

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
 October 3, 2016
 7:00 P.M.

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.

Council Members present:	Scott M. Sessions, Mayor Adam Stockford, Ward 1 Brian Watkins, Ward 1 Timothy Dixon, Ward 2 William Morrissey, Ward 2 Bruce Sharp, Ward 3 William Zeiser, Ward 3 Patrick Flannery, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	Matthew Bell, Ward 4
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Also present were: City Manager David Mackie, City Clerk Stephen M. French, City Attorney Tom Thompson, Kay Freese (HR), Scott Hephner (HCPD/HCFD), Kevin Pauken (HCFD), Mark Hawkins (HCFD), Jake Hammel (DPS), Mike Barber (BPU), Chris McArthur (BPU), Sue Kehn (DART), Nic Rowan (Hillsdale Collegian), and Kimm Burger.

Council Member Excused

Mayor Sessions stated he had received correspondence from Council Member Bell that he would not be able to attend the meeting due to a work obligation.

Council Member Watkins moved, seconded by Council Member Flannery, to excuse the absence of Council Member Bell from the meeting. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Watkins, seconded by Council Member Flannery, moved to approve the October 3, 2016 agenda as presented. By a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1. Payroll of September 22, 2016: \$93,397.78
 - 2. City Claims of September 22, 2016: \$162,130.37
 - 3. BPU Claims of September 23, 2016: \$248,300.58
- B. City Council Minutes – September 19, 2016

- C. TIFA Targeted Development Committee Minutes - July 26, 2016
- D. Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Minutes - July 19, 2016
- E. Hillsdale Hospital's "Run for Health" – October 8, 2016

Council Member Flannery, seconded by Council Member Zeiser, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call:	Council Member Dixon	Aye
	Council Member Flannery	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Watkins	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Sessions	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

Communications/Petitions

There were no communications or petitions.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance/Public Hearing

There were no ordinances or public hearings.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business on the agenda.

Old Business

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

New Business

- A. Resolution No. 3296: Traffic Control Order 2016-43 (68 Waldron Street)

City Manager Mackie noted Chief Hephner had discussed the staff recommendation with the businesses in the immediate area, and had received no opposition to the parking change.

Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Member Watkins, moved to adopt Resolution No. 3296: Traffic Control Order 2016-43 (68 Waldron Street)

Roll call:	Council Member Dixon	Aye
	Council Member Flannery	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Watkins	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Sessions	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Settlement Agreement for International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

City Manager Mackie reviewed the key components of the agreement that included a change in the health care plan from BCBS to Priority Health, a pension reopener clause, reductions on longevity pay, and 2% wage increases. City Manager Mackie stated the Terms of Agreement would be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Council Member Sharp questioned why the firefighters a ratification incentive was not included in the agreement that had been provided to other bargaining units. City Manager Mackie stated the bonus was not included in the agreement, as the union had negotiated other benefits, such as 457 Plan matches, in place of the incentive bonus.

Council Member Watkins, seconded by Council Member Flannery, moved to approve the ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Roll call:	Council Member Dixon	Aye
	Council Member Flannery	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Watkins	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Sessions	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Settlement Agreement for Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM)

City Manager Mackie reviewed the key components of the agreement that included a change in the health care plan from BCBS to Priority Health, a pension reopener clause, reductions on longevity pay, 2% wage increases, and a ratification bonus. City Manager Mackie stated the Terms of Agreement would be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Flannery, moved to approve the ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Roll call:	Council Member Dixon	Aye
	Council Member Flannery	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Watkins	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Sessions	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

D. BPU Contract with Plante Moran – BS&A Implementation

BPU Director Mike Barber reviewed a recommendation to approve a contract with Plante Moran for project management assistance with the new BS&A software implementation. Director Barber stated Plante Moran would provide direction to help setup and implement the new software at the BPU offices and assist with the integration of that software with other city offices.

Council Member Sharp questioned when the new software would be operational. BPU Director Barber stated the goal was to have the new software in use by January 1, 2017.

Council Member Watkins, seconded by Council Member Flannery, moved to approve a contract with Plante Moran for Implementation Management Assistance of the BS&A financial software at a rate not to exceed \$29,240.

Roll call:	Council Member Dixon	Aye
	Council Member Flannery	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Watkins	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Sessions	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

E. 2016 Street Preservation Contract

DPS Director Hammel provided a brief staff recommendation to approve a contract with Quality Asphalt for pavement removal, placement of hot mix asphalt, and crack cleaning & sealing along portions of South West Street, North West Street, North Manning Street, and River Street. Director Hammel stated the autumn season was the best time of the year to perform this maintenance.

