

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2023**

747819:

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lisa Enerson, Natalie Loop, Sherry Kirkland, Rick Moreno, Daniel Schudel and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, John Irvine, David Monahan, Nicole Chase, Joann Simmons, John Enerson, Candi Best, Police Chief Ronald Keck, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2023:****747820:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to approve minutes of February 21, 2023 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barb Ireland – Commended DPW for the storm clean up. Wanted to know why the Community Center was not open for the heating center during the ice storm?

John Irvine – Asked why he was not getting a returned phone call from the police department after leaving a message to please call him back.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve: Maple Grove Cemetery Lawn Mowing Contract:**

The Maple Grove Cemetery Lawn Mowing bid opening took place on Friday March 10, at 2:00 pm. There were four bids received for the cemetery mowing contract. Two bidders provided three-year contract proposals and two one-year proposals. The bids were as follows:

David Monahan: 3 Year Bid Y1-\$52,000 Y2-\$51,000 Y3-\$50,000 Fall Cleanup \$4,000

HBC Lawn Service LLC 3 Year Bid Y1-\$32,500 Y2-\$32,500 Y3-\$32,500 Fall Cleanup \$3,800

Bill Deo 1 Year Bid \$50,050 Fall Cleanup \$8,500

Lend A Hand Lawn 1 Year Bid \$68,000 Fall Cleanup No information provided.

HBC Lawn Service LLC also provided references and gave a summary of their equipment and labor resources. Mr Weir called some of the references, and they had nothing but good things to say about the services from HBC Lawn Service.

747821:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to approve the three-year bid from HBC Lawn Service LLC, for the lawn mowing services at the Maple Grove Cemetery commencing May 7, 2023 through October 28, 2025.** CARRIED 5-2 by roll call (Camp, Enerson, Kirkland, Schudel, Sword – yes Loop, Moreno – no)

Approve: Appointments to the Recreation Advisory Board:

The City Recreation Advisory Board has not been active since 2018 and has no current members. The board is to consist of seven members that are city residents and have been so a least one year prior to applying for the position and not indebted to the city.

In addition to recreation planning, coordinating, and implementing recreation activities in the city, this board will be beneficial with the current Spark Grant application process and with the needed update to the City Master Recreation Plan.

Mr Weir received six applications to fill six of the seven seats. Eric Hickman, Roger Clark, Elizabeth Comiskey, John Kirkland, Nikki Cleveland, and Nicole Chase. All the applicants qualify to fill the seats. He has known many of them over the years while working for the city and believes they all will serve well as members of the Hudson Recreation Advisory Board.

He has attached their applications for Council's review.

747822:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno **to approve the recommended appointments of Eric Hickman, Roger Clark, Elizabeth Comiskey, John Kirkland, Nikki Cleveland and Nicole Chase to the Hudson Recreation Advisory Board.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Discuss: Library Building Repairs:

Mr Weir met with John Enerson of the Hudson Carnegie District Library Board, and he brought it to his attention that the front steps of the library need repair and the one of the sandstone decorative pieces on the front of the building is cracked and in need of repair.

Looking over the lease of the building to the Hudson Carnegie District Library under #2 Premises #5 Maintenance & Repair, and #12 Repairs, John and Mr Weir had some questions as to which party would be responsible for the repairs. The most recent repair done on the building was a ceiling repair January 2021 which the city paid for in the amount of \$3,590.00. The District Library Board and the City Council at that time thought that the city was responsible for the repair. He was told that this was approved because the damage done to the ceiling resulted from a leak that was present and not fixed before the District Library moved into the building in 2012.

John has a preliminary cost to fix the issues to be around \$20,000.00 but will have to get written estimates to get better numbers for the repairs. Mr Weir is requesting that Council review the lease agreement and determine the responsibility for the repairs.

The city currently does not have any funds budgeted for the building maintenance of the library and has not for the past 3-4 years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
March 21, 2023

Bills to be Approve

Stryker	\$13,886.17	Lucas Device Payment
Dave Black	\$2,050.00	Rental Inspections
Total	\$15,936.17	

Bills to be Confirmed

Renius & Renius	\$1,512.50	Assessing Monthly Contract
Haviland	\$2,052.80	Ferric Chloride
Modern Waste	\$9,718.68	Monthly Refuse
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$1,201.45	107 Mechanic
Consumers	\$1,835.58	Street Lights
Consumers	\$3,538.53	107 Mechanic
Jones & Henry	\$12,223.80	Project Plan for Sanitary Sewer Rehab

Consumers	\$1,868.02	Street Lights
D & P Communications	\$1,127.43	Phone & Internet
Consumers	\$1,686.40	LED lights
Total	\$36,765.19	

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747823:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to approve pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Department Head Reports

747824:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the Department Head Reports and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Account Balances, Check Register and Revenue Expenditure Report:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$282,996.87
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 2,262.45
Major Street Fund	\$193,217.74
Local Street Fund	\$ 95,565.00
Fire Department Fund	\$ 93,648.59
Recreation Fund	\$ 3,523.44
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 23,442.08
Ambulance	\$119,524.78
Community Center	\$ 27,336.30
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 57,662.33
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 41,304.65
Downtown Development	\$ 43,670.76
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 11,105.69
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2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$118,222.53
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 6,065.98
Utilities Fund	\$ 16,657.35
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$248,540.62
Property Tax Collection	(\$ 1,504.70)
Income Tax Fund	\$ 65,335.58
Payroll Fund	\$ 14,361.55

747825:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the account balances, check register and revenue expenditure report and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- We are still working on employee health insurance to cut costs but still provide good benefits to the employees.
- Mr Weir spoke with Bill Thomas of Lakeshore Recycling, formerly Modern Waste, about the refuse proposals. Bill advised me that he has submitted the draft proposals for approval from corporate but they have not signed off yet. Bill said that the information should be available by the first Council meeting in April.
- The Public Hearing Notice for April 4th has been posted on the City web site and City Hall for the hearing on the project for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant application. This grant project would replace water and sewer lines on North and South Maple Grove, upgrades to the elevated water tower in Webster Park, water main line replacement on State Street to the Industrial Park and funding for the replacement of lead and galvanized services lines throughout the city.
- The Mayor, Council member Dan Schudel and Mr Weir met with Lenawee Now, the MEDC, Consumers Energy and an industrial company that is potentially interested in building and setting up operations in the city Industrial Park. The meeting went well, and they are very interested.
- The latest update on the TSC project, Mr Weir was advised that the surveying has been completed and site plans are being developed along with some soil boring testing. There is still another 60 days in the “inspection period”.
- We will begin working on the fiscal year budget for 2023-2024. Getting the medical insurance costs and the final numbers from the water and sewer rate study, which we expect to have by the end of the month, will have an impact on the new budget. Again, the Council will have to consider extending the temporary suspension of the income tax policy.

ADJOURNMENT:

747826:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk