

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

748017:

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

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

ABSENT: Natalie Loop

ALSO PRESENT: Will Terrill, Mike Mills, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Police Chief Ron Keck, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr, WWTP Superintendent Josh Mattek, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

748018:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Teresa Frantz **to excuse absent members from the meeting.** CARRIED 5-1 by roll call (Enerson, Frantz, Kirkland, Moreno, Sword – yes Schudel – no).

Setting the agenda:

748019:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to add Fire Engine Tire Replacement under New Business Item D.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2023:

748020:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno **to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Mills – Hudson Museum volunteer curator – Thank the council for giving the CD's over to the Historical Society for future investments. However he did not agree with the way it was done. Mr. Mills expressed his concern about the future of the museum with less direct city involvement with the museum.

Barb Ireland – After the City keep the \$14 thousand from the museum, what will the city do with that money?

The 14 thousand was kept for building maintenance and utility bills.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve: Reappointment to the Library Board:**

The Hudson Carnegie District Library Agreement specifies that the City of Hudson shall appoint two members to the Hudson Carnegie District Library Board.

Lee Daugherty and Mary Ann Kingsley currently serve as Board Members. Mrs. Kingsley's current three-year term expires in December and she has requested to be reappointed.

748021:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Teresa Frantz **reappoint Mary Ann Kingsley to a three-year term on the Hudson Carnegie District Library Board, with a term to expire in December 2026.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: Purchase of a New RAS Pump:

The RAS pump is an integral part of our operation. It runs 24/7 and if it goes down, we have anywhere from 30-180 minutes to get one back up and running. After such time solids will make their way to the river and an SSO will have to be filed with the state, along with reporting it to local news and the health department as an illegal discharge of unprocessed sewage. We do have a backup that has to be turned on to support the main pump on a semi-regular basis, which can be used in an emergency but won't be able handle ongoing use by itself.

- The current two pumps are 40+ years old.
- The current two pumps have been discontinued for 35 years now due to company buyout, which makes some of the parts completely obsolete.
- The new pump is a drop-in replacement, so no old piping or valving needs to be changed out saving both time and money.
- The new pump can use our old motors which Joshua Mattek has multiple replacements for, taken from the drives on the old decommissioned oxidation ditch.
- The new pump will take approximately 14 weeks to obtain so he would like to get one ordered to prevent a possible ongoing SSO in the future.

Joshua received three bids to replace this pump.

1. Goulds Pump quote for \$23,875. This would be a full replacement, which would replace the pump, motor, and stand. Alterations would have to be made to pipping and valving which would further increase this price.
2. Professional Pump quote for \$18,636. This would be just the pump and would be a drop-in pump replacement.
3. Advanced Engineering quote for \$14,105. This would also be just the pump and would be a drop-in pump replacement.

748022:

Motion by Rick Moreno seconded by Sherry Kirkland **approve the purchase of a new RAS pump through Advanced Engineering for \$14,105 to replace the current obsolete one in service.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: MDARD Grant Application:

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development MDARD has a grant opportunity for projects that address expansion and sustainability of land-based industries, worker training related to land-based industries, and energy, transportation, communication, water, and wastewater infrastructure to benefit rural communities.

The allotment of \$1.8 million is available through the grant and the maximum request per applicant is \$100,000.00. Applicants are required to match a minimum of 30% of the requested amount. A higher match will increase the scoring when reviewed by the Joint Evaluation Committee.

City Staff has identified a needed project for the Water Treatment, and Wastewater Treatment Plants. Both plants have antiquated SCADA systems that need to be replaced for the more efficient monitoring of operations and maintenance of the plants. We are currently getting estimates for the replacement of the SCADA to get a better idea of what the dollar amount of the match will be if the Council approves the application.

Mr Weir has Kris working on the application due to the deadline of submission of January 9, 2024, approaching. The city match would come from the 2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund that currently has a balance of \$113,790.57.

