

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**748235:**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:00 pm. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Daniel Schudel, Brandi Clark, Lisa Enerson, Sherry Kirkland, Rick Moreno and Carl Sword

ABSENT: Natalie Loop

ALSO PRESENT: Will Terrill, Police Chief Ron Keck, Dan & Coleen McComb, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Sara Schudel, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

**Excuse Absent Member:**

**748236:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark **to excuse Natalie Loop from the meeting.**  
CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approval of minutes dated October 15, 2024:**

**748237:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno **to approve minutes of October 15, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comments were heard.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve: Proposal from Jones & Henry Engineers – CWSRF Project:**

The city has been approved for the funding of the project through the State Revolving Fund, with the 12% loan forgiveness. The estimated cost of the project is \$805,230.00.

The city received the proposal from Jones & Henry regarding the engineering services required for the FY 2025 CWSRF project. The cost of the engineering services for the project is \$134,000.00.

Jones & Henry needs approval from the city before they can begin work on the project. Detailed plans and specifications for the project must be submitted to EGLE for approval by March 24, 2025.

**748238:**

Motion by Sherry Kirkland seconded by Lisa Enerson to **approve the proposal from Jones & Henry Engineers Ltd. In the amount of \$134,000.00 for engineering services for the FY 2025 CWSRF project and authorize the city manager to sign Task Order #2 for the project.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Financial Services – CWSRF Project:**

For the FY 2025 CWSRF project the city will need financial services for the project. City Manager, Charles Weir spoke with CPA Municipal Advisor Andy Campbell about this CWSRF project. Andy has assisted the city with previous projects and was formerly with Bakertilly but is now with Bendzinski & Co. Mr Weir asked Andy about comparative pricing between Bakertilly and Bendzinski & Co. and Andy advised me that Bendzinski & Co. cost for services is lower due to less overhead.

Andy sent Mr Weir the detailed proposal for the financial services for the project. The cost for the services will be \$13,850.00. This will be paid on the closing of the bond with a portion of the bond proceeds.

Mr Weir had the City Attorney review the proposal and he give it his approval. He also said that Benzinski is a good company.

**748239:**

Motion by Carl Sword seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the financial services proposal from Bendzinski & Co. in the amount of \$13,850.00 for the FY 2025 CWSRF project, and authorize the City Manager to sign the proposal.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Water Extension:**

We had a water main break in location A on the map. It was flooded with water and mud and could not make a repair. We decided to abandon the main based on location which we did. We have gotten a notice from Alpine that they had failed the fire suppression test based on the amount of water flow from the existing 4 inch main in front of the business. After an extensive testing

process of valve turning and verifying water flow it has been determined that the line that was abandoned was the fire suppression line that supported the east side of School Street.

DPW Superintendent Jay Best would like to replace the abandoned main running through the swamp Item A and replace the main with a 6-inch direction bore from (34) Main Street to School Street running down the east side of McKenzie Street and reconnect in the parking lot of the Alpine building. This will accomplish 3 things: 1. Loop the water main 2. Supply the water needed to support the fire suppression of Alpine and the other factories in the area. 3. Also get the main which is broken out of the swamp and into our easement and reconnect the three services that are now supported with a 4-inch main.

Just to be clear we were not aware that the elimination of the defective water main would affect the fire suppression capabilities at Alpine Manufacturing. The existing service line for the buildings is good and has no issues. We have a responsibility to the factories for being able to provide fire suppression pressures to them and Alpine Mfg. has been working with us, but they need the issue corrected to be able to get the fire suppression certification.

We have received two quotes for the job. All Seasons Underground and RJT construction. Both have done work for the city and are reputable companies. The quotes were very close, and Mr Best would recommend All Seasons based on the size of the machine that can push the water main to its destination. This is specialized work and would feel comfortable the either contractor.

All Seasons Underground \$64,050.00

RJT Construction \$63,700.00

**748240:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Brandi Clark **approve to extend the water main from Main Street with a 6-inch water main through directional boring to School Street and reconnecting the main to support the service lines and fire suppression in the area with All Seasons Underground.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Medical Insurance Opt-Out Policy:**

After meeting with the Medical Insurance committee and talking with some of the full-time employees, it has been determined that the best course of action is to keep the current medical insurance plan. Further discussion and consideration about fully funding the Health Savings Accounts for the full-time employees for the 2025-2026 budget year when we begin working on the new budget.