Council Member Sharp noted most of the work would be centered in the northern section of the city. Director Hammel stated the roads listed were used by residents who lived throughout the city, while additional areas would be addressed in upcoming years. Council Member Sharp commended the leadership of Director Hammel and the efforts of the DPS employees.

Responding to a question from Council Member Dixon, DPS Director Hammel reported staff hoped to have repairs completed to Hillsdale Street in 2017.

Council Member Flannery, seconded by Council Member Morrissey, moved to approve a contract with Quality Asphalt in the amount of \$96,718.00 for the 2016 Street Preservation project.

Roll call:	Council Member Dixon	Aye
	Council Member Flannery	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Stockford	Abstain
	Council Member Watkins	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Sessions	Aye

Motion passed 7-0.

Miscellaneous

A. Sue Kehn – Dial-A-Ride (DART) Update

Director Kehn updated on the activities of DART including:

1. The system provided two, round-trip opportunities to Wal-Mart in Jonesville each month
2. DART operated with three full-time drivers and one part-time driver
3. Staff is anticipating the purchase of one or two new buses in the coming year
4. Approximately 40% of the total ridership during the year was school children
5. Kroger continued to provide free tickets to their customers who used DART. Staff was in discussion with Market House to provide the same incentive.

Responding to a question from Council Member Dixon, Director Kehn stated the system had more ridership during the first couple weeks of each month.

Director Kehn provided additional information on the service schedule and the necessity to discontinue services during the lunch hour. Director Kehn stated there were standing orders for rides at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. each day that precluded the opportunities for a rotating lunch schedule.

Council Member Morrisey commended Director Kehn for the excellent service he had received using the DART transportation.

Council Member Dixon requested Council receive copies of the monthly reports created by Director Kehn.

Responding to a question from Council Member Zeiser, Director Kehn stated that during the winter months, the school students comprised approximately 50% of the total ridership of DART.

Responding to a question from Council Member Sharp, Director Kehn stated each Wal-Mart trip averaged between 5-9 riders.

XII. City Manager's Report

City Manager Mackie reported:

1. TIFA anticipated completing the purchase of the Keefer House and the Dawn Theater in the coming week. City staff was working on a grant with the State of Michigan to assist with the redevelopment of those two properties.
2. A notice for the hiring of a new full-time firefighter would be posted on Wednesday, October 5th.
3. The city had received service on a small claims suit from a resident seeking reimbursement of veterinary bills for their pet.
4. The pension re-opener notices had been mailed to the city's bargaining units.
5. The new city signs were in the process of being installed on M-99

Council Member Zeiser stated he had attend the TIFA Targeted Development Committee where discussions were held regarding various issues regarding the redevelopment at the Dawn Theater. City Manager Mackie stated the grant application with the State of Michigan would concentrate on improving the heating and cooling systems at the theater, as well as roof repairs to the building.

Council Member Flannery requested the Finance Committee receive copies of the pension report that had been received by the city.

Council Member Sharp stated the Finance Committee had requested a report detailing the revenues received by the Recreation Department from the summer events and programs.

General Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Council Comments

Council Member Sharp commented the new city signs were very different and much smaller than the old signs. Council Member Sharp voiced concern at the purchase of the Dawn Theater and the Keefer House, and the risk incurred by the city with this project.

Council Member Zeiser also voiced trepidation at the city's involvement with the Dawn Theater and the Keefer House redevelopment. Council Member Zeiser encouraged the city to re-sell the properties to private owners as soon as possible.

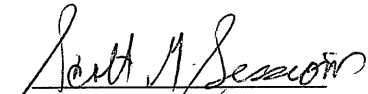
Council Member Flannery thanked the Police Department for their assistance with a procession recently held at St. Anthony's.


Council Member Stockford thanked Chief Hephner for arranging the demonstration of a new fire truck for the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Stockford stated he liked the appearance of the new signs and noted the new signs were better than any other welcome signs he had seen during his travels around the region. Council Member Stockford also invited everyone to attend "Coffee with Council" on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Biggby Coffee.

Adjournment

Council Member Zeiser, seconded by Council Member Stockford, moved to adjourn the meeting. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Stephen M. French, City Clerk