

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
October 05, 2021**

747401:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Ann Minton, Rick Moreno, Carl Sword, Pam Ely, Darlene VandeZande and Lee Daugherty
ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: John Irvine, Mike Mills, Cindy Corner, Matt Shaffer, Kristine Bloomer, Jeff Vanderlooven, Jack Ely, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Dan Schudel, Willis Terrill, Joseph Yeider, Mike McClellan Jr., Rich & Carolyn Halliwill, Richard Cole, Rebecca White, City Attorney Eric White, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Interim City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2021:**747402:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Carl Sword **to approve the minutes from September 21, 2021 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Shaffer – Meridian Hwy – owner of Evergreen Golf Course and Butch’s Bar – He gave the Hudson Police Department a donation and wanted to know what happened to the money. He now feels that the Hudson Police Department is harassing him because they go by his place of business several times a day.

Cindy Corner – N Maple Grove – Wondered why the Council didn’t post for a City Manager.

Mike Mills – N Maple Grove – Sent an email to all the Councilmembers asking to see if they would consider putting on the website a report on how much is still due on the utility bills and for residents to see once a month. Also wanted to know what the civic promotion on the Council’s budget is meant for?

John Irvine – Lincoln Street – In one month his utility bill was raised by \$47.00 and he wanted to know why the water and sewer bonds were raised?

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve: PA 152 Compliance for the 2022 Health Care Plan Year:**

The 2011 Public Act 152 (The Publicly-Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) requires a resolution from Council indicating compliance with the law's provisions. A municipality may comply with P.A. 152 by adopting the Exemption option each health plan year (with a two-thirds vote of Council). Council has voted every year since 2013 to adopt the Exemption, and we recommend that the City adopt the Exemption option again this year.

By adopting the resolution, the City can maintain full eligibility for State Statutory Revenue-sharing, and also meet the requirements of P.A. 152.

747403:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Lee Daugherty **adopt the resolution adopting the Exemption option of 2011 Public Act 152 for the upcoming health care plan year which begins on December 1, 2021.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Health Care Plan Renewal for 2022:

The Michigan Municipal League- Employee Benefit Services has submitted the 2021 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan rates, effective as of December 1st. The plan is the Simply Blue PPO, which is compliant with the Affordable Care Act.

The proposed 2022 Plan renewal has an average premium increase of 6%.

747404:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue PPO Health Plan for the contract year beginning December 1, 2021.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approve: Sewer Tap In at 4504 Cramer Hwy:

Mr Richard Cole is the home owner of 4504 Cramer Highway and is experiencing septic system failure. Mr. Cole advised that putting in a new septic system is too expensive and would like to connect into the City sewer system.

WWTP Supervisor Ted Hutchison has spoken with Mr. Cole and did an assessment of the situation. Ted advised that the connection into the system would be acceptable. Mr. Cole would pay for all the work and equipment needed to get connected into the system. Mr. Cole already has a contractor on board to do the work if approved by the City. The City will oversee and inspect the connection.

Ted would order the parts for the residential lift station after Mr. Cole signs the City Connection Permit, Service Agreement and make a total payment of \$5,745.00 to the City. Once connected to the sewer system, Mr Cole will be paying the non-resident sewer rate, ready to serve and sewer bond monthly.

This connection request was approved and recommended to Council for approval by the Planning Commission at the September 27th Planning Commission meeting.

747405:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the sewer connection of 4504 Cramer Highway into the City sewer system, pursuant to the home owner signing the City Connection Permit and Service agreement and paying all fees associated to the connection.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approve: Designation of Street Administrator:

MDOT Act 51 Section 13(9) requires that each incorporated city and village have an administrative representative to put in place by Resolution of the governing body, to have the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work and the development, construction or repair of off street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting.

Without the resolution naming a street administrator, the Act 51 funds will be withheld by MDOT. The City of Hudson receives these funds on a monthly basis to help fund street projects. On average, the City receives approximately \$30,000.00 a month.

747406:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **approve the resolution naming Interim City Manager, Charles Weir as the Street Administrator for the City of Hudson.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Approve: Creation of Fund for Accounting for Capital Improvement Bond Proceeds:

To properly account for the Capital Improvement Bond proceeds, it is recommended that a new “fund” be created. The fund that is being recommended would be categorized by the number “444” and would account for the proceeds from Capital Improvement Bond that was received in September of 2021.

Accounting for the proceeds through this “fund” would allow for better accounting and show exactly where and what the bond proceeds are being spent on. The bond proceeds are to be spent on the following:

- Payment on Water and Sewer Bonds: \$373,620.81
- Loan Payment on Fire Truck: \$62,480.00
- Loan Payment on Ambulance: \$28,935.00
- Upgrades to Lift Station: \$259,814.19
- Miscellaneous Payments for Bond Issuance: \$25,150.00

Total of Bond Proceeds: \$750,000.00

This “fund” will ensure that the above activities come straight from the proceeds of the bond and are accounted for, as such. Please note that this is not creating a separate bank account; the proceeds will, instead, be placed into the Combined Checking Account for the City of Hudson.

747407:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Darlene VandeZande **approve the resolution creating the 444 Capital Improvement Fund to account for the proceeds from the Capital Improvement Bond.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Confirm: City Manager Position:

Mr. Weir has been our Interim City Manager since April 2021. He was also the Interim Manager for several months in 2009.

The City Manager’s position needs to be filled so that we can continue to move on. Mr. Weir came into this at the most difficult time possible, but he has put in numerous hours of work in moving us in the right direction. The City staff and Mr. Weir work very well together even if we were to advertise for a city manager, we would be continuing to delay the process. We need to move forward as does the Police Department. The City Mayor sees no reason to look for someone that is totally blinded by what has happened. Mr Weir has proven that if training is needed, he is willing to do so. She also feels that our City would continue to improve with the position being given to Charles Weir.

In the past Council had a sub-committee to work on various projects, so the Mayor has asked Lee Daugherty and Darlene VandeZande to work with her and the City Attorney to draft a contract that everyone can agree upon.

747408:

Motion by Pam Ely, seconded by Carl Sword **appoint Charles Weir as our City Manager pending the approval of a contract between Mr Weir and City Council.** CARRIED 5-2 by roll call (Camp, Ely, Sword, Moreno, VandeZande – yes Minton, Daugherty - no)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
October 05, 2021

Bills to be Approved

Total \$0.00

Bills to be Confirmed

Consumers Energy	\$1,008.81	LED Lights for September 2021
Consumers Energy	\$2,152.35	Street Lights for September 2021
Modern Waste Systems	\$9,604.29	Refuse Services for September 2021
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$17,346.61	October health Insurance for non-union employees
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$11,214.45	October health Insurance for union employees

Lincoln Life Insurance	\$1,105.19	Life Insurance for employees & retirees October 2021
Renius & Renius	\$1,512.50	Assessor services for September 2021
Total	\$43,944.20	

747409:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Account Balances:

Old National accounts

ALS Membership	\$1,227.13
Combined Deposit	\$258,326.10
DDA account	\$3,180.98
Drug Enforcement	\$1,213.40
HPD Abandon Property	\$233.42
Payables Account	\$22,604.01
Payroll Account	\$96,456.76
CD -36 Months – 47 months	\$5,329.81
CD – Public Funds	\$2,269.57
Balance Totals	
Total Deposit Accounts	\$401,258.12
Total Investment Accounts	\$7,599.38
County National Bank	
Income Tax account	\$96,504.48
Bonds	\$416,223.64
Property Tax	\$564,879.42

747410:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword **to accept the account balances & check register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

747411:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to accept the revenue expenditure report and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Tax Anticipation Note has been paid in full on September 30th. The pay off total was \$241,546.15. The original amount of the note was \$239,834.00. The City only paid \$1,712.15 in interest. The Tax Anticipation Note was critical in the recovery of the City's finances.
- There is a two acre lot in the Sunrise Meadows subdivision that Xsell Realty is inquiring about and trying to identify an owner due to an interested party wanting to possibly purchase. The lot was originally owned by the "Sunrise Meadows Number One Architectural Control Committee" which was formed in 1975. The Association no longer exists and there is not a Tax ID number associated with the property. Interim City Manager asked the Planning Commission if they had any information about the lot and the "Committee". The Planning Commission had no further information regarding to the ownership. He advised Xsell Realty, the City and the Planning Commission have no further information to provide.
- Interim City Manager attended the ribbon cutting at the new Sports Complex at Thompson Field on Friday, October 1st. It is a very nice addition to the community.
- Interim City Manager checked into the actual cost the City paid for the last Manager search and discovered that the cost was \$5,000.00 in 2009, not \$20-25,000.00.
- DPW Superintendent Jay Best and Interim City Manger has been working with Fleis & VandenBrink and Jones & Henry to get all of the GIS information in regard to the water distribution, sewer and storm drain information all in one package. Each firm has a piece of the information. By combining the data it will be helpful with identification and better record keeping of the systems in a format that DPW and WWTP can have immediate access to.
- Still waiting on a preliminary review from Jones & Henry on the two main lift stations on South Church Street and Sunrise Meadows.

ADJOURNMENT:**747412:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk