

**HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION**  
**City Commission Minutes**

April 12, 2016

Mayor Northrup called the Regular Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order at 7:00 P.M., April 12, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated and Commissioner Brandsen gave the invocation.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Bolhuis, Brandsen, Holtrop, Leerar, Raterink, Steigenga, City Manager Waterman, Finance Director Sal, and Deputy City Clerk VanSlyke.

Absent: City Clerk Wiersum.

Public Comments

8653. John Langdon, with Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers, presented and sought support for future efforts for the Coast-to-Coast Passenger Rail Ridership. Mr. Langdon reviewed the Executive Summary of the Coast-to-Coast Passenger Rail Ridership & Cost Estimate Study. The study looks at three possible future passenger rail service routes between Detroit, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

Consent Agenda

8654. Motion by Leerar, seconded by Holtrop, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Minutes of City Commission Work Session and Regular session dated March 15, 2016.
2. Minutes of City Commission Work Session dated March 22, 2016.
3. Minutes of Personnel Committee meeting dated March 17, 2016.
4. Minutes of the March 2016 Board of Review.
5. Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated March 16, 2016.
6. Minutes of the DDA meeting dated March 2, 2016.

All aye, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8655. The Anderson Group  
Patrick Duncan, with The Anderson Group, gave a presentation on the naming and branding of the Hudsonville Farmer's Market & Event Center. The new facility would have a multipurpose use, serving as a farmers market, event space and office rental space. During the research process they discovered that there are over 9000 farmers markets in the US and approximately 95% of those were

named after the communities that they were located in. The goal was to distinguish this facility and this farmers market from other communities. The name recommendation for the facility was “Terra Square”, chosen for its outdoor and earthy feel and was a favorite among staff. It was the consensus of the City Commission to move forward with the name “Terra Square” for the new Hudsonville Farmer’s Market & Event Center.

**Public Safety**

8656. Fire, Police and Emergency Management statistical reports for March received as information.

**Finance**

8657. Finance Director’s Financial Reports for February 2016 were presented.

8658. Payment of Bills.

Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Holtrop, to confirm the payment of the bills in the amount of \$94,869.01 and to confirm payment of bills paid between meetings and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8659. ACH Funds Distribution.

Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Holtrop, to confirm the funds distributed via automated clearing house in the amount of \$71,848.49 which were distributed between meetings and reviewed by the City Manager.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

**Administration**

8660. S.W.A.P. Service Agreement Renewal.

Motion by Leerar, seconded by Brandsen, to execute the Agreement between the City of Hudsonville and Ottawa County for the Sentenced Work Abatement Program (S.W.A.P.) for fiscal year 2017.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8661. Phone System.

Motion by Leerar, seconded by Brandsen, to accept the bid from Control Communications in the amount of \$22,573.20 for replacement of City Hall, DPW and Library phone systems.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8662. Motion by Holtrop, seconded by Leerar, to go into closed session to discuss property acquisitions.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8663. Motion by Holtrop, seconded by Leerar, to go back into open session.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8664. Property Acquisition.

Motion by Leerar, seconded by Brandsen, to authorize the City Manager to expend city funds for ½ of all costs associated with the acquisition of real property and easements over private property, for the purpose of developing a public parking lot and establishing the Harvey Street Woonerf. Acquisition of all real property and easements shall be at fair market value, as determined by the City Assessor.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8665. The City Commission offered the following motion:

Motion by Leerar, seconded by Raterink, to change the time of the next month's meeting from 7:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8666. Motion by Holtrop, seconded by Leerar, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

All aye, motion carried.

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Diana VanSlyke  
Hudsonville Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor Northrup