

**PLANNING COMMISSION
121 N. CHURCH STREET – HUDSON MI
REGULAR MEETING
February 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brad VandeZande at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Brad VandeZande, Jack Donaldson, Rob Hall, Watson Clark, Willis Terrill, Sean Williams and Daniel Schudel,

ABSENT: Joseph Yeider, Sue Minton

OTHERS: Justin & Aiden Stewart, Council Member Carl Sword, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Jack Donaldson, to **excuse the absent members with grace from the meeting.** CARRIED by roll call vote. 5-2 (Clark, Donaldson, Hall, Terrill, Williams – yes Schudel and VandeZande – no)

Minutes dated January 24, 2022:

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Will Terrill, to **approve the minutes dated January 24, 2022 and place on file.** CARRIED by roll call vote. 7-0

NEW BUSINESS:

437 McKenzie Street:

Justin Stewart asked the Commission to consider re-zoning his property from Residential to Agricultural so he can teach his son responsibly and to learn different ways of being self sustaining by raising chickens.

Commissioner Hall stated that they can not spot rezone properties.

To raise chickens in the City limits the ordinances would have to be changed and certain criterions would have to be meet. Such as the size of the property and the number of chickens.

VISITORS BEFORE COMMISSION:

There were no visitors before Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- DPW has started the Service Line home inspections for the DWAM Grant. Jay is also looking into all of the commercial accounts in the City to identify meter sizes. By doing this the City can look into a possible alternative billing for the commercial accounts which may be more equitable when billing customers for water and sewer services. This will take time to research and make possible changes going forward.

- DPW had two more water line breaks, one on Hemlock Street and the other on North Street. So far we have had six water main breaks this winter.
- Hudson Police Department is in the process of hiring another part-time officer. Chief Keck has not received any applications or notices of intent for the full-time position at this point. HPD is still managing to provide 24/7 coverage but it is requiring the full-time staff to adjust their hours to make it happen.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant had several alarms with the melting snow and heavy rains. The plant has a maximum flow rate of 420,000 design flow. The plant had to be switched over to high flow mode. Ted reported that the plant pumped over 1.5 million gallons in 24 hours. The actual number was over 2 million gallons as the flow graph tops out at 1.5 million. Ted and Josh managed the high water to the best of their ability and things are running smooth again at this point. The plant is still having issues with inflow and infiltration (storm water and groundwater entering the wastewater system).
- The Combined Account, Payroll, and Payables accounts will be moved to County National Bank this week. Old National Bank will still have the ALS Membership Account, DDA, HPD Drug Enforcement and Abandon Property accounts, and one CD.
- Reminder Council of the Whole meeting March 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the HFD Training Room. We will be discussing the budget and other items coming up in the new fiscal year.
- Jay Best and Charles Weir met with Joan Mende of Mende Engineering Solutions about the sinking floor in bay one of the Fire Department. After the consultation we will be televising the drain in the floor and likely do a boring in the slab and looking through to see what is under or not under the sinking portion of the slab to get an idea of what needs to be done to fix it.
- Charles Weir emailed the Planning Commission and Council Members information on webinar training's through the MSU extension and the Michigan Department of Treasury. Capital Management and Planning June 14th. Budgeting for Fiscal Sustainability February 24th, and Managing Internal Controls July 13th, August 4th, October 4th, and November 1st.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Watson Clark seconded by Rob Hall, to **adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.**

ATTEST: _____
 Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk