

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

November 12, 2013
8:00 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, City Clerk Robilyn Swisher, City Attorney Lewis Loren, Michelle Loren, Bonnie Tew, Keith Richard, Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News), Linc and JoAnne Miller, Rochelle Ray, Eric Swisher, Lorri Sessions, Dan Watkins, Emily Flannery, Sheri Engles, Tony Ginolfi, Amanda Tindall, Emily Stack-Davis, Adam Stockford, Joshua Mercer, Susan Stack, David Stack, Taylor Knopf, William Dobson, and Aimee England.

Consent of November 4th, 2013 Resolution #3154

City Manager Brown stated at the November 4th, 2013 council meeting a roll call vote was taken approving the Consent Agenda, however; no motion or support was offered. City Manager Brown requested motion and support for the Resolution #3154. It was so moved by Council member William Arnold and supported by Council member Scott Sessions.

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Swearing in of new Council members

City Clerk Robilyn Swisher swore in newly elected officials: Mayor Scott Sessions; Ward I Councilperson Adam Stockford, Ward II Councilperson Ruth Brown, Ward III Councilperson Emily Stack-Davis, and Ward IV Councilperson Patrick Flannery.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Scott Sessions called for an election of the Mayor Pro Tem. By a raise of hands Councilpersons Brian Watkins and Ruth Brown were the only two Councilpersons that chose to be considered for the position. It was voted on by ballot with Councilperson Ruth Brown receiving three votes and Councilperson Brian Watkins receiving five votes. Councilperson Brian Watkins is named as Mayor Pro Tem.

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Linda Brown stated that item A of new business is being removed from the agenda. Mayor Scott Sessions called for motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item A.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the November 12, 2013 Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Linc Miller addressed Council on the recent public pronouncements about street enhancements as an extensible top priority. He thanked previous council members; Wolfram, Sullivan, and Mayor Moon as well as Dr Wolfram for their work and commitment on this issue. Miller then states that Mayor Sessions needs to put his mantra about budget cuts being the solution to the street problem on hold and recognize that his mayoral obligation is to facilitate creative open minded thinking on council. Miller urged Councilpersons Flannery and Stockford to recognize the complexity of the challenge ahead of them in vast improvement of the underpinnings and repair of the streets and to put forth efforts as the previous councilpersons did.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from : Claims of \$Payroll of \$
- B. Council Minutes of November 4, 2013

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

Approved 8-0.

Motion carried.

Communications and Petitions

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Unfinished Business

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Miscellaneous

None

General Public Comment

Ted Jansen stated the conflict of interest with Councilperson Ruth Brown being on Council and also being a member of the County Commission is not an issue. Jansen referred to the Attorney General opinion of May 17, 2000 states that there is no conflict of interest, according to the Public Servants Conflicts of Interest Act, when contracts are made between two public entities. Jansen states that according to the Attorney Generals there is no conflict of interest with Councilperson Ruth Brown also being on the County Commission with the contracts that are coming up and the issue should be put to rest.

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Council Comment

Mayor Sessions requested that the Council members email him in regards to which out of the five committees they would like to serve on.

Flannery requested to schedule a work session to discuss the goals of the new Council. Mayor Sessions requested that Council members email him with their availability for this meeting. Flannery also thanked everyone who voted for him and encouraged communication from the public.

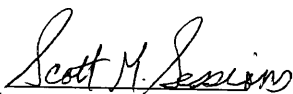
Councilperson Stockford stated that he appreciated Mr. Miller's comments and stated that he is willing to meet with him personally to discuss things.


Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Kinney, to adjourn.

Motion carried.

8:28 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Robilyn Swisher, City Clerk