

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

November 17, 2014  
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.

### 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: Acting City Manager Doug Terry, Attorney Kevin Shirk, Deputy Clerk Michelle Loren, Kay Freese (HR), Bonnie Tew (Finance), Keith Richard (DPS), Scott Hephner (HCPD), Jane Englehart (HCPD), James Scheibner (Airport), Rick Rose (BPU), Nate Rusk (BPU), Ruth Brown, Alan & Julie Beeker, Russ Martin (WCSR), Kevin Planko (ACD.net), Mike Richmond (ACD.net).

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to approve the November 17, 2014 Agenda as amended.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

### Public Comment

None

### Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from November 6, 2014; Claims of \$116,169.59; Payroll of \$86,729.51.
- B. Committee Reports:
  - 1. ZBA Minutes of September 17, 2014
  - 2. Planning Commission Minutes of September 16, 2014
- C. Council Minutes of November 3, 2014

Motion by Councilperson Stack-Davis, supported by Councilperson Stockford, 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 8-0.

### Communications and Petitions

None

### Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

### Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance:

Acting City Manager Doug Terry proposed Resolution#3201, a [Resolution to Direct City Manager and Staff to Assemble those Necessary Engineers, Attorneys, Financial Advisors and any Other Consultants Along With City of Hillsdale Staff to Pursue Street, Road, and Associated Infrastructure Improvements] be adopted by Council.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to adopt Resolution #3201. Roll call: Councilperson Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

RES.  
3201  
STREET  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
RE  
IMPROVEMENTS

- B. Code Enforcement. An update regarding 55 S. Broad St. was presented to Council. As of November 10, 2014, the property still had not been officially listed for sale and the agreed upon monthly tax payments were being made, however; the City had not been given information concerning payment terms and is unsure of the actual amount due. City Manager Terry stated he had discussed different charitable alternatives in lieu of demolishing the structure, but these discussions were very premature at this time. City Assessor/Code Official Kimberly Thomas recommended Council provide a firm deadline for the property to be actively listed for sale and a firm deadline for delinquent taxes to be paid. Ms. Thomas further recommended that if these deadlines are not met or further code enforcement violations are found that Council reinstate the order to demolish and authorize code enforcement to proceed with court action.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, that the house be listed by January 1, 2015 and taxes be paid by April 20, 2015. Roll call: Councilpersons Kinney – yes; Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack – Davis – yes; Flannery – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

- C. Clerk & Treasurer  
None

#### Old Business

- A. BPU Fiber Construction. At Council's request at the November 3, 2014 meeting, City Manager Doug Terry met with attorneys and amendments/adjustments to the contract had been made for presentation to Council at this meeting. City Manager Terry gave an overview of the purpose and importance of moving forward with the Dark Fiber construction.

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Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack-Davis, to approve the contract and authorize signatures by the Mayor and Clerk. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes.

Motion carried 8-0.

#### New Business

- A. Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR)

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to adopt a Public Inspection of Records Policy as presented by City Assessor Kimberly Thomas. Roll call: Councilpersons Sharp – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Bail – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Flannery – yes; Kinney – yes.

AUDIT OF  
MINIMUM  
ASSESSING  
REQUIREMENTS

Motion carried 8-0.

- B. Resolution #3202, 2015 Schedule of Council Meeting Dates.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to adopt Resolution #3202, 2015 Schedule of Council Meeting Dates.

Motion carried 8-0.

RES 3202  
2015  
COUNCIL  
MEET  
DATES

#### Miscellaneous

- A. Appointments:

##### Reappointments:

Laura Smith to Planning Commission for a three year term ending November, 2017  
Robert Batt to Board of Public Utilities for a 5 year term expiring May 20, 2019.

APPOINT-  
MENTS

##### Appointments:

Jonathon Smith to Planning Commission for a three year term ending November, 2017  
Kerry Laycock to Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term expiring November, 2017 (PC Rep)  
Richard Smith to Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term expiring November, 2017  
Patricia Bart to Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term expiring November 2017  
Joanne Miller to Officers Compensation for a 5 year term expiring November, 2018

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Bail, to approve the reappointment as presented.

All Ayes.

**General Public Comment**

None.

**Council Comment**

Councilperson Stockford complimented Councilperson Flannery in his handling of the Dark Fiber Construction Contract. Mr. Stockford also expressed his concern for how Council is treated and felt they should be treated in a more respectful manner.

Councilperson Stockford also reported the Public Services meeting with financial consultants was very constructive.

Councilperson Flannery asked that everyone keep Linda Brown in their prayers and hope for a good recovery.

Councilperson Stack-Davis noted there is a vacancy on the Airport Advisory Committee. Ms. Davis also asked that the lead-in given by the Mayor prior to opening the podium for public comment be stricken as she feels it is too prohibitive.

City Manager Doug Terry responded order needs to be maintained in council meetings.

Mayor Sessions thanked those who voted and got he the proposals passed.


**Adjournment**

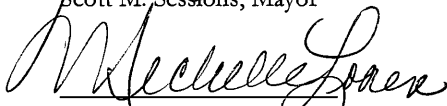
Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Stockford, to adjourn.

All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

7:45 p.m.

  
Scott M. Sessions, Mayor

  
Michelle Loren, Deputy City Clerk