

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION
City Commission Minutes

April 14, 2015

Mayor VanDoeselaar, called the Regular Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order at 7:00 P.M., April 14, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated and Commissioner O'Brien gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8487. Dennis Van Dam introduced himself to the City Commission as the new District Director for Senator Arlan Meekhof. He stated that if the City has any issues that they can help with, please let them know and their office will be happy to assist the City in any way they can.
8488. Motion by Raterink, seconded by Leerar, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:
1. Minutes of City Commission regular session dated March 10, 2015.
 2. Minutes of City Commission work session dated March 24, 2015.
 3. Minutes of Personnel Committee meeting dated March 17, 2015.
 4. Minutes of DDA meeting dated March 17, 2015.
 5. Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated March 18, 2015.
 6. Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated Mach 25, 2015.
 7. Minutes of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dated March 17, 2015.
 8. Minutes of the March 2015 Board of Review meetings.

All aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety

8489. Fire, Police and Emergency Services statistical reports for March received as information.

8490. Traffic Control Order.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Leerar, to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order No. 15-02 for temporary street closures for the “Hellkat Hundie” Bike Race to be held on April 25.

All aye, motion carried.

Public Works

8491. School Street Water Main replacement and Road Resurfacing.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to award the bid to Cutting Edge Excavating for water main replacement and road resurfacing for School Street for the cost of \$414,248.65.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Finance

8492. Finance Director’s Financial Reports for February 2015 were presented.

8493. Payment of Bills.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to confirm the payment of the bills in the amount of \$165,981.16 and to confirm payment of bills paid between meetings and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8494. ACH Funds Distribution.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Northrup, to confirm the funds distributed via automated clearing house in the amount of \$137,661.46 which were distributed between meetings and reviewed by the City Manager.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Administration

8495. Telecommunication Permit for U.S. Signal.
Motion by O’Brien, seconded by Brandsen, to approve the Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit with U.S. Signal Company for the use of the City’s right-of-way for a period of 15 years.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8496. Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy.
Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Brandsen, to approve the updated Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy as presented.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

8497. Discussion on Request to Purchase Property.
City Manager is looking for direction from the City Commission regarding selling city-owned property located at the corner of 36th Avenue and Hillcrest Road. In the proposed new Master Plan the designation of this property in the future land use map will be residential. Any sale of this property could not happen until we adopt our new Master Plan. The master plan's adoption won't change the zoning of this property, it just makes it feasible to change the zoning. This is a decision to decide whether it is in the best interest to sell this property.

Comments:

- Commissioner Raterink: Concerned about losing green space in the City. Little League is still using this field. Not against the development but would like to know about the future use of the baseball field. I would like to see the sale tied to a specific development. Would like to know what the developer is planning before we agree to sell. Would this development be an enhancement for this area?
- Commissioner O'Brien: Our precedence is to put property for sale out for bids.
- City Manager: We could put conditions on the sale and use of the property. That stipulation would have to be recorded with the Register of Deeds so that the stipulation runs with the property and not the owner.
- Commissioner Brandsen: If we are just looking at if we are in favor of selling the property or not; I would support selling the property if it would benefit the community.
- City Manager: He has spoken to the Little League about the use of this field. They are aware that the City is looking at selling this property. The City Manager thought the field was used for practices only, but he will look to getting more information from the Little League on how much the field is actually used.
- Commissioner O'Brien: Could the City add another ball field at Hughes Park for the Little League to use?
- Commissioner Leerar: Feels the field is used extensively. It is used daily and on Saturdays. He would like to see the field left in that area. I would not consider selling it. It is a great neighborhood park. Hillcrest CRC does use the field for parking on Sundays.
- Commissioner Northrup: What is the rationale for selling it? Do we want the revenue from it?

- City Manager: The property can be put on the tax roll. Also there would be less maintenance to the City. The money from the sale of the property could be set aside to be used toward bike path improvements.
- Commissioner Bolhuis: Initially was in favor of selling the property, but was not aware that it was used as often as it is. Would like to look into the use a little further before we agree to sell the property.

The consensus of the City Commission is to have the City Manager acquire more statistics on the use of the field. The City Manager will contact the Little League and get their preference. He will also get an inventory of all the fields in the City and their usage.

ADJOURNMENT

8498. Motion by Leerar, seconded by Northrup, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

All aye, motion carried.

Jan Wiersum
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Van Doeselaar