

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
February 15, 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 Morrissey, Ward 2 William Zeiser, Ward 3 (Electronically) Robert Socha, Ward 4 Raymond Briner, Ward 4 (Electronically)
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Council Members absent:	Cynthia Pratt, Ward 2 Bruce Sharp, Ward 3
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Also Present: David Mackie (City Manager), Attorney Tom Thompson, Katy Price (City Clerk), Jake Hammel (DPS Director), Chris McArthur (BPU Director) and Penny Swan.

Present electronically: Kristin Bauer (City Engineer), Scott Hephner (HCPD/HCFD), Kim Thomas (City Assessor), Jason Blake (DPS Foreman), Joseph Mangan (Finance), Ruth Brown, Jack McLain, and Dennis Wainscott.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1. City and BPU Claims of January 21, 2021: \$367,700.95
 - 2. Payroll of January 21, 2021: \$184,655.01
- B. City Council Minutes of February 1, 2021
- C. City Council Special Minutes of February 9, 2021
- D. Shade Tree Minutes of February 3, 2021
- E. Cemetery Minutes of February 3, 2021
- F. BPU Electric, Water, and Sewer Cost of Service and Rate Design Study
- G. BPU Engine #5 Repairs
- H. BPU Engine #5 Lube Oil Replacement
- I. BPU MMC Panel Replacement WWTP Main Building
- J. BPU Power Plant Engineering

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

Roll call:

Council Member Vear	Aye
Council Member Morrissey	Aye
Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Zeiser	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 7-0.

Communications/Petitions

- A. Comcast Letter
- B. Doug Ingles, Hillsdale County Commissioner- Verbal Update

Doug Ingles shared information on Covid 19 positivity rate in the County, Farmer’s Market, Historic Courthouse update, installation of traffic light at Bankers Road and M-49, Lewis Park rental reservations, the SNAP program as well as County Road Commission.

Covid 19 rate as of February 10, 2021 is 8%, the Farmers Market will be open May through October from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Probate court office remodel should be completed in the next few weeks, and a new traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Bankers Road and M-49. Lewis Park rental information is available on the Hillsdale County website. The SNAP program has now been extended for February 2021 contact Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for more information. When there is 2” or more of snow the County Road Commission has 24 trucks servicing over 1200 miles of council roads in an 8 hour shift.

All items presented for the purpose of information only.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Old Business

- A. Q & A Street Improvement Millage Ballot Language

City Manager Mackie presented the question and answer report that was brought to council on the street improvement and leaf collection millage.

Mayor Stockford asked that the report be advertised online, newspaper and through other avenues to get it out to the public to view.

Further council discussion ensued.

No action taken.

New Business

A. Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Transfer Certificate Number 2019-029.

Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Transfer Certificate Number 2019-029 (3883 W Carleton Rd) from Olmstead LLC to Olmstead Property, LLC. Ownership has not changed, the business created a new LLC for ownership of the property and a resolution is required to approve the change to update the certificate with the new owner name.

Motion by Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Vear to approve the transfer of Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Number 2019-029 from Olmstead LLC to Olmstead Property LLC. **Resolution 3440.**

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Special Assessment District Policy

City Manager Mackie presented and discussed the Special Assessment District Policy.

Further Council discussion ensued on the policy.

No action taken.

Miscellaneous Reports

A. Proclamation – None

B. Appointments—Cemetery Board – John Barrett (Reappointment)

Local Advisory Committee – Kara Lorenz-Goings, Shirley Lopez and Barbara Hamdan

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, Seconded by Council Member Socha to approve the appointments and reappointments as presented.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Other – None

General Public Comment

Jack McLain, Hillsdale Township, stated it is a great year for an ice rink for the kids, would like to see an ice rink available for the community.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Mackie asked residents to please remove your vehicles from the streets so the Public Services department can plow the streets with the inclement weather.

Prayers and thoughts go out the Bianchi family on the passing of former CEO of Hillsdale Hospital Charles "Chuck" Bianchi.

Annual Budget Preparation is in effect. Department meetings with council will be set up in the near future.

Council Comments

City Manager Mackie addressed Mr. McLain's comment on the ice rink, there is one in place that the

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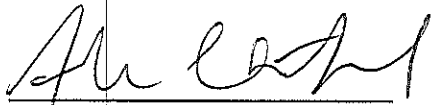
Hillsdale College GOAL program has done located across from 42 Union Street.

Adjournment

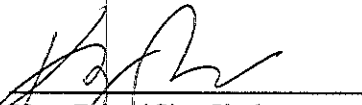
Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Vear moved to adjourn the meeting.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Adam L. Stockford, Mayor



Katy Erice, City Clerk