

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
November 3, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Paladino opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Paladino called the meeting to order. Clerk Price took roll call.

Council Members present:	Joshua Paladino, Mayor Pro Tem R Greg Stuchell, Ward 1 Jacob Bruns, Ward 1 William Morrissey, Ward 2 Matthew Bentley, Ward 2 Gary Wolfram, Ward 3 Bob Flynn, Ward 3 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), Jason Blake (DPS Director), Brandon Janes (IT), Sam Fry (Assistant City Manager), Larry Walworth, Penny Myers, Cindy Pratt, Frank Payne Jr, Howard Spence, Shoshanna Finegan, Eric Lewis, Corinna Lewis, Luke Robison, Colm Maines, Cathy Kelemen, Mark Nichols, Elias McConnell, Sarah Maier, Michelle Hebert, Melissa DesJardin, Brian DesJardin, James Thomas, Joseph Hendee.

Motion by Councilman Bentley, support by Councilman Flynn, to excuse Councilmen Bruns and Socha's absences.

Voice vote, approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilman Morrissey, supported by Councilman Flynn to accept the agenda as presented.

Voice vote, approved unanimously.

Public Comment

David Hambleton, Ward 4, commented on Special Assessment Districts. Restoring the streets without the SADs.

Eric Coykendall, Ward 4, commented on Special Assessment Districts. Capping the SAD amount for residents.

Jonathan Meekel, 34 W. South St., commented on Special Assessment Districts and Neighborhood Road Fund through the state.

Jill Hardway, Ward 1, commented on Special Assessment Districts.

Jason Blake, DPS, stated no SADs were assigned in the previous meeting minutes. Council authorized engineer to draft drawings.

James Thomas, 2200 Barr St., commented on minutes of October 20th, Camp Hope, Council duty to uphold the court- protection of property.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1. City and BPU Claims of October 16, 2025: \$301,179.18
 - 2. Payroll of October 23, 2025: \$202,337.81
- B. City Council Minutes of October 20, 2025

- C. Finance Minutes of October 20, 2025
- D. Investment Report as of 9/30/25
- E. Q1 Financial Report as of 9/30/25

Motion by Council Member Flynn seconded by Council Member Morrisey to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Paladino	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye
Councilman Morrisey	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

Communication/Petitions

- A. Purposed with Autism’s Holiday Bazaar
- B. MFEI Sunlight Award – Clerk Price
- C. Hillsdale County Commissioner Verbal Update – Doug Ingles

Commissioner Ingles gave a report on County Parks.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- A. Audit Presentation

Yeo & Yeo, Mike Rolka gave the Audit presentation on draft numbers.

- B. FY 25-26 Budget Amendments

Motion by Council Member Flynn, seconded by Council Member Stuchell to approve the FY 25-26 Budget Amendments as presented. **Resolution #3655.**

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrisey	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Paladino	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

- C. Enterprise Fleet Management Services

Motion by Council Member Morrisey, seconded by Council Member Stuchell to authorize the City Manager to enter into a fleet management service agreement with Enterprise for the replacement of the six oldest DPS vehicles.

Roll Call:

Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Paladino	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Flynn	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

Miscellaneous Reports

- A. Proclamations – Family Court Awareness Month, Michelle Causto, Family Court Advocate spoke and gave statistics.
- B. Appointments- LAC DART – Teresa Welch

Motion by Council Member Bentley, seconded by Council Member Stuchell to approve appointment of LAC DART – Teresa Welch.

Voice vote, approved unanimously.

- C. Other – None

General Public Comment

Jason Blake / Sam Fry, City Staff, commented on the Neighborhood Road Funds, MTF or Act 51 funds and is unclear from the State.

Jonathan Meekel, ward 3, spoke on \$400k funds for Neighborhood Road Funds for FY 2026.

Larry Walworth, ward 3, spoke on code enforcement and police department.

CJ Toncray, ward 3, spoke on Road Diet in Jonesville.

Jack McLain, 1445 S. Bunn Rd., commented on parks, homelessness and voting.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Mackie reviewed report in the packet.

Council Comment

Councilman Flynn asked Attorney Thompson about the upcoming November election and Mayor Pro Tem position.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Flynn, seconded by Councilmember Stuchell to adjourn the meeting.

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Joshua Paladino, Mayor Pro Tem


Katy Price, City Clerk