

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

September 8, 2015

Mayor VanDoeselaar, called the Regular Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order at 7:04 P.M., September 8, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated and Commissioner Northrup gave the invocation.

Present: Mayor Van Doeselaar, Commissioners Bolhuis, Brandsen, Leerar, Northrup, O'Brien, Raterink, City Manager Waterman, Finance Director Sal, Attorney Wendt and Deputy City Clerk VanSlyke.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8559. Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner, presented on the Rush Creek Watershed to the City Commission. Mr. Bush explained that the Rush Creek Drain District will be assessed this year and that the cost is calculated based on lot size. The City's portion of the cost will be \$26,000. Communities affected have the option of paying the cost at large or assessing the individual parcels that are within the watershed. City Manager Waterman recommended that the City pay the 1.51% City Streets portion and the 10% that is assessed as a Public Health Benefits according to drain code. The remaining amount would then be assessed to the property owners on their winter tax bill.

Mr. Bush stated that drain maintenance consists of things such as removing fallen trees, removing beaver dams and performing routine maintenance. There is no budget for drain maintenance and it is paid by special assessments. He stated that the last time that residents were assessed for the Rush Creek Drain District was in 1974. This will only be a one year assessment. Mr. Bush indicated that there will probably be future assessments in the next 3-5 years for routine maintenance. City Manager Waterman requested that if there are any large future projects on the horizon that we be notified in advance for budget purposes. City Finance Director Sal questioned when residents were going to be notified and if they could be delayed till the summer taxes, since we have shifted the majority of our winter tax collection to the summer bills. Mr. Bush responded that they intended to send out notices today or tomorrow but would work with us and should be able to hold the collection until the next summer tax bill. It was suggested that we add an article in the city newsletter explaining this assessment to residents. City Manager Waterman said that he would talk with Mr. Bush on wording for an article in the newsletter.

8560. Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Leerar, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Minutes of City Commission regular session dated August 11, 2015.
2. Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated August 19, 2015.
3. Minutes of Downtown Development Authority meeting dated August 11, 2015.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Safety**

8561. Fire, Police and Emergency Management statistical reports for August received as information.

#### **Traffic Control Orders.**

8562. Motion by Brandsen, seconded by O'Brien, to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order No. 15-05 for the Hudsonville Holiday Parade to be held on November 21, 2015.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8563. Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order No. 15-06 for closure of a portion of Prospect Street for Urban HayDay to be held on October 17, 2015.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

### **Finance**

8564. Finance Director's Financial Reports for July 2015 were presented.

#### **Payment of Bills.**

8565. Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to confirm the payment of the bills in the amount of \$3,246,079.39 and to confirm payment of bills paid between meetings and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

#### **ACH Funds Distribution.**

8566. Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to confirm the funds distributed via automated clearing house in the amount of \$2,449,052.14 which were distributed between meetings and reviewed by the City Manager.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

**Administration**

8567. Amendment of the Ottawa County Solid Waste Management Plan.  
Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Leerar, to approve Resolution No. 15-1593 approving the 2015 amendment of the Ottawa County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Discussion:

City Manager Waterman gave an explanation of the Ottawa County Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Raterink commented on how in the past there had been discussions of having a one carrier garbage service for the City that would include yard waste and recycling.

8568. Amendment to Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation.  
Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Leerar, to approve Resolution No. 15-1594 approving Amendment No. 39 adding Nelson Township and the Village of Sparta in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

**Appointment**

8569. Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Leerar, to table the approval of the appointment of Nick Ceglarek to the Downtown Development Authority with a term ending June 30, 2016.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Discussion:

City Attorney Wendt and City Manager Waterman explained that the DDA are in the process of reviewing their By-Laws. There are only four at large appointed seats and they are still determining who should fill those seats.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8570. Motion by Bolhuis, seconded by Northrup, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

All aye, motion carried.

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Diana VanSlyke  
Hudsonville Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor Van Doeselaar