Again the city does not currently have a policy written for the opt-out Full-Time employees that currently receive a stipend. On September 17, 2024, the Council meeting and ad hoc medical insurance committee was formed to work out the details of an Opt-Out Policy and the compensation to the employees that opt-out of the insurance.

The first committee meeting was initially about the consideration to change insurance plans. The second committee meeting consisting of two council members and the city manager, at that

meeting the consensus was to offer 40% of the average of the applicable group (Individual, Family, Premium) over the 26 pay periods. Mr Weir has the draft Opt-Out Policy for review and tentative approval by the full Council.

Again, other municipalities offer opt-out percentages and dollar amounts at higher and lower levels. At the 40% average premium costs level, it is more likely that employees may opt-out of the city medical insurance. Mr Weir has spoken to some of the employees and they advised that they would consider possibly opting out of the city medical insurance at the 40%

**748241:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Brandi Clark **approve the Medical Insurance Opt-Out policy as written.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

Bills to Council  
November 11, 2024

**Bills to be Approve**

MML	\$9,965.00	Workers Comp Insurance
Total	\$9,965.00	

**Bills to be Confirmed**

Old National	\$28,481.01	Ambulance Payment
Old National	\$62,480.72	Fire Truck Payment
Advanced Engineered Pump	\$14,568.79	Pump for WWTP
Total	\$105,530.52	

**748242:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Account Balances and Check Register:****Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$1,171,994.45
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$274,350.53
Local Street Fund	\$ 95,591.83
Fire Department Fund	\$ 96,662.49
Recreation Fund	\$ 685.59
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 11,348.17
Ambulance	\$ 76,113.11
Community Center	\$ 36,174.65
Income Tax Fund	\$ 57,183.31
Downtown Development	\$ 42,170.76
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 11,592.50
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 13,282.16
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 99,843.90
Water and Sewer Fund	\$160,227.17
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$132,239.91
Property Tax Collection	\$ 0.00
Payroll Fund	\$ 52,985.67
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,233.37

**748243:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Brandi Clark **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- The city water towers have had the annual cathodic protection maintenance done on them October 30<sup>th</sup> by CorPro.
- The Water Treatment Plant Iron filter painting has been completed.
- Mr Weir had a meeting with Andy Campbell of Bendzinski & Co. Municipal financial consultants about the upcoming g 2025 CWSRF project. Some time after the first of the year Andy will meet with the Council and discuss and explain the specific financial details moving forward with the project.
- The Master Plan citizen survey was put out deadline December 9<sup>th</sup>. The survey is on the city website and Facebook page. We also put a notification about the survey in the November

Newsletter. There is a QR code with a link that citizens can complete the survey on-line. The survey is also available at City Hall in hard copy form as well.

- Tractor Supply Company soft opening will be November 16<sup>th</sup> Grand opening will be Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The 2011 Dodge charger was sold. The city did not receive any bids on the BidCorp website or receive any questions from potentially interested parties. However, a local person seen it on the website came to Hudson and looked at the vehicle. He made an offer, and Mr Weir countered. The vehicle sold for \$2,800.00. The last patrol vehicle the city sold went for around \$1,500.00.
- We have a potential interested party in the vacant city lot in the 500 lock of Tiffin Street. This was one of the lots that was up for sale when the city sold some vacant lots back in 2022. Mr Weir will bring it to Council when and if an offer is put in for the lot.
- On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr Weir will be attending the Housing Solutions Conference in Tecumseh. Topics will be about resources to invest in new construction and renovation programs, innovative solutions to add new units that address housing shortages, advantages of State and Local Land banks. He believes this training and information may be useful while the city is updating its Master Plan.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Voting Day went very smoothly

Halloween went well

The T-posts for the Christmas trees will be install this week.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> the Christmas should be available to decorate.

November 30<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Parade and Santa will be at the Community Center. Local businesses may donate baskets for Christmas gifts.

December 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Craft Show at the Community Center and the lighting of the Christmas Tree and Hudson Forest Trees.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**748244:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk