

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

**747810:**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Carl Sword at 7:00 pm. in the Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: Carmel Camp

ALSO PRESENT: Will Terrill, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, John Irvine, Police Chief Ronald Keck, Nancy Jenkins-Arno, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****Excuse Absent Members:****747811:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to excuse Mayor Carmel Camp from the meeting.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2023:****747812:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Rick Moreno **to approve minutes of February 7, 2023 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barb Ireland – had concerns about the water study being done by EGLE only and the city staff should also be doing their own water study. Will the City be going out for bid on the refuse to see if the City can get it any cheaper and also the City should come up with other options for the recyclables since not anyone recycles.

Nancy Jenkins-Arno – The Lenawee County Commissioners has a new chairman – Jim VanDoren. During their budget for the new fiscal year they have decided to add new administrative positions like a grant coordinator and a coordinator to help with the housing

problems in Lenawee County. She is very concern about the new Zen City program from the country Israeli that can listen to private conversations and report to the government if any conversations become concerning.

John Irvine – Read in a report about the past due amount in the utility bills and would like the city to go after those people to make pay their bill before increasing the utility bills.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve: Sewer Camera and Locator**

The State of Michigan EGLE is requiring our WWTP Department to develop an Inflow and Infiltration reduction program. To help with this information we are asking for council’s approval to purchase this sewer camera and locator in the amount of \$2,280.00

**747813:**

Motion by Dan Schudel, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to approve the purchase for this sewer camera and locator in the amount of \$2,280.00, These items will be paid from Equipment Fund 590-561-972.002.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Budget Amendments:**

We have reviewed the current 2022-2023 budget and are proposing the amendments. The City has experienced some unexpected unbudgeted expenses, emergency sewer manhole and pipe replacement, additional cost of a street project, higher health insurance, workers compensation insurance costs to name a few so far, this fiscal budget.

Our fund balances originally projected for June 30, 2023, will be lower than anticipated in some of the funds and higher in others.

**747814:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to approve the budget amendments for the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

Bills to Council  
February 21, 2023

**Bills to be Approve**

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| Total | \$0.00 |  |
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**Bills to be Confirmed**

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| Consumers | \$4,002.31  | Street lights/center/lift station |
| Consumers | \$3,480.95  | 107 Mechanic Electric             |
| Consumers | \$3,220.63  | WWTP Electric                     |
| Total     | \$10,703.89 |                                   |

**747815:**

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

**Account Balances, Check Register and Revenue Expenditure Report:**

**Account Balances:**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund                       | \$395,835.59   |
| Cemetery Trust Fund                | \$ 2,262.45    |
| Major Street Fund                  | \$174,316.04   |
| Local Street Fund                  | \$ 90,511.36   |
| Fire Department Fund               | \$ 80,271.95   |
| Recreation Fund                    | \$ 3,523.44    |
| Cemetery Foundation                | \$ 24,208.47   |
| Ambulance                          | \$135,400.19   |
| Community Center                   | \$ 25,507.64   |
| Thompson Museum Fund               | \$ 57,662.33   |
| Library Fund                       | \$ 0.00        |
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| Museum Fund                        | \$ 38,062.08   |
| Downtown Development               | \$ 43,670.76   |
| Industrial Park Fund               | \$ 11,105.69   |
| L D F A                            | \$ 0.00        |
| 2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund | \$118,222.53   |
| Sidewalk Fund                      | \$ 6,065.98    |
| Utilities Fund                     | (\$ 15,384.66) |
| Motor Veh and Equip Fund           | \$229,410.23   |
| Property Tax Collection            | (\$ 2,562.19)  |
| Income Tax Fund                    | \$ 35,354.33   |
| Payroll Fund                       | \$ 41,011.51   |

**747816:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Dan Schudel **to accept the account balances, check register and revenue expenditure report and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:****747817:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the Planning Commission minutes dated November 28, 2022 and January 23, 2023 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Weir has spoken with two commercial real estate brokers to prepare proposals for the marketing and sales of the industrial park lots. We should have something over the next few weeks.  
Mr. Weir was able to negotiate with CNB on interest earned on the city bank accounts and with the adjustments the city will earn an additional \$12,000.00-\$15,000.00 in interest on the accounts. The total average interest earnings on the accounts annual is projected to be \$30,000-\$40,000 annually.
- City Clerk, Jeaniene McClellan and Charles Weir met with a representative with Gurdjian Insurance out of Adrian, with a plan that will save the city on medical insurance costs and still provide the employees with a good health insurance plan with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Part of this plan involves a HAS, Health Savings Account option that will reduce premium costs. Gurdjian will be meeting with all the employees here at City Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to go over the health plan option in greater detail. We will have Gurdjian present the information to City Council at a meeting later for consideration.
- We have not received anything back from Modern Waste Systems regarding the waste proposals yet. A couple of Council Members had some questions and ideas addressing recycling in Hudson which Mr Weir will be working on moving forward.
- We are exploring an opportunity for the DPW to use and work out of the former M & S building where the Hydro Vactor truck is currently being stored. Council may not be aware of some of the building issues at the current DPW building but there are problems that need to be addressed. By utilizing the proposed newer larger building, the city may be able to reduce or eliminate some operational and maintenance cost at a couple of city buildings currently being used.
- The roof repairs on City Hall and the Fire Department appear to be working.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**747818:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk