

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
 Council Chambers
 May 2, 2018
 6:00 P.M.

Special Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Adam Stockford opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Adam Stockford called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:	Adam Stockford, Mayor R. Gregory Stuchell, Ward 1 William Morrissey, Ward 2 Bruce Sharp, Ward 3 William Zeiser, Ward 3 Matthew Bell, Ward 4 Raymond Briner, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	Timothy Dixon, Ward 2
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Also present were: City Manager David Mackie, City Clerk Stephen M. French, Bonnie Tew (Finance), Michelle Loren (Recreation), Chris McArthur (BPU), Jake Hammel (DPS), Penny Swan, and Ted Jansen.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Department Budget Presentations**A. Recreation**

Recreation Director Loren presented the Recreation Department budget and discussed the team programs that were offered including baseball, softball, football, volleyball, and basketball. Ms. Loren also provided information on the other uses of city parks including weddings at Mrs. Stocks Park, miles of walking trails, Sandy Beach, and dock rental at Baw Beese Lake.

Director Loren also congratulated city resident and Recreation Department volunteer Sarah "Sally" Fallon who was recently awarded the 2018 Governor's Service Award as the Senior Volunteer of the Year.

Director Loren acknowledged the many community organizations that provided financial and in-kind support to the Recreation Department. Ms. Loren noted groups included the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Hillsdale County Community Foundation, and many private companies in the area.

Council Members Stuchell and Briner commended Director Loren and city staff for their efforts to make the parks a jewel of the community.

Responding to a question from Council Member Sharp, Director Loren reported the city had been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant to raze the house at Owens Park. Ms. Loren stated the adoption of the new five-year Recreation Plan would allow the city to submit water-front grants to the State of Michigan to renovate or replace this structure.

Director Loren reported a request to purchase a new ice cream machine would be presented for Council approval at the May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting. City Manager Mackie stated funding for the machine would be paid from the Owens Park Memorial Fund.

B. BPU

Interim Director McArthur presented the FY2019 BPU budget and reviewed the capital projects for the Electric, Water, Wastewater departments that were included. Mr. McArthur noted the BPU Board had unanimously recommended approval of the draft budget. Mr. McArthur stated the BPU would work with the city and the DPS department to coordinate utility infrastructure replacements with other road repairs and replacement in the city. Mr. McArthur stated no electric rate increases had been included in the budget, while water rates were increased 9.03% and the sewer rates were increased by 3.88%. Interim Director McArthur also reported the staffing levels at the BPU would remain consistent in FY2019 from previous years.

C. City Clerk's Office

City Clerk French presented his office budget and reported the proposed expenditures included two city-wide elections and a special project to relocate the stored records from the 4th Floor at City Hall to the Dial-a-Ride (DART) building.

Responding to a question from Council Member Bell, City Clerk French reported the City Council minutes back to 1939, and all ordinances and resolutions had been electronically scanned.

City Clerk French noted 2019 would not have any scheduled elections and would be the first municipal election cycle that would be transferred to the 2020 state-wide election calendar.

D. DPS

DPS Director Hammel presented the FY2019 budget and discussed the following highlights:

1. The inclusion of \$100,000 for major streets and \$50,000 for local streets within the Street Preservation projects.
2. City Hall maintenance, including weatherproofing and plaster maintenance, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.
3. Mitchell Research Center building repairs including roofing, repainting, and plaster repair.
4. Mill Pond Dam repairs totaling \$45,000 with the plan to have the dam eventually removed in its entirety.
5. Completion of the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) grant in October 2018 for the Garden, Mead, Vine, and Rippon Streets.
6. Receipt of the three recently purchased plow/dump trucks
7. Parking lot repairs totaling \$36,000
8. \$18,000 for pavement markings on city roadways
9. Installation of an indoor wash bay for cleaning city vehicles
10. Construction of the Fields of Dreams storage building
11. Construction of sidewalks through a special assessment program

Council Member Stuchell commended Mr. Hammel on his involvement in obtaining state approval to have a community project paint a mural on the concrete railroad abutment on Bacon Street.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Mackie noted the budget resolution would be separated into two, separate actions that would separate the 3-mil sinking fund from the other taxing levels.

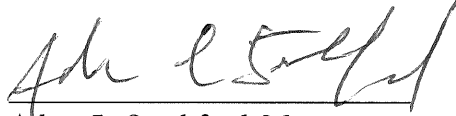
Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Adjournment

Council Member Bell, seconded by Council Member Morrisey, moved to adjourn the meeting. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Adam L. Stockford, Mayor



Stephen M. French, City Clerk