

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

Sept. 3, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale  
Regular Meeting

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Douglas Moon opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

### Roll Call

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to excuse the absence of Councilperson Casey Sullivan from the September 3, 2013 Council Meeting.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Douglas Moon called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Councilmember Brian Watkins representing Ward One; Council members Ruth Brown and Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Councilmember Scott Sessions representing Ward Three; and Council members William Arnold and Mary Beth Bail representing Ward Four.

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorney Lew Loren, Bonnie Tew, Rick Rose, Eric Macy, Don Fowler, Brian and Angie Kratzer, Samuel Nutter, Taylor Knopf (Hillsdale Collegian), Joshua Mercer, Aimee England.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Sessions, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the September 3, 2013 Agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

### Public Comment

Don Fowler, 30 Charles St., stated that, at a previous meeting, he addressed Council regarding the sidewalk project on Charles St. Mr. Fowler had paid for sidewalk replacement at his residence years prior and had asked if he would have to pay again. City Manager Brown explained that the sidewalk and approach would be replaced for continuity purposes, but at no cost to Mr. Fowler.

### Consent Agenda

The items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and the City Manager and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and Council action will be taken separately on said item.

- A. Approval of Bills from August 15, 2013: Claims of \$172,020.51 & Payroll of \$94,120.58.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
  - 1. Planning Commission Minutes of June 18, 2013
  - 2. Planning Commission Minutes of July 16, 2013
  - 3. Finance Minutes of August 19, 2013
  - 4. Communications Minutes of August 28, 2013
- C. Council Minutes of August 19, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to approve the Consent agenda as presented Roll call: Councilpersons Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilperson Arnold – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

**Communications and Petitions**

None

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

None

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Local Streets Maintenance. City Manager Linda Brown addressed the storm water issue on Ellen Street, an issue known by Council. Manager Brown gave an overview of different options for correction and explained that the proposed plan (replacement of the 12" pipe with an 18" pipe in Phase 1; installation of a 24" pipe directed west and south in Phase II) would come at a total cost of approximately \$110,000. City Manager Brown stated that, knowing the budget does not include funding for that type of investment, she met with City Engineer Matt Taylor to discuss alternatives. It was suggested at that time that consideration be given to restricting the pipe at Riverdale to slow the water at that point. Mr. Taylor indicated that the impact on State Street would be no greater than existed prior to reconstruction. The estimated cost of the restriction is approximately \$2000.00. City Manager Brown determined this would be the most cost effective approach to reaching a solution to the storm water problem. City Manager Brown stated that, while this is not the preferred method of DPS Director Keith Richard for addressing the issue, she feels it is worth the efforts and money saved to try this approach.

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on the resulting contract following legal review. Roll Call: Councilpersons Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Bail – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

- B. Code Enforcement.

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

- A. Award of Contract for Tree and Stump Removal. City Manager Brown reported that bids were recently received to provide tree and stump removal services. The City Forester has made recommendation that the low bidder, Ultimate Lawn Care & Tree Service be awarded the bid for the amount of \$13,000.00.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to award the contract for tree and stump removal to Ultimate Lawn Care & Tree Service for the amount of \$13,000.00 and authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk's signatures. Roll call: Councilperson Kinney – yes; Session – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Bail – yes; Brown – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

(Ward Three Councilperson Mary Wolfram arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

STORMWATER  
ISSUE  
ELLEN ST.

TREE &  
STUMP  
REMOVAL  
BID

- B. Award of Bid for Sidewalk Special Assessment Districts 2013-01 and 2013-02. City Manager Linda Brown reported bids were recently solicited and received to construct the sidewalks in Special Assessment Districts 2013-01 and 2013-02 for the Lynwood and Manning Street

AWARD OF  
BID FOR  
SPECIAL  
ASSESS.  
DISTRICTS  
2013-01/2013-02

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, supported by Councilperson Sullivan, to authorize signatures by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk upon receipt of an agreement from the City Attorney's office. Roll call: Councilpersons Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – no; Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – no; Sullivan – yes.

Approved 6-2.

Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous**

None

**General Public Comment**

Joshua Mercer, 140 Budlong Street, expressed the need for Hallett Street to be considered for reconstruction as there are many parents in the City who take their children to school at Will Carleton by way of Hallett Street.

Department of Public Services Director Keith Richard addressed Council regarding his disapproval of the Ellen Street storm water issue.

Brian Kratzer, 11 Ellen Street, asked if changing the grade of his driveway at the City's expense was an option.

**Council Comment**

Councilperson Arnold asked if use of video taken from council meetings is okay to copy and use in other media.

Councilperson Wolfram gave a community events update.

**Adjournment**

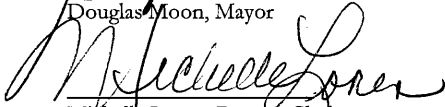
Motion by Councilmember Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Sessions, to adjourn.

Motion carried.

7:32 p.m.



Douglas Moon, Mayor



Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk