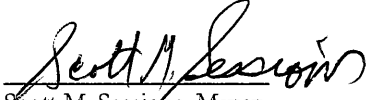
Adjournment


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

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

8:05 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Michelle Loren, City Clerk