

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

City of Hillsdale  
April 5, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

Regular 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. Clerk Price took roll call.

Council Members present:	Adam Stockford, Mayor R Greg Stuchell, Ward 1 Anthony Vear, Ward 1 William Morrissey, Ward 2 Cynthia Pratt, Ward 2 Bruce Sharp, Ward 3 Robert Socha, Ward 4 Raymond Briner, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	William Zeiser, Ward 3
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Also Present: David Mackie (City Manager), Attorney Tom Thompson, Katy Price (City Clerk), Scott Hephner (HCPD/HCFD), Alan Beeker (Planning/Zoning) Penny Swan, Steven Hammett, Doug Ingles, Sheri Ingles, Hannah Jordan, Mike Prince, Marie-Louise LaRue, Brianna Crall, Lori Boyd, Julie Games and Eric Luetheuser.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

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

Motion passed 8-0.

**Public Comment**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Bills
  - 1. City and BPU Claims of March 4, 2021: \$745,120.38
  - 2. Payroll of March 4, 2021: \$183,480.80

- B. City Council Minutes of March 15, 2021
- C. Planning Commission Minutes of February 16, 2021
- D. Operations & Governance Minutes of March 10, 2021
- E. Board of Review Minutes of March 2, 2021, March 8, 2021, March 9, 2021
- F. Hillsdale College Noise Variance Request for Centralhallapalooza
- G. Hillsdale College Request to Barricade alley for Centralhallapalooza
- H. 2021 Assessor’s Report

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

Roll call:

Council Member Vear	Aye
Council Member Morrisey	Aye
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye
Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

**Communications/Petitions**

- A. Tri-County Housing Coalition Landlord and Housing event
- B. 2021 Hillsdale Walk4Water Event
- C. State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for Michigan Gas Utilities Customers
- D. County Commissioner Doug Ingles Report

County Commissioner Ingles reviewed a Resolution passed by the County Commissioners in support of health care workers and the Sheriff’s Department along with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office during the pandemic.

All items presented for the purpose of information only.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings**

- A. Adoption of Ordinance: Amendment to Section 36-143 of Park Street

Alan Beeker, Planning Administrator reported that Hillsdale College had purchased property on the west side of Park St. located at 50-52 Park St. They are proposing to construct a warehouse structure for archival storage. The existing zoning does not allow for the College’s proposed use. They have requested that the property be re-zoned C-1, College District. The Planning Commission would like to propose the properties to the north and south along the west side of Park St. also be rezoned to C-1 as they are now currently owned by the College or designated as student housing.

Motion by Council Member Stuchell, seconded by Council Member Morrisey to adopt **Ordinance # 2021-02** to amend section 36-143 of Park Street.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

- A. Set Public Hearing – Vacation of a portion of the public right of way: triangular parcel at the northeast corner of the intersection of Union and Vine Streets

Motion by Council Member Vear, seconded by Council Member Briner to set public hearing for April 19, 2021 for the vacation of a portion of the public right of way and the northeast corner of the intersection of Union and Vine Streets.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Set Public Hearing for Special Assessment District 2021-03

Motion by Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Vear to set public hearing for April 19, 2021 for Special Assessment District 2021-03.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A. 2021-22 Budget Presentation and Setting of Public Hearing

Motion by Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Morrisey to accept budget document and set public hearing for May 17, 2021 for the Public Hearing.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Domestic Harmony Contract

Hannah Jordan (Domestic Harmony Director) reported on the services offered through Domestic Harmony. She thanked Council for their support in the past and asked them to continue to support the organization.

Council discussion ensued in favor of the contract with Domestic Harmony.

Motion by Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Vear to approve the Domestic Harmony Contract for fiscal year 2021-22 in the amount of \$6000.00.

Roll call:

Mayor Stockford	Aye
Council Member Socha	Aye
Council Member Vear	Aye
Council Member Morrisey	Aye
Council Member Sharp	Aye
Council Member Stuchell	Aye
Council Member Pratt	Aye
Council Member Briner	Aye

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Bonnie Tew Recognition of Years of Service

Mayor Stockford read the resolution aloud thanking Bonnie Tew, Finance Director for her many years of service to the City.

Motion by Council Member Morrisey, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve Bonnie Tew's recognition of Years of Service resolution. **Resolution 3448.**

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports

A. Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Stockford read the proclamation aloud and declared the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

B. Appointments—LAC DART – Steven Hammett

Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Socha motioned to approve Steven Hammett to the LAC Dart Board.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Other – None

**General Public Comment**

None

**City Manager's Report**

Manager Mackie mentioned the Public Services committee met to discuss the process with code enforcement and is a work in progress.

Manager Mackie stated a Community Development meeting will be set up soon to discuss property and possible sales of commercial property.

Alan Beeker, Zoning Administrator gave a brief updated on the completion timeframe of the Dawn Theater.

Police Chief Scott Hephner addressed Council on the hiring status of his department.

Manager Mackie stated that Council budget workshops with department heads will be starting in a few weeks.

**Council Comments**

Council member Morrissey stated that he would like to see a study done before next year's budget on the trash pickup and would like to see it reinstated.

Council member Socha, thanked County Commissioner Ingles on the hard work the commission put in for the resolution he presented. Socha also thanked the mayor for the Autism Awareness proclamation, and thanked Alan Beeker for all his hard work on the Dawn Theater.

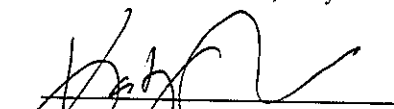
**Adjournment**

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

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Adam L. Stockford, Mayor

  
Katy Price, City Clerk