

Council Chambers  
Hillsdale City Hall  
97 N. Broad St.  
Hillsdale, MI 49242

August 16, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale  
Regular Meeting

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Douglas G. Moon opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **Roll Call**

Mayor Moon called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Casey Sullivan and Tony Vear representing Ward One; Councilmembers Sally Kinney and Ruth Brown representing Ward Two; Councilmembers Bruce Sharp and Rick Richardson representing Ward Three; and Councilmembers Mary Beth Bail and Terry Casler representing Ward Four.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Councilmember Casler, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to approve the August 16, 2010 Council agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Becki Jaegger, 114 Stony Ridge, spoke on behalf of the Hillsdale Garden Club. They were organized in 1929 as a non-profit. Most of their budget goes toward City beautification and they have several ongoing projects throughout the City and County.

Deborah Kamen, 36 N. Howell, spoke in support of establishing an historic district in the City. She stated that she could not get grant funding from the national program because Hillsdale did not have a local historic district.

Betty Kneen, 85 Arbor View, is concerned about lack of care by individual property owners and the lack of code enforcement in the City.

Don Hoffman, 20 Elm Hill, is concerned about a lack of code enforcement in the City. He feels that an historic district is not a good idea.

Aimee England, 100 S. West, spoke in support of having an historical district in the City.

### **Consent Agenda**

The items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and the City Manager and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and Council action will be taken separately on said item.

- A. Claims of \$70,672.66 and Payroll of \$95,703.89 from the check run of 8/5/10.
- B. Minutes from the Finance meeting of 8/9/10, Operations & Governance meeting of 8/2/10, Public Safety meeting of 8/3/10, Public Services meeting of 8/9/10, BPU meeting of 8/10/10, Shade Tree Commission meeting of 8/4/10 and Library minutes of 7/15/10 & 7/28/10.
- C. Council Minutes of 8/2/10
- D. RS&H Invoice 22 Airport Project

Motion by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Sharp, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call: Mayor Moon – yes. Councilmembers Bail – yes. Brown – yes. Casler – yes. Kinney – yes. Richardson – yes. Sharp – yes. Sullivan – yes. Vear – yes.

Approved 9-0.

### **Communications**

None.

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

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mayor Moon reported that the Public Services Committee met with consultants from two firms to discuss ideas on funding local streets.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

A change in the City Deer Culling Policy is needed in order to proceed with the allowance of bow hunting within the City limits. The dates for the bow hunting will be October 1 through November 14, 2010.

Motion by Councilmember Casler, seconded by Councilmember Vear, to approve a change in the City Deer Culling Policy to allow for bow hunting in the City. Roll call: Councilmembers Bail – yes. Brown – yes. Casler – yes. Kinney – yes. Richardson – yes. Sharp – yes. Sullivan – yes. Vear – yes. Mayor Moon – yes.

Approved 9-0.

Notification has been received from the Hillsdale County Treasurer that there are two properties within the City that will be in the property tax auction in September. The addresses of the properties are 51 S. Norwood Avenue and 126 S. Manning Street. If Council wants to purchase either or both of the properties, the County Treasurer must be notified before September 15, 2010. The cost would be the minimum bid plus a small processing fee. There was interest in setting up a framework to be able to purchase some of these properties in the future and then sell them to a partner like Habitat for Humanity. No motion was made.

A two year contract from Schindler Elevator for elevator maintenance has been reviewed by the City Attorney and it is recommended that Council approve the contract and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bail, to approve the contract from Schindler Elevator and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City. Roll call: Councilmembers Brown – yes. Casler – yes. Kinney – yes. Richardson – yes. Sharp – yes. Sullivan – yes. Vear – yes. Mayor Moon – yes. Councilmember Bail – yes.

Approved 9-0.

Nan Taylor, Michigan Historic Preservation Network field representative, gave a presentation about forming a local historic district study commission. She answered Council questions. TIFA and Community Development Committee have discussed the possibility of establishing a local historic district study commission for the research and analysis to form a local district in the City. They feel that a local historic district would be an economic boost for property owners in the district as they would be able to apply for historic district tax

credits for rehabilitation efforts. A resolution is needed in order to form the study commission.

Motion by Councilmember Casler, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve Resolution 3050 forming a study commission for an historic district in the City of Hillsdale as presented. Roll call: Councilmembers Kinney – yes. Richardson – yes. Sharp – yes. Sullivan – yes. Vear – yes. Mayor Moon – yes. Councilmembers Bail – yes. Brown – yes. Casler – yes.

Approved 9-0.

An airport land acquisition contract has been received from MDOT. This contract will cover costs of acquiring parcels 12, 35, 41, 45, 46, 48, 54 and 55 for the airport expansion project. The City share of this contract cost will be 2.5% of the project total or \$11,250.00.

Motion by Councilmember Richardson, second by Councilmember Sullivan, to approve MDOT contract 2010-0402 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract. Roll call: Councilmembers Richardson – yes. Sharp – yes. Sullivan – yes. Vear – yes. Mayor Moon – yes. Councilmembers Bail – yes. Brown – yes. Casler – yes. Kinney – yes.

Approved 9-0.

Motion by Councilmember Casler, second by Councilmember Vear, to approve Resolution 3049 to specify that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the contract. Roll call: Councilmembers Sullivan – yes. Vear – yes. Mayor Moon – yes. Councilmember Bail – yes. Brown – yes. Casler – yes. Kinney – yes. Richardson – yes. Sharp – yes.

Approved 9-0.

The Public Safety Committee has recommended that the City adopt the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code and including all appropriate subsections 28-30 of the City Codes. This involves civil infractions and code enforcement.

Motion by Councilmember Sullivan, second by Councilmember Richardson, to approve the recommendations from the Public Safety Committee to adopt the 2009 IPMC and include all appropriate sections of the City Code. Staff will work on the recommended change and prepare documents to put in place.

Motion carried.

### **Proclamations**

None.

### **Appointments**

Mayor Moon asked that LeAnn Rumler be appointed to the Library Board as the Hillsdale Community Schools representative.

Motion by Councilmember Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Casler, to approve the appointment of Leann Rumler to the Library Board.

Motion carried.

### **Department Reports**

None.

### **Public Comment**

Douglas Burke, 154 S. Manning, talked about storm water problems at several locations. He also expressed concerns about curbs and gutters and sidewalks in the City.

Jeff Horton, 52 S. Broad, praised the historical value and nature of the community. He is in favor of having an historical district in Hillsdale.

Don Hoffman commented on the County tax sale and the historic district.

Councilmember Brown commented on the first 6:45 prayer time before the Council meeting.

Councilmember Sharp submitted a resignation effective 8/17/2010 due to his work and family obligations.

Mayor Moon commented on the live streaming of the Council meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Casler to adjourn.

Motion carried.

8:55 p.m.

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Douglas G. Moon, Mayor

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Parke Hayes, Clerk