

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale

May 4, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Scott Sessions opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Sessions called the meeting to order. Clerk Price took roll call.

Council Members present:	Scott Sessions, Mayor 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 Joshua Paladino, Ward 4
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Council Members absent:	None
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Also Present: David Mackie (City Manager), Sam Fry (Assistant City Manager), Katy Price (City Clerk), Tom Thompson (City Attorney), Jason Blake (DPS Director), Mark Nichols, Penny Swan, Amber Yoder, Cathy Kelemen, Elizabeth Bianchi, Zech Steiger.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Sessions requested the City Council meeting minutes of 4/20/2026 be correct to reflect the Turnout Gear approval roll call indicates Ayes for Socha. The motion was correct.

Councilman Bentley asked to have New Business item G. Penny Swan FOIA Appeal #2 be moved to New Business F.

Motion by Councilman Bentley, support by Councilman Flynn, to amend the agenda.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Morrissey, support by Councilman Bentley, to approve the amended agenda.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment Received From:

Lance Lashaway (Mr. Lashaway was asked by Mayor Sessions to stop playing a recording as it didn't pertain to agenda item).

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1. City and BPU Claims of April 16, 2026: \$930,112.83
 - 2. Payroll of April 23, 2026: \$213,632.24
- B. City Council Minutes of April 20, 2026
- C. City Council Budget Session Minutes of April 16, 2026 and April 23, 2026
- D. Finance Minutes of April 20, 2026
- E. Airport Advisory Committee Minutes of April 11, 2026
- F. Hillsdale College Noise Variance Request- Fireworks Display
- G. Hillsdale College Senior Alumni Picnic Noise Variance Request
- N. BPU Distribution Line Clearance
- O. BPU Mowing Contract

P. Public Safety Minutes of April 16, 2026

Motion by Councilman Morrisey, support by Councilman Socha to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye
Councilman Morrisey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Flynn	Aye

Motion passed 9-0

Communication/Petitions

- A. Q1 2026 Code Enforcement and Zoning Report
- B. Thank you from Domestic Harmony
- C. Summer 2026 Newsletter

Items for information purposes only.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

None

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Resolution to Approve Extension of NEZ Certificates 2021-136 and 2021-139

Commonwealth Developments & Properties, LLC requested an extension for certificates 2021-136 (237 Glei Court) and 2021-139 (246 Glei Court).

Motion by Council Member Socha, seconded by Council Member Flynn to approve the NEZ extension of 1 year for Certificates 2021-136 and 2021-139. **Resolution #3676.**

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrisey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 9-0

- B. Arch Ave Reconstruction – Bid Award

Motion by Council Member Morrisey, seconded by Council Member Socha to award the Arch Ave reconstruction contract to Parrish Excavating in the amount of \$314,907.50 with additional contingency of \$63,000 for a total project cost of \$377,907.50.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 9-0

C. South St Reconstruction – Bid Award

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Flynn to award the South St. reconstruction contract to Excell Paving in the amount of \$319,071.55 with additional contingency of \$48,000 for a total project cost of \$367,071.55.

D. Oat St Reconstruction -Bid Award

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Socha to award the Oak Street reconstruction contract to Excell Paving in the amount of \$337,482.18 with additional contingency of \$51,622.00 for a total project cost of \$388,104.18.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 9-0

E. Baw Beese Trail – Bid Award

Motion by Council Member Morrissey, seconded by Council Member Socha to award the Baw Beese Trail construction contract to Thompson Asphalt in the amount of \$29,715.60 with additional contingency of \$20,284.40 for a total project cost of \$50,000.00.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 9-0

F. Penny Swan FOIA Appeal #2

Penny Swan pled her case on why she was appealing her FOIA on Councilman Bentley's emails.

Lengthy discussion ensued on process of FOIA and appeal requests. Attorney Thompson answered council questions.

Motion by Council Member Bentley, seconded by Council Member Paladino to deny Swan's FOIA appeal #2.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Nay
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 8-1

G. Penny Swan FOIA Appeal #1

Penny Swan pled her case on why she was appealing her FOIA on Mayor Pro Tem Paladino emails.

Additional council discussion on emails and appeal process.

Motion by Council Member Bentley, seconded by Council Member Wolfram to deny Swan's FOIA appeal #1.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Nay
Councilman Bruns	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 8-1

Miscellaneous Reports

A. Proclamations – 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week

Mayor Sessions read proclamation aloud thanking Clerk Price for her service.

B. Appointment- None

C. Other –None

General Public Comment Received From:

Discussion on OMA and Council rules and procedures on requesting names and identifying one's self before speaking.

Zech Steiger.

City Manager Report

None

Council Comment

Councilman Bentley asked about Mayor's no votes on FOIAs. Thanked Clerk Price for her hard work and neutrality.

Councilman Flynn reported on the Airport projects and new terminal.

Mayor Sessions thanked Clerk Price for all the hard work she does and thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Adjournment

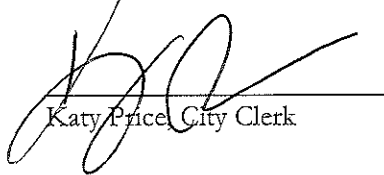
Motion by Councilman Flynn, seconded by Councilman Morrisey to adjourn the meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Scott M. Sessions, Mayor



Katy Price, City Clerk

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