

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

November 2, 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; Councilmember Bruce Sharp representing Ward Three; and Councilmembers Mary Beth Bail and Patrick Flannery representing Ward Four.

Ward Three Council Person Emily Stack-Davis was absent and excused.

Also present were: City Manager David Mackie, City Clerk's Office Assistant Katy Price, 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), Tom Novelly (Collegian), Finn Cley (Collegian), Dennis Wainscott, Penny Swan, Michael Mitchell, Ed Sumnar, Marion Griffiths, Jake Forbes, Carson Smith, Jeff King, Casey Sullivan, Martha Smith and Steve Vear.

ABSENT:
EMILY
STACK-
DAVIS

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the November 2, 2015 Council Agenda as presented.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jeff King asked that the October 19th Minutes be revised to have the Airport Advisory Committee appointment corrected to reflect the accurate term endings. Should reflect 2 year terms ending in November 2017 not 2020 as recorded.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from claims of October 22, 2015; Payroll of \$90,741.17; Claims of \$138,560.82; Special Pay \$24,205.53.
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
 1. EDC Minutes of August 20, 2015
 2. EDC ACC Minutes of August 21, 2015, September 18, 2015 & October 6, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of October 19th, 2015

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 7-0.

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.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

MICHIGAN
GAS UTILITIES
FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT
UPDATE
ORD.
2015-16

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

- A. Clerk Appointment: Mayor Sessions discussed the clerk position he mentioned that the City received 6 applications for the position after reviewing the applicants and discussing it with the City Manager he feels that none of the applicants possess municipal experience and rejects all applications. He suggests that the position is made full time and the interim City Clerk Michelle Loren be appointed to the position. City Manager Mackie addressed council and discussed his research on the subject matter. He also feels that this would be the best direction for the City of Hillsdale.

CLERK
APPOINTMENT

ADVERTISE
FOR
FULL TIME
APPROVED

Officer Compensation Commission member Ed Sumnar spoke on the commission's finding for the clerk position and wages.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford to go out and advertise for full time clerk for 30 days, with salary to be negotiated, Supported by Councilperson Sharp Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp- yes; Stockford-yes; Watkins- yes; Mayor Sessions-yes; Councilpersons Bail- no; Flannery- yes; Kinney- no.

Motion carried 5-2.

New Business

- A. Sale of Fleet Equipment: Award of Bid. On October 26, 2015, bids were opened for the sale of a 1994 Ford Dump Truck. Director Keith Richard recommended the award of bid go to the highest bidder Mr. Larry Maxson.

BID:
SALE OF
FLEET
EQUIPMENT

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the sale of the 1994 Ford Dump Truck. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Flannery – yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous

None

City Manager Report

City Manager David Mackie asked council if the Comcast Broadcast and Government Channel is something Council wants to continue. Council agreed to keep the channel and upgrade if necessary at a low cost.

City Manager David Mackie also mentioned that the BPU Director Position is closed out, received 14 applications/resumes. The BPU Board along with Mr. Mackie will be review them over the next few weeks. The BPU Review Committee is reviewing the concept of selling BPU to repair the roads. The Committee has solicited a quote for evaluating the system and looking at the operations to make recommendations on how to move forward.

City Manager David Mackie reminds residents to get out and vote tomorrow as it is Election Day and also mentioned the leaf collection period is going on now and to make sure citizens check the website for schedule times and to get the leaves out to the curb during those collection times.

General Public Comment

Marion Griffiths 258 Union St, addressed Council with regard to Hillsdale College parking buses on her street as it is a safety concern.

MARION
GRIFFITHS

PENNY
SWAN

Penny Swan 205 N. Manning St, addressed Council with regard to the missing funds as well as the clerk position as it was advertised as part time and thanked council for being transparent.

Jeff King Cambria Twp, addressed Council with regard to open transparency and public trust.

JEFF KING

Council Comment

Councilperson Sharp addressed Mrs. Griffiths on the street issue suggested speaking with the Chief of Police, Scott Hephner. Also mentioned the missing funds are being handled by Michigan State Police as well as asking the citizens to remember to vote tomorrow on Election Day.

Councilperson Flannery thanked Councilpersons Kinney and Bail for serving on Council and various boards. Wished them well as their terms on Council end. Also wished Councilpersons Sharp and Watkins good luck in the election tomorrow. Mentioned to the public to get out tomorrow and vote.

Councilperson Bail thanked Council and her ward. Also thanked the Hillsdale EMS/Fire Dept, City Police and First Responders for an incident that happened at Hillsdale ISD.

Mayor Sessions mentioned to everyone to get out tomorrow and vote, as well as thanked Councilpersons Bail and Kinney in serving on Council.


Adjournment

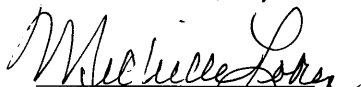
Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Bail, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

7:50 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Michelle Loren, City Clerk