

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**May 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**747290:**

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

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

ABSENT: Rick Moreno

ALSO PRESENT: Richard & Carolyn Halliwill, Mary-Catherine Halliwill, Mike Mills, Mike Sessions – Morenci City Manager, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Deputy Treasurer Linda J Cross, Receptionist Kris Eschedor, Acting City Treasurer Brandon Hudson, Interim City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY: 2021-2022 Budget**

Mike Mills from N Maple Grove Ave – Comparing the published budget summary from the Daily Telegram and the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget expenses, he noticed 15 departments listed and 8 departments were reduced for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Three of the funds Major Street, Motor Vehicle and Income Taxes, accounted for over a half a million dollars decrease. Who in the City organization decided what to increase and what to decrease? That was question number 1 and question 2 was about the fringe benefits and rank them in order and it appears that the City Clerk has the highest. The City Manager was only \$12,000, City Treasurer was only \$24,000 and the Deputy Treasurer was \$16,722, and wondered why such a variance.

Mike Sessions from Morenci stated the presentation will address all his questions. The difference in variances is in the health insurance. The 2020-2021 budget numbers were not correct. The new budget has correct numbers.

Councilmember Lee Ann Minton stated that the City Manager had begun conversations with the police union and going with a \$500 deductible. She knows you can't do anything with the union employees and their health benefits but the other employees who is not union needs to have their benefits looked at and possible cut their expenditures.

Adjourn sine die.

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 28, 2021 following public hearing**

**747291:**

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

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

ABSENT: Rick Moreno

ALSO PRESENT: Richard & Carolyn Halliwill, Mary-Catherine Halliwill, Mike Mills, Mike Sessions – Morenci City Manager, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Deputy Treasurer Linda J Cross, Receptionist Kris Eschedor, Acting City Treasurer Brandon Hudson, Interim City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****Excuse Absent Members:****747292:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **excuse Councilmember Moreno from the meeting**. CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

**Setting the Agenda:****747293:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **add Item V, PRESENTATION – Budget with Mike Sessions, Item VI PUBLIC COMMENT and move the rest accordingly**. CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

**Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2021:**

Councilmember Lee Ann Minton had several corrections need to be made;

- Under Orders of the Day.

*The Council Resolution was for both the public hearing on the budget and the millage. The budget in some matter or another was dropped. I understood why, I asked who and when and that was not answered. I can assume but do not know the answer. I did not say that the procedure was wrong and the setting of the millage could not continue because it obviously did and I am the one that began the process to have it acknowledge. That is wrong. I did say there is to be a public hearing on the budget and millage rate*

*and I would like to know where and when and who dropped the budget. Once the minutes are printed they can not be changed. They can be strike out what you do not want but you can not erase it. I only know that because I looked up something this morning and I looked on Robert's Rules and Orders and the State guidelines for corrections on minutes.*

- Under Setting the Agenda.

*Councilmember Lee Ann Minton stated that the Planning Commission were inserted. That these minutes were not given at the Council meeting so you can not insert them into the minutes. There was never any Planning Commission minutes shown to us, they were printed on the website, and on the first minutes but they were erased here.*

- Approval of the Minutes May 4<sup>th</sup>.

*It says here that my complaint is with the City Clerk with the minutes, my complaint if you recall is not with the City Clerk it was with the entire Council because I felt that you were not showing the meeting as it occurred. I do not mean to pick out the clerk but the clerk seems to believe that I did. It was not the clerk but the entire group that did not feel that it was necessary to show that particular incident. These minutes are to represent what happened.*

- Baker Tilley Municipal Advisors – Andy Campbell – N Maple Grove Project/Bonds.

*Where is said, Council Members Camp and Minton expressed their opinion was to stop the project and not continue. Mayor Camp did but I did not. I asked if he was presented information conserving on the four year project that we have discussed. But I did not say we should stop the project, I simply asked him if his presentation was about that four year program and his reply was yes.*

- Where it said the bills.

*Again Jeaniene has corrected this, and again when you correct your minutes, you are to strike it but you shouldn't have erased it. My complaint and I have spoken with Mr Weir this morning was said that only one police officer and one employee at the City Office was needed. I made reference to the fact that at one point we only had one full time police officer and we had one and half people working in the office. I was simply asking discussion proposes, Have we looked at cutting staff to save money. Again that has been changed.*

- Council Comments

*Again the clerk put something in that wasn't there. When this, when the Mayor spoke at the end of the meeting there was no reference to anything she was speaking about. Two members of the audience asked me where did that come from. So I sent them the copy of the email. But you can not say on there that she responded to an email because that was not presented. And my email for what it is worth was simply meant to ask a question, we put someone on leave because someone was helping him and then we put the person in charge automatically went on leave. So I was just asking a question. She wants everything to be correct and when they are correct she will be satisfied.*

Councilmember Daugherty – on the 747287 we had the sell of vacant city properties CARRIED by 4-3 by roll call. According to my Charter that would take a 5 votes to carry, so in reality that did not carry.

**747294:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **approve the minutes of May 18, 2021 with corrections and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

**PRESENTATION: Mike Sessions – city budget**

Mike Sessions was called by City Manager Steven Hartsel to ask what he thought would be the projected revenue would be for the rest of the year.

After working with the City Staff on weeknights and weekends he and Brandon Hudson found the bookkeeping functions for the municipality pretty much stopped around December 31, 2020. They found employee withholdings being taken out of their payroll checks, yet not being remitted to the proper places that they made by the City of Hudson. Maple Grove Reconstruction project sunk the City of Hudson. The biggest issue- a journal entry made in September 2020 for a wire transfer for the water and wastewater bonds that equated to roughly \$366,000.00. It was found that the journal entry was then reversed in December 2020 and then re-entered backwards to make it look like the Utility Fund had more money than it really had. This is an indicator of complete financial collapse.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barb Ireland – Tiffin Street – confused about the last meeting’s council comments – Those comments should have been face to face and not in the public meeting.

Mike Mills – Maple Grove Ave - concerned about having an increase on the water and sewer rates. Be prepare for all the backlash of the community.

Rich Halliwill – Wilcox Street – Agreed with Mr Mills – this increase will be hard to take because what everyone is going to see is that the residents has to pay more to get the City out of debt.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve: Resolution 2021-2022 Budget :**

The City Council was provided with a 2021-2022 budget made by Mike Sessions from the City of Morenci. Knowing there will be budget amendments.

**747295:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to approve the Fiscal 2021-2022 budget with a second meeting in July (20<sup>th</sup>) for budget amendments to be presented in the utility fund, income tax fund and fringe benefits.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**747296:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_