748023:

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Carl Sword **approve the 2024 MDARD Grant application with the match of 40% for the replacement of the SCADA systems for the water and wastewater treatment plants.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: Fire Engine Tire Replacement:

Hudson Fire Department has had its yearly vehicle maintenance and DOT safety inspections completed. It was noted in the inspection that Engine 2 drive tires are up for replacement as well as all tires on Engine 4. Chief Tanner is requesting tire pricing from several vendors to replace these 8 tires to maintain the safety of the crews operating the apparatus and to stay within DOT, MIOSHA and NFPA tire safety standards for Fire Apparatus.

- Horst Tire – Adrian MI: 4 Firestone FD663 for Engine 4 drive \$2,726.67, 2 Bridgestone M864 WP \$2,473.13 for Engine 4 Steer. 2 Firestone FS860 AP for Engine 2 steer \$1,594.99. Grand total \$6,794.79.
- Dependable Fire Apparatus all Good Year Tires to match existing Engine 4, 2 G296 steer tires and 4 G622 drive tires. Engine 2, 2 G751 steer tires. Grand Total \$6,189.46.

748024:

Motion by Sherry Kirkland seconded by Carl Sword **approve the purchase of all tires from Dependable for \$6,189.46 with funds half from the Vehicle Repair & Maintenance and half from the Fire Equipment Fund.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
December 19, 2023

Bills to be Approve

Dixon Engineering, Inc.	\$5,075.00	Industrial Park Cleaning, Maint & Chlorine – Water Tower
Total	\$5,075.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Stevens Disposal	\$10,633.00	Monthly Refuse
Total	\$10,633.00	

748025:

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

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

General Fund	\$629,113.56
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 2,290.86
Major Street Fund	\$232,763.01
Local Street Fund	\$ 74,579.47
Fire Department Fund	\$ 43,707.15
Recreation Fund	\$ 2,600.96
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 24,325.61
Ambulance	\$152,623.16
Community Center	\$ 31,065.36
Income Tax Fund	\$101,623.01
Downtown Development	\$ 43,170.76
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Industrial Park Fund	\$ 17,654.61
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$113,790.57
Water and Sewer Fund	\$135,531.37
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$ 90,889.05
Property Tax Collection	\$ 72,996.17
Payroll Fund	\$ 6,959.95
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 16,462.67

748026:

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

Department Head Reports:**748027:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to accept department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**Recreation Advisory Board dated December 4, 2023:****748028:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept Recreation Advisory Board minutes dated December 4, 2023 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The City closed the sale of the Old Thorn Hospital property to Tractor Supply Company on December 7th. We have been advised that construction will begin in the spring 2024.
- DPW has finished the city-wide leaf pickup. 195 loads were collected.
- The State Tax Commission has reported that the City of Hudson has received a perfect score for the audit of fair and equitable assessing in the State of Michigan. We thank Renius & Renius for their expertise with the tax assessing duties for the City.
- The Housing Strategic Plan has been completed. This process was started with the Target Market Analysis in December 2022, which analyzes the housing in the city. The Housing Strategic Plan that Mr Weir received contains recommendations and prioritizes the recommendations unique to Hudson, to improve and maintain the housing in the City of Hudson. This information will be useful in addressing the housing concerns, attracting potential housing investment and development, and applying for grants. The full report will be posted on the City Website soon.

Some Highlights of 2023:

- Resurfaced three city streets.
- Purchase a new ambulance and finance it internally.
- Purchase a crane truck at less than the market value for WWTP.
- Hire a much-needed WWTP operator.
- Fixed the Fire Department sinking floor.
- Sold excess city property to a new retail business that will be breaking ground in the spring of 2024.
- Verified 187 residential water service lines under the DWAM grant.
- Trained a city office staff person in grant writing.
- Contracted with a new lawn service for the Maple Grove Cemetery resulting in a large reduction in costs.
- Contracted with a new refuse service provider with no increase to city residents.
- Negotiated higher interest earnings on the city's accounts with the bank.
- Received a favorable financial audit report. The city's governmental and business financial activities have improved to levels that have not been seen for the last 5-10 years respectively.

The City Council, City Staff and the citizens of Hudson all working together made this possible. We are looking forward to continued success in 2024.

City Hall will be closed from December 25th through January 1, 2024. However, City Hall will be open on December 27th to accept utility bill payments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

748029:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm**

APPROVED: _____

Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk