

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
May 3, 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 William Zeiser, Ward 3 Bruce Sharp, Ward 3 Raymond Briner, Ward 4 Robert Socha, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	None
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Also Present: David Mackie (City Manager), Attorney Tom Thompson, Katy Price (City Clerk), Scott Hephner (HCPD/HCFD), Jake Hammel (DPS Director), Penny Swan, Joseph Hendee, Dennis Wainscott, Scott Cress, Lance Lashaway, Ron Sweinhagen and Robert Eichler.

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Mackie requested to amend agenda and add Consent Item E. Hillsdale College Commencement Street Closure Agreement, Communication item E. National Prayer Day Event, May 6, 2021. Council Member Socha also requested to add New Business item B. American Rescue Act Funds.

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Pratt to amend agenda as requested.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

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
	Council Member Zeiser	Aye
	Mayor Stockford	Aye
	Council Member Socha	Aye

Motion passed 9-0.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Bills

- 1. City and BPU Claims of April 1, 2021: \$186,485.43
- 2. Payroll of April 1, 2021: \$175,236.58

B. City Council Minutes of April 19, 2021

C. Finance Minutes of March 22, 2021 & April 5, 2021

D. Budget Workshop Minutes of April 14, 2021 and April 28, 2021

E. Hillsdale College Commencement Street Closure Agreement

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

Roll call:

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

Motion passed 9-0.

Communications/Petitions

A. Hillsdale Municipal Airport Compliance Report

B. Code Enforcement Report From Public Services Committee

C. Summer 2021 Newsletter

D. Friends of the Dawn Letter

Council Zeiser reported on the Public Services Committee Code Enforcement Report. Council discussion ensued on blight issues within the City of Hillsdale.

All items presented for the purpose of information only.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Old Business

A Road Project Verbal Update- Jake Hammel

Jake Hammel, DPS Director reported on Fayette Street stating final concrete and base asphalt will be laid down and project will be completed June 4, 2021.

Hammel stated that Arbor Court and Elm Court restoration project, water sewer mains to start beginning of June and completing the project end of June and the passed Special Assessment Districts to be repaved in July.

Council Member Socha asked about the Elm Court special assessment district that failed at the public hearing on April 5, 2021.

Further Council discussion ensued on subject.

New Business

A. Set Special Meeting and Public Hearing for Infrastructure Grant

Motion by Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Sharp to set public hearing for May 26, 2021 for the Infrastructure Grant.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. American Rescue Act Funds- Discussion

Council discussion ensued on the act and funds that are intended to be distributed to Hillsdale County as well as the City of Hillsdale.

Miscellaneous Reports

A. Proclamation – None

B. Appointments—Library Board – Scott Cress

Council Member Briner, seconded by Council Member Morrisey motioned to approve appointment as presented.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Other – None

General Public Comment

Joseph Hendee, 181 Rea Street, thanked Council for awarding a grant to Key Opportunity. He asked about the airport agendas and minutes. Hendee also questioned about the Hillsdale College and the city tax tribunal and funds.

Penny Swan, 8 S. Manning Street, stated that the Microphones weren't working.

Robert Eichler, Scipio Township, commented on the County jail, as well as the City police officers and the processes they follow in gathering witness statements.

Dennis Wainscott, 34 Garden, stated that he has been targeted in an unemployment scam and spoke with Detective Martin,

City Manager's Report

Manager Mackie stated there is a special election May 4, 2021 Polls open 7:00 am and close at 8:00 p.m. The clerk has received over 300 Absentee Ballots.

Recreation update for baseball and softball there are 220 sign ups.

Recreation boat dock spaces the city has 111 spaces and all are filled and there is a waiting list.

Next public hearing for the city budget is May 17, 2021.

Airport Taxiway contract award will be presented at next meeting.

Council Comments

Council Member Vear spoke on the millage street improvement and blight issues.

Council Member Socha thanked Council for having in person meeting and stated there is a non-emergency number 517-439-9913.

Council Member Stuchell mentioned there is a prayer group that meet first Sunday of the month.

Council Member Sharp stated that the Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 8, 2021 and thanked Kevin Conant for investing in the Coffee Cup and community.

Mayor Stockford thanked Lance Lashaway for work done on his business and building and then community.

Adjournment

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

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Adam L. Stockford, Mayor

Katy Price, City Clerk