

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

October 20, 2014
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 members Adam Stockford and Brian Watkins representing Ward One; Councilmember Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Council members Emily Stack Davis and Bruce Sharp representing Ward Three; and Council members Mary Beth Bail and Patrick Flannery representing Ward Four.

Also present were City Attorney Lewis Loren, Acting City Manager Doug Terry, Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Keith Richard (DPS), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Judy Buzo (Dial-A-Ride), James Scheibner (Airport), Rick Rose (BPU), Nate Rusk (BPU), Jane Englehart, Ruth Brown, Andy Barrand (HDN), Tom McNicholas (Thorny Ash Development), Sharon Sheerer (GAMPCO), Mary Bertakis (HBA).

Approval of Agenda

Acting City Manager Doug Terry requested *New Business Item A. BPU Fiber Construction* be removed from the Agenda until a later date.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to approve the October 20, 2014 Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Hillsdale Business Association Secretary, Mary Bertakis, addressed Council regarding the annual *Light Up Hillsdale Parade* planned to be held December 6, 2014. Ms. Bertakis asked Council's approval for street closures and use of barricades and stated the proper permitting procedures would be followed.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the *Light Up Hillsdale Parade* and the necessary street closures on December 6, 2014. Roll call: Councilpersons Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from October 9, 2014; Claims of \$104,828.20; Payroll of \$88,768.72.
- B. Committee Reports:
 1. PC Minutes of August 19, 2014
 2. PC Minutes of September 10, 2014
 3. Public Services Minutes of September 29, 2014
 4. Finance Minutes of October 13, 2014
 5. Election Commission Minutes of October 10, 2014
- C. Council Minutes of October 6, 2014
- D. Quarterly Investment Report and September 2014 Finance Reports
- E. Finance Dept.: Raymond James Depository Resolution No.'s 3194 (Lakeview), 3195 (Oak Grove), 3196 (Hospital Fund).
- F. Transfer of City Assets: Resolution #3197 (Southern Michigan Bank).

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

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

Communications and Petitions

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing – GAMPCO IFT

Mayor Sessions opened the podium for public comment. No comment. Mayor Sessions then opened the podium for council comment. No comment.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to adopt Resolution #3198 awarding an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption to General Automatic Machine Company for 12 years. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery, yes; Kinney – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing – Thorny Ash Development OPRA

Mayor Sessions opened the podium for public comment. No comment. Mayor Sessions then opened the podium for council comment. No comment.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to adopt Resolution #3199 and award Thorny Ash Development, 42 N. Howell St., a tax abatement under the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act for a period of 10 years. Roll Call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Sharp – yes.

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

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Unfinished Business

A. Local Streets Maintenance:

None

B. Code Enforcement.

Mayor Sessions briefed over the September 2014 Code Enforcement Report and gave an update regarding 55 S. Broad St.

C. Clerk & Treasurer

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Appointments

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to approve Airport Committee appointments as follows:

Ginger Moore for a 2 year term expiring November 2016
 Jeff King for a 2 year term expiring November 2016
 Jeff Buchhop for a 2 year term expiring November 2016
 Richard Péwé for a 1 year partial term expiring November 2015
 Lon King for a 1 year partial term expiring November 2015
 Jason Walters for a 2 year term expiring November 2016
 Roy Szarafinski fir a 1 year partial term expiring November 2015

APPOINTMENTS
AIRPORT
ADVIS.
COMMITTEE

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to approve reappointments to the Board of Special Assessors as follows:

- Aimee England for a 1 year term expiring November 2015
- Molly Wentz for a 1 year term expiring November 2015
- Sam Nutter for a 1 year term expiring November 2015

APPOINTMENT
BOARD OF
SPECIAL
ASSESSORS

General Public Comment

Ruth Brown reported on the launching of a suicide prevention service supported through Lifeways of Jackson.

Aimee England commented that the opening statement made by the mayor before opening public comment hinders the public from speaking freely.

Council Comment

Councilperson Sharp requested a Public Services meeting be called soon.

Councilperson Stack-Davis updated Council on the city manager succession plan being worked on by Operations and Governance. Ms. Stack-Davis stated they would be requesting department head input soon.


Adjournment

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

8:43 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk