

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2022**

747654:

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Pam Ely, Natalie Loop, Rick Moreno and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bruce VanWieren, Judge Todd Morgan, Barb Ireland- Hudson Post Gazette, Jack Ely, Lexi Mattison, Michael Sandy, Victor McCarty, Will Terrill, Dan Schudel, Joann Simmons, Lisa Enerson, Jack Ely, Police Chief Ronald Keck, DPW Superintendent Jay Best & Candi Best, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Setting the Agenda:**

Removing the Presentation from the agenda. The representative from The Woods was not able to make it to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2022:**747655:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Rick Moreno **to approve the minutes from August 2, 2022 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barb Ireland – Wanted to know why the Resignation of Council Member Minton was on the agenda?

Judge Todd M. Morgan – 2A District Court – Introduce himself to the Council and the members of the audience. He will be on the ballot for the General Election this fall.

NEW BUSINESS:**Accept: Resignation of Council Member Lee Ann Minton:**

The City has received the written resignation of Council Member Lee Ann Minton, effective August 3, 2022.

Section 5.5 of the Charter of the City of Hudson directs Council to act upon the resignations of elective officers at the next regular meeting of the Council following receipt of the written resignation by the Clerk. The Clerk was given the written resignation at the Council meeting on August 2nd meeting.

747656:

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Pam Ely **accept the Resignation of Council Member Lee Ann Minton, with regret, and thank her for her many years of elected service to the City of Hudson.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

Appointment: Fill City Council Vacancy for Term expiring November 13, 2023:

Section 5.6 of the Charter of the City of Hudson directs Council to fill vacancies on the City Council within 30 days, for a term lasting until the Monday after the next regular city election. The vote of a majority of the remaining Council members is required to fill the vacancy.

The person filling the vacancy must meet the requirements for elective office, which are: he or she must have been a resident of the city for at least the last year; he or she must be a qualified and registered elector of the city; and he or she may not be in default to the city.

747657:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to appoint Bruce Van Wieren to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the resignation of Lee Ann Minton, with a term to expire on November 13, 2023.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council member Bruce VanWieren.

Service Award: Jay Best – 5 Year:

Per the City of Hudson Employee Handbook, employees are to receive a Certificate of Appreciation Service Award for five years of service in the City of Hudson.

On behalf of the citizens of Hudson, the Hudson City Council extends its appreciation for Jay Best for five (5) years of dedicated service in the City of Hudson from August 1, 2017 to August 1, 2022.

747658:

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Rick Moreno **present the 5-year Certificate of Appreciation to Jay Best.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Council Meeting in November:

The proposed meeting dates for the Council for November needs to be changed to the following dates; November 1, 2022 and November 14, 2022. These dates must be approved by Council and published in a paper of general circulation.

747659:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the Council meeting dates for November 2022.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Moving Retirement Plans to MERS:

City Manager, Charles Weir has provided Council with the comparison documents between the City's current retirement services provider Mission Square and MERS. In these documents it shows that the Asset Weighted Average Expense (cost to the city and employees) is -0.74 less with MERS compared to Mission Square. It does not sound like much but doing the math it would reduce the expenses by \$14,530.00.

Another point in the comparison is that the long-term performance of the investments in the funds.

Earnings Comparison:

	Mission Square	MERS	Difference
1 Year	5.57%	7.86%	2.29%
5 Year	8.19%	9.25%	1.06%
10 Year	7.56%	8.53%	0.97%

MERS would also take on the fiduciary responsibility for the retirement funds, instead of Council.

If Council approves the switch, funds will start being sent to MERS September 1, 2022. The total transition and moving of funds will be completed over the next 90 days.

Mr Weir provided Council with the plans detail documents and required resolutions to switch to MERS.

747660:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop **approve the resolutions to move the city retirement 401 and 457 plans to Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) from Mission Square, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement documents on behalf of the city.**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to Postpone the resolution on the City's 401 and 457 plans until the next Council meeting on September 6th.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Discussion: Old Thorn Hospital Property:

Mr Weir advised Council at the August 3rd Council meeting that DMK Development may be interested in the old Thorn Hospital property that the city now owns. Brian Leibrandt of DMK

looked at the site on Thursday August 11th and advised that his company is very interested in purchasing the property to build a Tractor Supply Company retail store.

He provided Council a letter from Mr. Brian Leibrandt expressing interest to purchase the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
August 16, 2022

Bills to be Approve

Bailey Excavating	\$54,463.11	Jefferson & Douglas Street Sewer Repair
Total	\$54,463.11	

Bills to be Confirmed

Dave Black	\$1,700.00	Hudson Rental Inspections for July
Consumers	\$1,366.96	LED Light Bill
Apollo	\$8,712.00	Control Module & Quick Connect Upgrade
MML	\$11,751.00	Policy Premium
County National Bank	\$78,625.00	2021 Cap Bond Improvement Payment
Consumers	\$3,798.13	Water Plant Electric
Consumers	\$1,045.54	City Hall/Fire Depart Electric
M & K Jetting	\$1,000.00	Jet to remove Grease & Cleaned 2 Structures
Haviland	\$1,400.20	Ferris Chloride

Total	\$109,398.83
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747661:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Account Balances & Check Register:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$ 65,881.99
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 2,262.45
Major Street Fund	\$170,370.96
Local Street Fund	\$108,080.97
Fire Department Fund	\$ 86,361.02
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,017.13
Cemetery Foundation	(\$ 1,819.05)
Ambulance	\$ 78,526.63
Community Center	\$ 22,223.68
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 57,662.33
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 40,515.69
Downtown Development	\$ 9,560.38
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 11,726.97
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2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 43,082.42
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 2,565.98
Utilities Fund	\$225,947.24
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$225,866.10
Property Tax Collection	\$ 64,468.06
Income Tax Fund	\$191,904.33

747662:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Account Balances & Check Register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Revenue Expenditure Report:

747663:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Revenue Expenditure Report and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Department Head Reports:**747664:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Department Head Reports and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- There are delays on the Washington and Aldrich Street project. Brady Sand & Gravel has been contacted daily to get an update on the status. Brady Sand and Gravel advise that the chip seal company schedule is holding up the project. The section on Washington between Grave and Oak Street is expected to be paved Tuesday the 16th.
- The Hudson Community Center repairs will be done Monday August 15th.
- The new Hydro Vactor Truck will be delivered on Tuesday August 23rd at 8:00 a.m. DPW and WWTP staff will also be trained that day as well.
- The discal 2021-2022 audit will be started Monday, August 22nd
- Mr. Weir attended a meeting with Lenawee Now and PM Environmental on August 3rd about applying for a \$500,000.00 federal grant to assess brownfield sites around the county.
- Jay, Ted and Mr Weir met with the property owner of 109 Mechanic Street, and members from EGLE to assess the site for hazardous materials. Potential hazardous materials have been identified on the site by EGLE. With this information, it is Mr Weir's understanding that they will forward a report to the EPA which will potentially help secure and expedite funds for the cleanup.
- Mr. Weir has requested Lenawee Now send information on the City's Industrial Park to Indiana based company that is looking for a location to move their operations. The company is expecting to employ 25-40 employees over the next 24 months.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:**ADJOURNMENT:****747665:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Pam Ely to **adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk