

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

October 21, 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 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), Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News), John & Kennette Spratt, Judy Buzo, Aimee England, Kathy Newell (Blossom Shop/HBA), Amanda Tindall (Hillsdale Collegian), Eric Hoffman (Stillwell Ford), Ben Jiles (Hillsdale College), Hannah Leitner (Hillsdale Collegian), Monica Brandt (Hillsdale Collegian).

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Brown asked for the addition of Consent Item F. Amendment of Resolution #3131 Knox Ventures CRE. City Manager Brown explained that during the CRE application submittal process it was discovered that original application improperly stated Knox Ventures, Inc. as the owner/applicant. Bulldog Holdings, LLC is the proper owner/applicant. Because James Knox is the holder of both entities, the State offered to accept an amended resolution with the correction as a remedy.

Motion by Councilperson Sullivan, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the October 7, 2013 Agenda as amended.

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
- D. Current Office Solutions Copier Contract
- E. Belson Asphalt Contract
- F. Amended Resolution #3131

Councilperson Wolfram arrived at 7:06 p.m.

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

Public
HEARINGS
CRE-
HOLTON
TRUST
STILLWELL FORD

- A. Holton Trust (Stillwell Ford – CRE Public Hearing Resolution #3151. City Manager Brown stated that on October 1, 2013 the City Clerk received an application from the Betty Jean Holton Revocable Trust for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption for the building leased and occupied by Stillwell Ford Lincoln located at 3780 W. Carleton Road. City Manager Brown stated the Economic Development Board met and reviewed the request. City Manager Brown stated it was necessary to hold a public hearing this night to allow the public opportunity for input regarding the requested exemption. Following the hearing, Council will be required to approve or disapprove the request and, if approved, the number of years.

Mayor Moon opened the Public Hearing regarding the Holton Trust request for a CRE. 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.

RES. #
3151

Motion by Councilperson Brown, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to adopt Resolution #3151 granting a 10 year Commercial Rehabilitation 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.

Approved 9-0

Motion carried.

OPRA
Public
HEARING
CAKE
THYME

- B. Cake Thyme Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation. City Manager Brown reported that an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation application from Cake Thyme was received by the City Clerk. City Manager Brown was advised the application was not complete. Several unsuccessful attempts were by the Deputy Clerk and the Assessor to obtain the necessary documentation. The Assessor's memo reflects the inconsistencies and lack of documentation.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Sullivan, to adopt Resolution # 3152 to deny the Cake Thyme Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation. Roll Call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Bail – yes; Brown – yes.

Approved 9-0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
#3152
TO DENY

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance. None
- B. Code Enforcement. City Manager Brown stated Kim Thomas, the new Assessor has been working on past and present code enforcement issues. City Manager Brown presented Council with violations addressed beginning September, 2013 and informed Council that reports regarding previous pending violations are available for review.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Precision Gage, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. City Manager Brown reported that on October 15, 2013 the City Clerk Received an application from Precision Gage, Inc. for an industrial Facilities Tax Exemption on personal property. The EDC Board met on Thursday, October 17 and made recommendation to approve the request. City Manager Brown reported an opportunity to be heard was given to the Assessor and taxing authorities and no response was received.

IFT -
PRECISION
GAGE, INC

Motion by Councilperson Wolfram, supported by Councilperson Arnold, to adopt Resolution #3153 granting an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption to Precision Gage for 11 years and authorize the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on behalf of the City. Roll Call: Councilpersons Sessions – yes; Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes.

RES#
3153

Approved 9-0

Motion carried.

- B. Hillsdale Business Association Light Up Hillsdale Parade. City Manager Linda Brown reported the Hillsdale Business Association has requested approval by the City of certain street closures and barricades to safely accommodate the "Light Up Hillsdale" parade on December 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

HBA
LIGHT UP
PARADE

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the street closures and the necessary barricades for the HBA "Light Up Hillsdale" parade on December 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Councilpersons Sullivan – yes; Watkins – yes; Wolfram – yes; Mayor Moon – yes; Councilpersons Arnold – yes; Bail – yes; Brown – yes; Kinney – yes; Sessions – yes.

Approved 9-0

Motion carried.

General Public Comment

None

Council Comment

City Manager Brown reminded everyone of the Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 22, 2103 at Phillips Auditorium.

Council members Brown and Wolfram gave updates on events happening in and around the city.

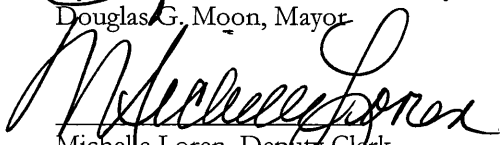
Adjournment

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

Motion carried.

7:39 p.m.


Douglas G. Moon, Mayor


Michelle Loren, Deputy Clerk