

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

October 19, 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: Council member Brian Watkins 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 Attorneys John Lovinger and Thomas Thompson, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Mary Wolfram (HPG), Chief Scott Hephner (HCPD), Keith Richard (DPS), Mike Barber (BPU), Andy Berrand (HDN), the Beekers, Tom Novelly (Collegian), Finn Cley (Collegian), Dennis Wainscott, Penny Swan, Michael Mitchell.

Ward I Council member Adam Stockford arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Councilperson Brian Watkins requested *New Business Item B. City Ambulance Service* be added to the October 19, 2015 Agenda.

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the October 19, 2015 Council Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jeff King expressed his support of the appointment of Jason Walters as Interim Airport Manager.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of October 8, 2015; Payroll of \$94,681.75; Claims of \$139,373.77.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
 - 1. Election Commission Minutes of October 7th, 2015
 - 2. ZBA Minutes of July 15th, 2015
 - 3. Public Safety Minutes of September 21st, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of October 5th, 2015
- D. S.O.A.R. Student Intern Agreement
- E. September 2015 Code Enforcement Report
- F. September Finance Report

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

- A. Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Agreement. Council was presented with the updated Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Agreement for Council Approval by Ordinance and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk. City Attorney Lovinger pointed out two changes; change in language to the maintenance portion of the contract and another in regard to responsibility of relocation of facilities.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to adopt Ordinance No

MICHIGAN
GAS
UTILITIES
FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT
ORDINANCE
2015-16

2015-16 Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Agreement and authorize the Mayor and Clerk's signatures. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions, - yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

- A. Clerk & Treasurer Update. City Manager David Mackie reported a single resume for City Treasurer Julie Beeker who has expressed her interest in remaining in that position and six (6) applications for the Clerk appointment had been received by the City Manager's Office. Copies of applicant information was received by Council for review and discussion at the November 2, 2015 meeting at which time the top two (2) candidates would be interviewed. Appointment would then be made at the October 9, 2015 Special Council Meeting.
- B. Hillsdale Municipal Airport Update. City Manager David Mackie reported that the parallel taxiway and entrance into the terminal and hanger area was nearing completion. Mr. Mackie explained that future construction plans would include demolition of the current terminal and hangars for taxiway expansion to the east and a construction of a new terminal and parking would then take place. Airport Advisory members and City staff are pleased with the outcome thus far. City Manager Mackie then reported about cleanup and various repairs that have been made at the airport and reported RFPs for a permanent airport manager and FBO are currently being drafted. Mr. Mackie introduced Jason Walters as the Interim Airport Manager. Mr. Walters then gave a brief report of the undertaking of various improvements taking place at the airport. Mr. Walters accepted questions from Council.

CLERK &
TREASURER
UPDATE

AIRPORT
UPDATE

New Business

- A. Sale of Fleet Equipment: Award of Bid. On October 6, 2015, bids were opened for the sale of three (3) pieces of City owned DPS equipment. Director Keith Richard recommended the award of bid on the sale of the Dial-A-Ride bus and rejection of the other two (2) bids.

BID
SALE OF
FLEET
EQUIP-
MENT

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the sale of the Dial-A-Ride bus and reject all other bids. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp - yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

- B. City Ambulance Service. Councilperson and Public Safety Committee Chair Brian Watkins reported that discussion had taken place at the last Public Safety Committee meeting regarding a public ambulance service. Councilperson Stockford gave a brief overview of the idea and asked Council's approval for the Public Safety Committee to research the idea and report to Council with their findings for consideration.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to refer the idea of a potential city ambulance service to Public Safety for research.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

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Miscellaneous

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to approve appointments as presented:

- Melissa Holm to the Library Board for a 5 year term expiring November 2020.
- Bob Flynn to the Airport Advisory Committee for a 2 year term expiring November 2020 2017.
- Roy Szarafinski to the Airport Advisory Committee for a 2 year term expiring November 2012 2017.
- Rich Péwé to the Airport Advisory Committee for a 2 year term expiring November 2020 2017.

APPT.

MELISSA
HOLM
LIBRARY

BOB FLYNN
AIRPORT

ROY SZARAFINSKI
AIRPORT

RICH PEWE
AIRPORT

All ayes.

Motion carried.

City Manager Report

City Manager David Mackie reminded everyone of the Halloween Party held at HHS on October 31, 2015. Mr. Mackie reviewed vacancies and seats to be filled ant the November 3, 2015 City Election. Mr. Mackie stated that all but one running for election are write-ins and encouraged everyone to do their homework before going to the polls.

Council member Bruce Sharp reminded everyone about the HBA Awesome Autumn event to take place downtown October 20, 2015.

General Public Comment

Joe Poston, Carriage Park Apartments, addressed Council with regard to the clearing of snow on sidewalks and the enforcement of code. Mr. Poston also addressed Council regarding Dial-A-Ride pick-up and fares; specifically free fare for the blind.

JOE
POSTON

Dennis Wainscott addressed Council in regard to the possibility of charging for fire runs and the effect it will have on homeowner's insurance rates.

DENNIS
WAINSCOTT

Julie Beeker, 140 Hillsdale St., reminded write-in candidates that election inspectors cannot assist voters at the polls and to be sure to get their information out to the public.

JULIE
BEEKER

Alan Beeker, 140 Hillsdale St., addressed Council reported to Council that construction was underway at 42 Union and 25 Hillsdale Streets; Creative Constructs, Inc. Happy Pants, LLC.

ALAN
BEEKER

Council Comment

None

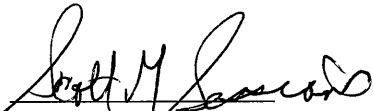
Adjournment

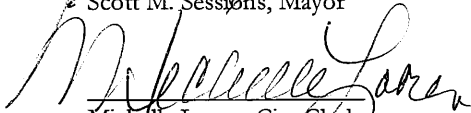
Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

7:59 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Michelle Loren, City Clerk