

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
SPECIAL MEETING
April 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

747258:

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 9:00 am.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Carl Sword, Pam Ely, Lee Ann Minton, Rick Moreno and Darlene VandeZande

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Charlie Weir, Andy Hackett, Todd Lampson, Carolyn Halliwill, Steve Bloomer, Acting City Treasurer Brandon Hudson, City Receptionist Kris Eschedor, City Deputy Treasurer Linda Cross, Ambulance Superintendent Jim Stevens, City Manager Steven Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Setting the Agenda:

Remove Approval of minutes of March 16, 2021

747259:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Rick Moreno to **remove minutes from the agenda**. CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment received

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION: Current Finances:

Mayor Carmel Camp and Council Member Darlene VandeZande asked to see all the bills that has not been paid. They also wanted to know why they were not informed of everything that had taken place.

APPROVE: Immediate Audit:

Council Member Darlene VandeZande is asking for an immediate forensic audit. She felt waiting until April 22 was too late to be asking Brent Shea, City Auditor to be getting involved. Some of the council members has talked with Mr Shea and also with City Attorney George Truchan and since Mr Shea can't start his audit until May 3rd, Mr Truchan knew a forensic auditor Joe Lertzaka from Jackson MI who should be called first thing Monday morning.

747260:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **start a forensic audit immediately.** CARRIED 5-2 by roll call vote. (Camp, Ely, Moreno, Sword, VandeZande – yes Minton, Daugherty – no)

APPROVE: Possibility of an Interim Administrator:

Council Members Darlene VandeZande, Carl Sword, Pam Ely has felt that as Council Members, they need to step in and have City Manager Steven Hartsel to be suspended at this time with full benefits and pay until an audit can be conducted. At which time the situation will be re-evaluated. They need answers to what has happened to all the finances and how to pay all the expenses along with the payroll.

747261:

Motion by Pam Ely, seconded by Carl Sword to **have the City Manager Steven Hartsel suspended at this time with full benefits and pay.** CARRIED 4-3 by roll call vote. (Camp, Ely, Sword, VandeZande – yes Minton, Daugherty, Moreno – no)

747262:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Carl Sword to **appoint an interim manager as Chief Charlie Weir until such a time that an audit is done.** CARRIED 6-1 by roll call vote. (Camp, Ely, Sword, VandeZande, Daugherty, Moreno – yes Minton – no)

ADJOURNMENT:

747263:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Darlene VandeZande to **adjourn the meeting at 10:33 am**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: _____