

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 2021**

747378:

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: Jeff Aronoff – Miller, Canfield, P.L.C., Ian Wendt – WLEN News Director, Bailey Mruzik – WLEN, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Phyllis Howe, Joy Sexton, Kenneth Disney-Gilbert, Jerry Underfer, Dan Schudel, Willis Terrill, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW Superintendent Jay Best and Candi Best, Interim City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2021:

Councilmember Lee Ann Minton – two misspelled words and remove Council Comments from August 10th.

747379:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to approve the minutes from August 17, 2021 with corrections and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joy Sexton – received her utility bill and since she is on a fixed income and will not be able to pay this bill until after the due date.

Phyllis Howe – also received her utility bill and on a fixed income and needs Council to address this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve 2021 Capital Improvement Bond Resolution:**

Due to the financial crisis that the City has been dealing with, it was necessary to seek funds to meet upcoming financial obligations due October 2021, specifically the water and sewer bond payments totaling \$373,620.81.

At the July 20th council meeting, Council authorized the posting of the notice of intent for up to a \$1,000,000.00 bond. At the August 17th Council meeting Council discussed the dollar amount for the bond. Council decided at that time to request the bond for \$750,000.00 to make the payments and additional funds for anticipated improvements to lift stations.

Auditor Brent Shea and Charles Weir met with County National Bank officials, on September 1st. After the meeting, County National Bank agreed to issue the bond for the \$750,000.00.

Jeff Aronoff, of Miller, Canfield, P.L.C. has drafted the resolution authorizing the issuance of the 2021 Capital Improvement Bond. Council will have to approve and adopt the resolution to move forward..

747380:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Carl Sword **approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the 2021 Capital Improvement Bond in the amount of \$750,000.00.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Purchase of a Grinder Pump Package:

WWTP Supervisor Ted Hutchison has informed the City Office that the WWTP does not have a spare grinder pump for the smaller lift stations. The McDonalds lift station pump is having some issues at this time but Ted has been able to make repairs to extend it's use for awhile.

A quote from MDI for the pump package which includes the panel and floats. Ted advised that MDI is the company that has supplied the City with grinder pumps for several years and offer the cheapest prices and have good warranties on their products.

747381:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the purchase of one Grinder Pump Package from Mercury Displacement Industries totaling \$2,646.00 coming out of line item 590-561-972.000.** CARRIED 6-1 by roll call (Camp, Daugherty, Ely, Minton, Moreno, VandeZande – yes Sword-no)

Approve: Purchase of (LDO Sensor):

WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, advised the City Office that the Luminescent/Optical Dissolved Oxygen Sensor is malfunctioning. This equipment is used in testing samples required by EGGLE. Ted advised that this piece of equipment has been in service for several years and needs to be replaced to make sure test results are accurate.

Three quotes of the same sensor from three different companies. The HACH company quote is the quote recommended by Ted. Ted advised that HACH also calibrates the equipment yearly.

747382:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **approve the purchase of one Luminescent/Optical Dissolved Oxygen Sensor from HACH for \$1,130.00 from line item 590-561-744.001.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

UNFISHISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
September 07, 2021

Bills to be Approved

Lenawee County Information Technology	\$1,652.00	IT- MDT Partnership thru 9/2022
Bill Deo	\$1,780.00	10th Payment for the Maple Grove Cemetery Contract
City of Hudson	\$7,065.88	Property taxes (306 W Main, 219 W Main, 313 W Main, Steger Industrial
Total	\$10,497.88	

Bills to be Confirmed

Bill Deo	\$1,780.00	9th Payment for the Maple Grove Cemetery Contract
Renius & Renius	\$1,512.50	Assessor for August 2021
Modern Waste Systems	\$9,570.50	Refuse for September 2021
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$28,561.06	Health Benefits September 2021
Briner Oil Company	\$1,310.27	Fuel for August 13, 2021
George Truchan	\$1,425.00	Attorney Fees
Douglas Safety Systems LLC	\$1,807.73	Site Survey, install, operate, etc. on compressor
Michigan Municipal League	\$2,136.00	Membership dues and legal defense fund
Total	\$48,103.06	

747383:

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	\$1,159.88
Combined Deposit	\$108,960.21

DDA account	\$3,180.95
Drug Enforcement	\$1,213.40
HPD Abandon Property	\$233.42
Payables Account	\$24,285.43
Payroll Account	\$65,278.16
CD -36 Months – 47 months	\$5,312.40
CD – Public Funds	\$2,269.57
Balance Totals	
Total Deposit Accounts	\$181,668.42
Total Investment Accounts	\$7,581.97

County National Bank

Income Tax account	\$93,722.89
Bonds	\$104,890.26
Property Tax	\$228,490.15

747384:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to accept the account balances and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

747385:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to accept the payable report for August 2021 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Linda Cross has completed the BS & A Accounting Software training and it is fully implemented.
- Charles Weir attended the MSU webinar on August 25th about Budgeting for Fiscal Sustainability. It was very educational and informative. He also believes members from Council and the Planning Commission also participated.
- We have a full Planning Commission seated.
- Jay Best and Charles Weir met with EGLE on September 2, on the details of the SWAM grant. They discussed the scope of the project which is to randomly select 20% of the service lines in the City to identify service line materials. We have 933 services lines,

20% equals 187 service line. Pot holing will start in the spring but some preliminary logistics work will be done prior.

- August 26th Ted Hutchison and Charles Weir met with Gregg Simon and Troy Brehmer for an initial assessment of the lift stations on South Church Street and Sunrise Meadows.
- Jeff Vanderlooven and Tyler Cox attended MRWA training on the 26th of August covering water distribution topics. They each earned training credits with ELGE.
- Auditor Brent Shea is in the final stages of the audit and will have the final report in the near future.
- The City Office has received another application for the Treasurer's position and will be interviewing the interested party Wednesday September 8th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Daugherty would like to revisit the late charges for the residents who can't pay another utility bill this month. There was a motion by Councilmember Minton to Waive the late charges until January 2022 and there was a second by Rick Moreno but the motion was not read before the assembly therefore no vote was taken. The Motion made by Minton will be brought before the Council to consider at the next meeting on September 21st where this can be put onto the agenda. *(When something is not on an agenda, the assembly can discuss and take action, but only if there was a two-thirds vote before a motion is made to continue to take any action.)*

Councilmember Minton wants the public to know anyone can be a write in candidate for Council by October 22nd at 4:00 pm. This November there will be 3 seats open.

ADJOURNMENT:

747386:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm**

APPROVED: _____

Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____

Eric White, City Attorney

Dated: _____