

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
August 03, 2021**

747348:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Brenda Burlew, Joseph Yeider, Will
Terrill, Richard & Carolyn Halliwill, Daniel Schudel, Deputy Treasurer
Linda J Cross, Interim City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk
Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

747349:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **excuse Pam Ely from the meeting.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

Setting The Agenda:

747350:

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Rick Moreno to **add Item C under Unfinished Business – Executive Session: OMA Section 8 (c), HPD Union Negotiations.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2021:

747351:

Councilmember Minton wants the July 20, 2021 “Misc little bills \$23,655.15 Due by July 31” needs to be listed out and give to the Council at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the minutes of July 20, 2021 with corrections and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments received

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE: Changing the Waterball Tournament to Sunday the 8th:

At the Council meeting on July 20th, Council members authorized to closed Railroad Street for the Waterball Tournment. This year the event will be on Sunday not Saturday.

We request that Council authorize the closure of Railroad Street between Lane and West Streets on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the Fire Fighter’s Field Day.

747352:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to authorize the closure of Railroad Street between Lane and West Streets on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the 11th Annual Fire Fighters’ Field Day event.** CARRIED 5-1 by roll call vote (Camp, Moreno, Sword, Daugherty, VandeZande – yes Minton, – no)

APPROVE: Appoint Daniel Schudel to the Planning Commission:

Mr. Schudel has requested to be on the Planning Commission and he meets all the requirements to be appointed with a 3-year term expiring in July 2024.

747353:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Daugherty **appoint Daniel Schudel to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term expiring in July 2024.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
August 03, 2021

Bills to be Approved

Total \$0.00

Bills to be Confirmed

Renius & Renius	\$1,512.50	July Assessing Service
Modern Waste	\$9,570.50	July Refuse Services
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	\$26,633.35	August Health Benefits
Lincoln National Life Insurance	\$1,213.19	August Life Insurance
Bill Deo Lawn Service	\$1,780.00	7th payment for Maple Grove Cemtery
Briner Oil Company	\$1,224.66	Fuel for all departments
Borton's Sand & Gravel Inc	\$5,000.00	Brush Disposal July 1, 2021 - June 20, 2022

Total \$46,934.20

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Bills sent out on July 30, 2021

Ted Minton	\$50.00	July Board of Review
Lenawee Media Group	\$532.60	Notice of Intent
Lenawee Media Group	\$701.80	Ordinance Amendment
Robert Geeting	\$50.00	July Board of Review
Etna	\$648.00	6- Copperhorns for water meters
Carol Davidoff	\$50.00	July Board of Review
Bound Tree	\$625.90	Ambulance medical supplies
Avocation Software	\$500.00	Ambulance Annual Support Fee
Aflac	\$809.14	Health Insurance for August 2021
Police Officers Labor Council	\$100.50	HPD union dues
George Truchan	\$750.00	July's Attorney Fees
Jeaniene McClellan	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Jeff Vanderlooven	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Jim Stevens	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Joshua Mattek	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Ronald Keck	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Charles Weir	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Tyler Cox	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Tim Jewell	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Ted Hutchison	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Linda Cross	\$375.00	July's Monthly Health Insurance
Tyler Cox	\$380.00	July's Monthly Health Insurance
Steven Hartsel	\$500.00	July's Monthly Health & Dental Insurance
Steven Hartsel	\$20.00	July's monthly phone
Total of misc bills	\$6,272.94	

747354:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

Account Balances:

Old National Accounts

As of July 30, 2021

ALS Membership	\$2,075.72
DDA	\$3,180.86
DRUG Enforcement	\$1,213.38
HPD Abandoned Property	\$233.42
Payroll Account	\$19,432.12
Pooled Account	\$40,337.90
Sweep Account	\$80,078.76
CD - 36 Months	\$5,312.40
CD - Public Funds	\$2,262.45

County National Bank

Income Tax	\$89,349.09
Incoming ACH Payments	\$375.45

Bond Account	\$52,172.49	can't use (Tax Anticipation Note)
Property Tax	\$137,720.02	Disbursement to other Entities

747355:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword **to accept the account balances and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

747356:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Carl Sword **to enter into Closed Session pursuant to OMA Section 8 (c) for strategy and negotiations regarding the Hudson Police Department Union Contract.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

