

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

October 7, 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 G. Moon opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

### Roll Call

Mayor Douglas G. Moon called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Council members Brian Watkins and Casey Sullivan representing Ward One; Council members Ruth Brown and Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Council members Scott Sessions and Mary Wolfram 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 Lewis Loren, Bonnie Tew, Rick Rose (BPU), Eldonna Bernath, Ward Harris (Hartzell Veneer), Macaila Bennett, Adam Stockford, Shawnee Stockford, Aimee England, Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News).

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to approve the October 7, 2013 Agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

### Public Comment

None

### 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 September 26, 2013: Claims of \$171,292.57 & Payroll of \$90,142.24.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
  - 1. ZBA Minutes of September 16, 2013
  - 2. Finance Committee Minutes of September 16, 2013
  - 3. Finance Committee Minutes of September 30, 2013
- C. Council Minutes of September 16, 2013

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

Approved 9-0.

Motion carried.

### Communications and Petitions

Letter from Connie & Marty Brumbaugh.

### Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

HARTZELL  
VENEER  
Public  
HEARING

- A. Hartzell Veneer Products, LLC Public Hearing. City Manager Brown stated that on August 27, 2013, the City Clerk received an application from Hartzell Veneer Products, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption and Council set October 7, 2013 as the date and time to conduct the public hearing regarding the request.

Ward Harris of Hartzell Veneer gave an overview of the new operation, its background and future.

Mayor Moon opened the Public Hearing regarding the Hartzell Veneer request for an IFT. As there were no comments from the public, Mayor Moon closed the public hearing and opened the floor for council comment. No comment was offered.

RESOLUTION #  
3146

Motion by Councilperson Wolfram, supported by Councilperson Arnold, to adopt Resolution #3146 granting a 12 year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption and authorize the Mayor and City Clerks signatures on behalf of the City. Roll call: Councilpersons Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Bail – yes.

Unfinished Business

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

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Hydro-Electric Power Purchase. City Manager Brown reported that the Michigan South central power Agency has previously entered into a Power Purchase Agreement with N.E.W. Hydro, LLC. The City of Hillsdale is a member of the Joint Agency known as the Michigan South Central power Agency and is being requested to pass a resolution approving the Agreement.

BPU Director Rick Rose was available for comment and gave an overview of the hydro project.

RES. #  
3150

Motion by Councilperson Arnold, supported by Councilperson Sessions, to adopt Resolution #3150 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on behalf of the City.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

- B. Holton Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption.. City Manager Linda Brown reported that on September 30, 2013 the City Clerk received an application from Betty Jean Holton Revocable Trust, owner of Stillwell Ford Lincoln Mercury for a Commercial Rehabilitation exemption pursuant to Act 210 of 2005. City Manager Brown asked that Council set a date and time to conduct a public hearing regarding the request.

CRE-  
BETTY JEAN  
HOLTON  
TRUST/  
STILLWELL  
FORD LINCOLN  
MERCURY

Motion by Councilperson Sessions, supported by Councilperson Sullivan, to set October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time to conduct a public hearing regarding the Betty Jean Holton Revocable Trust Commercial Rehabilitation

All ayes.

Motion carried.

- C. Cake Thyme Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption. City Manager Linda Brown explained that on September 30, 2013 the City Clerk received an application from Cake Thyme located 59 N. Broad Street for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption pursuant to Act 210 of 2005. City manager Brown asked that Council set a date and time to conduct a public hearing regarding the request.

OPRA  
CAKE  
THYME

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Sullivan, to set October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time to conduct a public hearing regarding the Cake Thyme request for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous**

- A. Leaf Collection Schedule. City Manager Brown briefly reviewed the 2013 Leaf Collection schedule.
- B. Appointments. Mayor Moon made recommendation to Council to appoint Rob Socha to the TIFA Board for a four (4) year term expiring July, 2017.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Wolfram, to appoint Rob Socha to the TIFA Board for a four year term expiring July, 2017.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

**General Public Comment**

Eldonna Bernath, 32 Carleton Rd., thanked Council for the sidewalk replacement near her apartment complex.

**Council Comment**

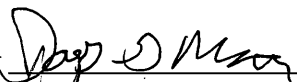
Councilperson Arnold inquired about the possibility of a church being built along the Carleton corridor. Mr. Arnold also stated the microbrewery at the Victorian Rose fell through.

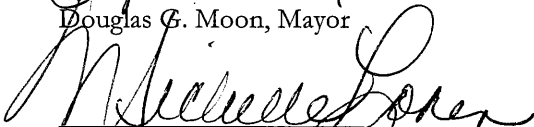
**Adjournment**

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

Motion carried.

7:35 p.m.

  
Douglas G. Moon, Mayor

  
Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk