

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

November 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.
(517)437-6441
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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.

Ward IV Councilperson Matthew Bell was sworn in by Interim City Clerk Loren.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to excuse the absence of Councilpersons Dixon and Watkins, from the November 16, 2015 Council Meeting.

COUNCILMAN
MATTHEW
BELL
SWORN IN

ABSENT:
DIXON &
WATKINS

Roll Call

Mayor Scott Sessions called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Council members Brian Watkins and Adam Stockford representing Ward One; Council member Bruce Sharp representing Ward Three; and Council member Patrick Flannery representing Ward Four.

Also present were: Interim City Clerk Michelle Loren, City Attorneys John Lovinger and Thomas Thompson, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Police Chief Scott Hephner (HCPD), Mary Wolfram (HPG), David Griffiths, Marion Griffiths, Mary Bertakis (HBA), Dennis Wainscott, Alan & Julie Beeker, Jeff King, Penny Swan, Raquel Bell, Casey Sullivan, Rod Beach, Sam Beach, Madeleine Jepsen, Mike Barber (BPU), David Wheeler.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the November 16, 2015 meeting agenda.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Communications and Petitions

Marion Griffiths, 258 Union St. addressed Council regarding her lack of support of TCO 2015-34. Ms. Griffiths made several points addressing several safety issues created by the parking of charter buses on the street for college events.

MARION
GRIFFITHS

David Griffiths, 258 Union St. addressed Council regarding his lack of support of TCO 2015-34. Mr. Griffiths made the argument of the College's improper planning for parking and use of public funds to provide parking for buses for CCA events as they won't use their own parking lots. Mr. Griffiths suggested the matter be sent to the Public Safety Committee for review prior to adoption of the TCO.

DAVID
GRIFFITHS

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from Claims of November 5, 2015: Payroll \$95,140.25; Claims \$175,903.00
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval)
 - 1. Cemetery Minutes of November 4, 2015
- C. Council Minutes of November 2, 2015
- D. Quarterly Finance Report
- E. October 2015 Code Enforcement

Communications/Petitions

Mary Bertakis of Hillsdale Business Association asked Council's permission for a street closure for the Light Up Hillsdale Parade December 5, 2015.

MARY
BERTAKIS
HBA
LIGHT UP
PARADE
DEC 5, 2015

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve a street closure for the Light Up Hillsdale Parade December 5, 2015. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Bell – yes; Flannery – yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance/Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing: Establish Plant Rehabilitation District (Marvo Properties, LLC).

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District at Marvo Properties, LLC, formerly Stock's Mill. Roll Call: Council Persons Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bell – yes; Flannery – yes; Sharp – yes.

P.H.
ESTABLISH
PLANT
REHABILITATION
DISTRICT
MARVO
PROPERTIES, LLC

Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. TCO: Permanent No Parking on West Side of Union St. From Barber Drive to College St.

Police Chief Scott Hephner addressed Council stating he had responded to complaints received concerning the parking of visiting college buses on Union St. between Barber Dr. and College St. Chief Hephner explained that he only has jurisdiction over safety matters. The parking of charter buses is a zoning issue and should be taken up with the Planning Commission. Chief Hephner went on to explain that the revision of TCO 2007-35 was based on eliminating as many of the safety hazards as possible. It was also stated that TCO 2005-23

TCO
PERM
NO
PARK
RES.
3247
TCO
2015-34

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to adopt Resolution No. 3247 TCO 2015-34. Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bell – yes; Flannery – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to refer the matter of the parking of charter buses on Union Street between Barber Drive and College Street to the Planning Commission for review. Roll call: Councilpersons Bell – yes; Flannery – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Resolution to Declare a Public Nuisance – 58 N. West St.

Motion by Councilperson Sharp, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to adopt Resolution No. 3248 to declare 58 N. West St. a Public Nuisance. Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilperson Bell – yes.

PUBLIC
NUISANCE
58 N.
RES. WEST ST
3248

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Resolution to Declare a Public Nuisance – 60 N. West St.

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to adopt Resolution No. 3249 to declare 60 N. West St. a Public Nuisance. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bell – yes; Flannery – yes.

PUBLIC
NUISANCE
60 N. WEST ST
RES.
3249

Motion carried 5-0.

D. Lot Divisions: Hillsdale Church of the Nazarene for sale to Hillsdale College & Hillsdale College (Simpson Hall/Fowler Maintenance Bldg. Block).

Motion by Councilperson Flannery, supported by Councilperson Sharp, to approve the division of lots 71 and 71 of the Church of the Nazarene for sale to Hillsdale College and division of Lot 85 to be combined with adjacent parcels. Roll call: Councilperson Stockford – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bell – yes; Flannery – yes; Sharp – yes.

LOT DIVISION
HILLSDALE
CHURCH OF
NAZARENE

Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the appointment of Councilpersons Bell, Flannery and Sharp to the Finance Committee.

APPT.
M. BELL
P. FLANNERY
B. SHARP
FINANCE

All ayes.

Motion carried.

City Manager Report

None

General Public Comment

Dennis Wainscott, 34 Garden St., thanked Council, City Manager Mackie, and BPU Interim Director Mike Barber for getting the street light installed at Union St.

DENNIS
WAINSCOTT

Council Comment

None

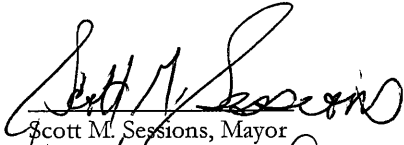
Adjournment

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

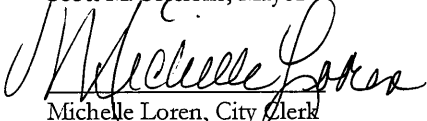
All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

7:55 p.m.



Scott M. Sessions, Mayor



Michelle Loren, City Clerk