**Entered into executive session at 7:20 p.m.

**Returned to open session at 7:22 p.m.

747357:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the Hudson Police Department union contract.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- We are still waiting for EGLE Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, to make contact with the City for further details regarding the DWAM grant. We still do not have anything officially from EGLE regarding the City receiving the grant funds.
- Job posting for full time treasurer has been posted on the City website and on the Michigan Municipal League website. No applicants at the time of this report.
- Brent Shea will be starting the 2020/2021 audit very soon.
- Mike Sessions and Charlie Weir met with treasury regarding the deficiencies in our fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 audit. We gave Treasury representatives updates on our current situation and the steps we have taken moving forward. We will be having another meeting with Treasury tomorrow July 30, to discuss the audit that Mr. Shea will be starting soon.
- Michigan Treasury has a webinar August 25th about budgeting for fiscal sustainability. Mr Weir has been registered for the training. Council members are able and encouraged to attend. He can have the link sent to any members interested.
- Michigan Treasury recently put out a grant opportunity for financially distressed communities. Mr Weir has requested more information about the grant and the application process to see if the City can benefit from the grant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Minton – I have a letter from Mr Truchan to Mr Hartsel that says I have been requested by the Acting City Manger through the City Council to inform you... I would like to know when the council directed you to contact Mr Truchan. I'm on the council, I am not aware

of any discussion. I have a Hudson Post Gazette dated July 22nd that says “as of this date, Hudson City Council has made no statement as to the employment status of City Manager Steven Hartsel” so my question is simply a simple one, when did City Council ask the lawyer to draft a letter?

Interim City Manager – I had some conversations with several council members...

Minton- You may have had a conversation with the council members and the individual council members may have asked, but Council did not. And I don't know how many council members you had conversations with but if it were more than 3, you might have very well have violated the law. It's just a question I have. And then the letter says hum, your salary has not been reduced. For those of you who are unaware he terminated his employment according to a piece of his contract that allowed him to do so if some particular thing had occurred. And his salary had been reduced and no one else had been. So your salary says your salary has not been reduced because the budget is not fully finalized. I have a letter that says, I Carmel Lynn Camp, Mayor of Hudson is requested a special meeting of the Hudson City Council, on May 28th at 7:00 pm to adopt the 2021-2022 final budget. We don't adopt draft budgets, we adopt final budgets, so we have a letter to a man who is invoking a part of his contract to say Goodbye. We had our pound of flesh, you have accomplished what you want, do you really want to go to court on this matter. Keep in mind what I have just presented, it isn't going to look good, just.. and all and you don't have to accept... all you have to do is you recognize that he terminated his contract and that's it. I know that there are those of you who are saying I'm not looking at the best interest of the City, that is all I have done for the last 3 months. And that is what I am doing right now. You think long and hard about your special meeting next week. I would respectfully to suggest that you cancel it and you say let's move on.

Mayor Camp- Lee Ann we have gotten the audit report and that is what we said we would do as soon as we got it. Now we do need to move on

Minton- The audit report has nothing to his termination of his contract on July 1st

Mayor Camp- We will discuss this at the next meeting.

VandeZande- I too feel that I have made the best decisions that I knew and I am very comfortable that were we are at. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard including everyone on this council who has made hard decisions.

Minton- May I add one more thing. Looking at Mr Hartsel's contract and we seem to want to point fingers and he seems to be the guy that is the problem, there's one problem, it was the treasurer. The treasurer fools us all and I can go right back to a check in January and I can say oops right there, but this is what I read in the contract. “Council shall review and evaluate the performance of employee in conjunction with the annual review and in advance of the adoption of the annual operating budget. Said review and revaluation shall be in accordance with specific criteria developed jointly by Council and Employee. Said criteria may be added to or deleted from as Council may from time to time determine, in consultation with the Employee. Council

will provide Employee with a summary statement and an opportunity for Employee to discuss the evaluation with Council.” This was signed... let me see if I can find the dates... it is either 215 or 216.... I’m sorry...I have to find the dates... June 23rd 2015. It was signed by Mayor Carmel Camp, Clerk Jeaniene McClellan and City Manager Steven Hartsel. It was 6 years ago... I am here to tell you that at least 6 of these people on this council have been here that entire time. There has not been one evaluation...not one. If we are going to point a finger and blame at anyone, we can start right here, but I’m not going to point that finger because there is one person, the treasurer and God knows why he did it and I am not even going to blame him. He got in over his head and something went wrong and we made a ~~fosteen~~ faustian drama out of this crisis but keep in mind, 6 years... everyone of us... point the finger to blame... thank you for allowing me to say that.

ADJOURNMENT:

747358:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
George Truchan, City Attorney

Dated: _____