

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale

May 18, 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 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:	Jacob Bruns, Ward 1
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Also Present: David Mackie (City Manager), Katy Price (City Clerk), Tom Thompson (City Attorney), Jason Blake (DPS Director), Tina Bumpus (Finance), Robert Eichler, Mark Nichols, Penny Swan, Amber Yoder, Sheri Ingles, Doug Ingles, Larry Walworth, Mike Prince, Joseph Hendee, James Edward Thomas.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilman Morrissey, supported by Councilman Socha to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills
 - 1 City and BPU Claims of April 30, 2026: \$171,655.38
 - 2. Payroll of May 7, 2026: \$211,700.67
- B. Finance Committee Minutes of May 4, 2026
- C. BPU Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026
- D. Financial Reports for Quarter Ending March 31, 2026
- E. Investment Report as of March 31, 2026
- F. ESRI Licensing
- G. Park Use Agreement – Mrs. Stock’s Park
- H. TCO 2026-09 (Amended) - Lukazcek Excavating
- I. TCO 2026-14 City of Hillsdale Independence Day Parade
- J. TCO 2026-15 Tri-State Scenic Train Event.

Motion by Councilman Morrissey, support by Councilman Flynn, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye
Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye

Councilman Stuchell	Aye
Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

Communication/Petitions

A. Hillsdale County Commissioner Update – Doug Ingles

County Commissioner Ingles gave an update on the County.

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing: FY 2026-27 City Budget

Mayor Sessions opened the podium at 7:16 p.m. for the public to comment.

City Manager Mackie reported the electric power purchase has gone up to 6.5%.

With no other comment Mayor Sessions closed podium at 7:20 p.m.

Council had a lengthy discussion on electric power and purchase requirements.

Old Business

A. Hillsdale Substation Change Order

In December the BPU Board and City Council approved an amendment to Kent Power’s contract for \$372,327 to better utilize the new Industrial Substation. Upon working through the completion of the project a number of additional items are required to complete the project. The additional items total \$164,726 for a total of \$537,053 which includes: 750 MCM cable pricing increase, unmarked obstructions in the ground, material issues with the pole design, additional man power and Hi-Pot Testing of the 750 MCM cable. This change order amendment will complete Kent Power’s work on the project.

Motion by Council Member Flynn, seconded by Council Member Stuchell to approve an additional \$164,726 to Kent Power’s 12-15-2025 industrial substation change order.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed 8-0

New Business

A. Q3 FY 2025-26 Budget Amendments (Resolution)

Motion by Council Member Flynn, seconded by Council Member Socha to approve the budget amendments for Q3 FY 2025-26 as presented. **Resolution #3677.**

Roll Call:

Councilman Paladino	Aye
Councilman Socha	Aye
Councilman Stuchell	Aye

Councilman Wolfram	Aye
Mayor Sessions	Aye
Councilman Bentley	Aye
Councilman Flynn	Aye
Councilman Morrissey	Aye

Motion passed 8-0

Miscellaneous Reports

- A. Proclamations – None
- B. Appointment- Mike Prince, BPU Board of Directors

Motion by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Morrissey to approve Mike Prince to the Board of Public Utilities.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- C. Other –None

General Public Comment

Joseph Hendee, James Edward Thomas, Robert Eichler, Larry Walworth, Mark Nichols.

City Manager Report

None

Council Comment

Councilman Socha reported no public comment was given for the public hearing on the 2026-27 budget.

Councilman Flynn asked Operations and Governance Committee to review Council procedures.

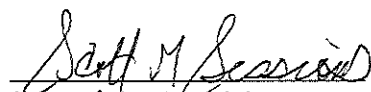
Councilman Flynn congratulated Detective Brad Martin from the Police Department on 43 years with the City of Hillsdale and wished him well on his retirement.

Adjournment

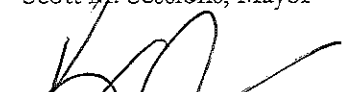
Motion by Councilman Flynn, seconded by Councilman Socha to adjourn the meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



 Scott M. Sessions, Mayor



 Katy Price, City Clerk

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