

**PLANNING COMMISSION
121 N. CHURCH STREET – HUDSON MI
REGULAR MEETING
August 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brad VandeZande at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Brad VandeZande, Daniel Schudel, Rob Hall, Sean Williams, Jack Donaldson, Willis Terrill, and Watson Clark

ABSENT: Joseph Yeider

OTHERS: City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

Motion by Watson Clark, seconded by Jack Donaldson, to **excuse Joseph Yeider from the meeting.** DENIED by voice vote.

Minutes dated June 27, 2022:

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Daniel Schudel, to **approve the minutes dated June 27, 2022 and place on file.** CARRIED by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elect a new Chairperson:

The Commissioners will need vote for a new chairperson.

Jack Donaldson nominated Brad VandeZande for the Chairperson and Daniel Schudel second the nomination.

Motion by Watson Clark, seconded by Jack Donaldson, **unanimously have Brad VandeZande to be the new Chairperson.** CARRIED by voice vote.

7 Person Board:

Back in 2009 the City Commissioners thought about reducing the board to 7 members per Michigan Planning Enabling Act 33 of 2008.

The City ordinances has the planning commission with 9 members, the state of Michigan under act 33 (2) A city, village, or township planning commission shall consist of 5, 7, or 9 members. A county planning commission shall consist of 5, 7, 9, or 11 members. Members of a planning commission other than ex officio members under subsection (5) shall be appointed for 3-year terms. However, of the members of the planning commission, other than ex officio members, first appointed, a numbers shall be appointed to 1-year or 2-year terms such that, as nearly as possible, the terms of ½ of all the planning commission members will expire each year. If a vacancy occurs on a planning commission, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for an original appointment. A member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed.

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Daniel Schudel, **proceed to Council to reduce the members of the Planning Commission to a 7 person board.** CARRIED by voice vote.

Don Gleckler – 422 Railroad Street:

Don Gleckler from 424 Railroad Street would like to buy 422 Railroad and tear down the house and build self storage units. But he wants to make sure he would be able to achieve this goal before purchasing the property. This property would also need to be rezone to Industrial.

The consensus with the board was they would be ok for Mr Gleckler to proceed if he would like to purchase the property and bring back to the board for rezoning.

Old Thorn Hospital Property:

The Commissioners were given the letter of interest from DMK Development for the Old Thorn Hospital for their input.

The consensus was that they thought it would be a good business for the City of Hudson and also it would be a great location.

VISITORS BEFORE COMMISSION:

There were no visitors before Commission.

CITY 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 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 fiscal 2021-2022 audit will be started Tuesday, September 6th.
- 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.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Watson Clark seconded by Jack Donaldson, to **adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.**

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk