

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

747428:

The organizational meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Rich & Carloyn Halliwill, Mary Catherine Halliwill, Greg Hillegas, Terri Moreno,
Natalie Loop, Jeff Loop, Gabriel Loop, Joann Simmons, Karl McCarty, City
Treasurer Linda Cross, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Barb Ireland –
Hudson Post Gazette, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2021:****747429:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the minutes of October 19, 2021, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2021:**747430:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the minutes of October 25, 2021, and place on file**, CARRIED: 6-1 by roll call vote. (Camp, Daugherty, Ely, Moreno, Sword, VandeZande – yes Minton – no)

READING OF CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan read the Election Results Report of the November 2, 2021 Election.

Natalie Loop received 144 votes
Rick Moreno received 115 votes
Lee Ann Minton received 86 votes
Dan Schudel received 56 votes
Joseph Yeider received 56 votes
There was a total of 130 Write-In votes
Total ballots tabulated 203

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oaths of Office to Incumbents Rick Moreno and Lee Ann Minton along with new Council Member Natalie Loop.

Meeting adjourned Sine Die

CITY OF HUDSON
121 N. CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2021 Immediately Following the Organizational Meeting

747431:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Pam Ely, Natalie Loop, Lee Ann Minton Rick Moreno, and Carl Sword
 ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Rich & Carloyn Halliwill, Mary Catherine Halliwill, Greg Hillegas, Terri Moreno, Darlene VandeZande, Jeff Loop, Gabriel Loop, Joann Simmons, Karl McCarty, City Treasurer Linda Cross, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Election of Mayor:**

At this time City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan announced the start of the mayoral election process, and asked if there were any Council members who did not wish to be considered for Mayor. Rick Moreno, Pam Ely, Natalie Loop, Lee Ann Minton, and Carl Sword withdrew their names from consideration.

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan asked each council member who they wanted for Mayor. Carmel Camp received five votes and Lee Daugherty received two votes. City Clerk announced that Carmel Camp was elected Mayor for 2022.

Vote Cast For:

Carmel Camp
 Carmel Camp
 Carmel Camp
 Carmel Camp
 Carmel Camp
 Lee Daugherty
 Lee Daugherty

By Council Person:

Pam Ely
 Rick Moreno
 Carmel Camp
 Carl Sword
 Natalie Loop
 Lee Ann Minton
 Lee Daugherty

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem:

The election of the Mayor Pro-Tem occurred with the same election process as for Mayor Pro Tem. Rick Moreno, Pam Ely, Lee Ann Minton, and Carl Sword withdrew their names,

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan asked each council member who they wanted for Mayor Pro Tem. Lee Daugherty received four votes and Natalie Loop received three votes. City Clerk announced that Lee Daugherty was elected Mayor Pro Tem for 2022.

Vote Cast For:

Lee Daugherty
 Lee Daugherty
 Lee Daugherty
 Lee Daugherty
 Natalie Loop
 Natalie Loop
 Natalie Loop

By Council Person:

Lee Ann Minton
 Pam Ely
 Lee Daugherty
 Carl Sword
 Natalie Loop
 Carmel Camp
 Rick Moreno

Oath of Office to Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to Carmel Camp as Mayor, and to Lee Daugherty as Mayor Pro Tem.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karl McCarty, North Maple Grove; Asked Council to waive his late charges for October since he has never been late before and since the new bills are now due at the end of month he forgot to pay it on time. He also would like to know how many people have been late before the new bill system went into effect.

Darlene VandeZande, North Maple Grove; Remind all the Council members to ask questions. She felt as a council member that she misled the State back on December 2020 when they approved the letter to correct the deficiency in the City budget. Also MML has really good training online for all council members.

NEW BUSINESS:**Rules of Procedure:**

Every year the Council reviews and adopts its Rules of Procedure. A copy of the Rules of Procedure for 2021-2022 for Council's review for adoption was attached.

747432:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **adopt the Hudson City Council Rules of Procedure for 2021-2022 as presented**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Code of Conduct:

Every year the Council reviews and adopts its Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct for the Hudson City Council for 2021-2022 was attached.

747433:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **adopt the Hudson City Council Code of Conduct for 2021-2022 as presented**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Bills:

**Bills to Council
November 8, 2021**

Bills to be Approved

BS & A	\$1,407.00	Support fee November 1, 2021 - November 1, 2022 Animal/Utility/Tax Software
Shea Tax Consulting Inc	\$16,646.00	Audit and Bank Confirmations Year Ending June 30, 2021
The Prodigy Networks LLC	\$1,462.00	BS & A Software Setup and New Computer for Receptionist
Norm's Tire & Service	\$1,152.36	6 New Tires for the 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Ambulance
EGLE	\$1,340.28	Community Public Water Supply Annual Fee
Jackson Truck Service Inc	\$4,403.21	2005 Plow Truck repair
Detroit Salt Company	\$2,898.81	51.27 Tons of Rock Salt
D & P Communications	\$1,282.39	All Departments for Telephone and Internet - October 2021
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$6,136.00	Policy Premium 7/1/2021 to 7/1/2022
Total	\$36,728.05	

Bills to be Confirmed

Lincoln Life Insurance	\$1,105.19	Life Insurance for employees & retirees November 2021
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$11,214.45	November health Insurance for union employees
Modern Waste Systems	\$10,916.50	October Refuse Service and Fall Clean Up
Unique Paving Materials	\$1,167.36	12.16 Tons of UPM Cold Mix
Quadiant Postage Funding	\$1,095.28	Postage and Ink for the Machine
Total	\$25,498.78	

747434:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **pay the bills**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The sale of vacant lot notices has been mailed out with the last round of water bills. The property owners that are adjacent to the vacant lots will receive the notices. The City will accept bids until December 4, 2021.
- We are working on the budget amendments for Council approval for the November 16th meeting.
- We are in the process of completing the Corrective Action Plan and the Deficit Elimination Plan required by the State Treasury, Due to the results of our last audit. These plans will have to be approved by Council before it is forwarded to the State Treasury. This too will be done at the November 16th meeting.
- The October 20th meeting with Risk Control representative, Pat Nelson, from Par Plan, went very well. Pat had a few comments and recommendations the City should consider to help further limit the City's potential liability exposures. Pat seemed to be pleased with all of the departments and what they are doing. Pat said that he can tell that they take care of the City properties and that everyone was extremely helpful and cooperative.
- November 8th at 8:30 am we will have our first monthly department head meeting. It will be a good way for all departments to keep up to date on City business and a time to connect with each other.

ADDED TO MINUTES
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Re Service at Grove Street Apartments
 224 Grove Street
 Hudson, MI 49247

November 3, 2021

Dear City of Hudson City Council:

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter.

I am writing to protest and ask to speak to the Council concerning the huge increase in Bond and Administrative fees assessed against Apartment Owners in the City of Hudson. Our building has 8 – one bedroom apartments and one three bedroom unit. The bond fees have been increased approximately 6 fold per apartment from \$ 9.55 per month to \$ 56.75. Most of the residents in the building are low income and cannot afford such a huge increase and this tripling of water cost cannot be absorbed, especially with rising maintenance costs and upkeep costs. I believe the Council was mislead on the previous billing being done incorrectly and my research indicates that other jurisdictions in Michigan are not penalizing landlords in their communities with unfair increases.

Our building gets one bill for nine apartments and this saves postage and handling and the bill has always been paid timely. There is just one meter to service saving cost of manpower and materials. Most water departments charge administrative fees (called Ready to Serve) based on meter size, not per apartment served. Single family homes typically have 3 to 4 occupants and one bedroom apartments in our building have one or two occupants. My understanding is that single family homes saw a doubling of bond and ready to serve fees and apartments were hit with many times that increase. Our monthly cost went from about \$225 per month to about \$ 625 per month. Please compare your own water rates in single family homes to the new rates for apartment owners. This is a \$ 5,000 increase in cost per year or about 10% of my expense budget, way more than the inflation rate!

I would like to have the opportunity to address the Council at the next meeting. I requested this of the City Manager and was told to look up the contact information on the website. I feel the bond fees should be allocated in a more fair and just way. I am officially requesting to be given the opportunity to address the Mayor and Council at the next available meeting. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Offenbacher, CPM
 7600 Werkner Rd.,
 Chelsea, MI 48118
 248-881-9593 (cell)

ADJOURNMENT:
747435:

Motion by Pam Ely, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
 Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk