

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
January 4, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting
Electronic Meeting (COVID-19)

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. Clerk Price took roll call.

Council Members present:	Adam Stockford, Mayor R Greg Stuchell, Ward 1 Anthony Vear, Ward 1 William Morrisey, Ward 2 Cynthia Pratt, Ward 2 Bruce Sharp, Ward 3 William Zeiser, Ward 3 Robert Socha, Ward 4 Raymondy Briner, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	None
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Present: Attorney Tom Thompson, Katy Price (City Clerk), Brandon Janes (BPU), Penny Swan and Mike Prince.

Present electronically: David Mackie (City Manager), Scott Hephner (HCPS/HCFD), Jake Hammel (DPS Director), Jason Blake (DPS Foreman), Ruth Brown, Jack Mclain and Dennis Wainscott.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Council Member Morrisey, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call:	Mayor Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Morrisey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Socha	Aye
	Council Member Stuchell	Aye
	Council Member Vear	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Council Member Pratt	Aye
	Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 9-0.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Bills

- 1. City and BPU Claims of December 10, 2020: \$618,580.46
- 2. Payroll of December 10, 2020: \$179,200.39
- B. City Council Minutes of December 21, 2020
- C. Board of Review Minutes of December 15, 2020
- D. EDC Business Review Committee Minutes of December 11, 2020

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Pratt to approve the Consent agenda as presented.

Roll call:	Mayor Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Socha	Aye
	Council Member Stuchell	Aye
	Council Member Vear	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Council Member Pratt	Aye
	Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 9-0.

Communications/Petitions

- A. COVID Impacts Electronic Public Meetings- Emergency Order and OMA Updates
- B. 2021 Christmas Tree Recycling Program

All items presented for the purpose of information only.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. POAM Letter of Understanding (LOU)

City Manager Mackie reviewed the new package change to the POAM Letter of Understanding.

Chief Hephner specified how he came up with the hiring package change which is being used to help recruit new officers.

Further Council discussion ensued on the police department and to keep the department fully staffed.

Motion by Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Sharp to approve the changes presented to the POAM Letter of Understanding (LOU).

Roll call:	Mayor Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Morrissey	Aye
	Council Member Sharp	Aye
	Council Member Socha	Aye
	Council Member Stuchell	Aye
	Council Member Vear	Aye
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Council Member Pratt	Aye
	Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 9-0.

- B. Application to Transfer Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate 2013-002 from Bulldog Holdings, LLC to Cronin Hillsdale Real Estate, LLC

Motion by Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Pratt to approve the Application to Transfer Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate 2013-002 from Bulldog Holdings, LLC to Cronin Hillsdale Real Estate, LLC as presented. **Resolution 3437.**

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- C. City Council Standing Committee Appointments – Mayor Stockford

Mayor Stockford presented the Council Standing Committee appointments.

Public Services: Stuchell, Vear, Zeiser

Operations & Governance: Morrisey, Pratt, Sharp

Finance: Briner, Sharp, Vear

Economic Development: Socha, Zeiser, Morrisey

Public Safety: Pratt, Briner, Socha

Motion by Council Member Vear, seconded by Council Member Sharp to approve Council Standing Committee appointments as presented.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- D. 2021 Council Goals –Mayor Stockford

Mayor Stockford led discussion on ideas for 2021 Council goals. Council members suggested streets, public safety, leaf collection, focusing on downtown economic development and the possibility of continuing the homeless taskforce.

City Manager Mackie added a few items that council may want to look into, Mitchell Building and the cost to maintain the building and reestablishing the recreation department due the programs that were shut down last year because of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions.

Council will set goals at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2021.

Miscellaneous Reports

- A. Proclamation – None

- B. Re-Appointments—Kerry Laycock, Don Hernandez (alternate), Richard Curtis (alternate) to Board of Review.

Motion by Council Member Morrisey, seconded by Council Member Sharp to approve all reappointments as presented.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Other – None

General Public Comment

Penny Swan, 8 S. Manning Street, thanked the street department, fire/police department, BPU crews for all their hard work over the last few days due to the ice storm and weather.

Jack McLain, Hillsdale County, agreed with the idea to renovate the Mitchell building, added that it was in the TIFA district and that it would be nice to see something happen. McLain mentioned he would like to see a study on parking as there isn't enough parking as well as to see a study for the Keefer House and Dawn Theater.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Mackie, will get with the public services committee to review the options of funding for the road project and bring the findings back to council.

City Manager mentioned that economic development to downtown district the city has been working with store owners, and will have an economic development meeting soon.

Council Comments

Council Member Stuchell will check into the Study for the Keefer House and Dawn Theater as well as parking study.

Council Member Briner thanked all the public services and public safety crews for the hard working they did because of the winter storm.

Adjournment

Council Member Sharp, seconded by Council Member Briner moved to adjourn the meeting.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Adam L. Stockford, Mayor

Katy Price, City Clerk