

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 2, 2021**

**747297:**

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 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, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Sarah Jennings & Bethany Verble – Maner Costerisan, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Tammy Jewell, John Holland – Michigan Rural Water Association, 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:****747298:**

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

**PRESENTATION: John Holland – Michigan Rural Water Association – Water & Sewer Rates:**

John Holland – provided a water and sewer study for Council. For the past 4 years the overall expenses for the utility fund was more than the overall income. In 2017 the City had a loss of \$458,139, in 2018 had a loss of \$85,262, in 2019 had a loss of \$189,990 and in 2020 had a loss of \$559,151. He advised Council had the City needed to raise the rates because of the deficit in the utility fund. Also the City should be billing monthly so it will be easier on the residents and also it will keep the revenues coming in.

OLD RATES PER QUARTER							
Services		1 unit	2 units	3 units	4 units	5 units	6 units
Refuse	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Water	9.95	12.7	15.45	18.2	20.95	23.7	26.45
Sewer	16.7	21.2	25.7	30.2	34.7	39.2	43.7
Water Bond	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7
Sewer Bond	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
per quarter	110.35	117.6	124.85	132.1	139.35	146.6	153.85
per month	36.783	39.2	41.6167	44.033	46.45	48.867	51.2833

NEW RATES PER MONTH							
Services		1 unit	2 units	3 units	4 units	5 units	6 units
refuse	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
water	27.9	30.65	33.4	36.15	38.9	41.65	44.4
sewer	28.84	33.97	39.1	44.23	49.36	54.49	59.62
per month	69.74	77.62	85.5	93.38	101.26	109.14	117.02
difference	32.957	38.42	43.8833	49.347	54.81	60.273	65.7367

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments received

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion: Water and Sewer Rate:**

The utility fund has been in the deficit for several years. With the rate study being done and presented to council, it is absolutely necessary to raise the water and sewer rates to get the utility fund back in the black, and to have the funds available maintain safe water and sewer services to the residents of Hudson.

The billing for the water and sewer is recommended to be billed monthly instead of quarterly. This will allow a more steady stream of revenue coming in for the services. It will require a little more work for DPW and office staff, but they understand and are on board with the change.

*The Council discussed having Jones and Henry Engineers come and do a presentation on the study they did in 2019 and see how they compare. They also want to know the cost of doing billing monthly.*

**Approve: City Attorney – George Truchan:**

Council is aware of the passing Hudson’s City Attorney Denis Jodis. Mr Jodis was the City Attorney for Hudson several decades and our condolences go out to his family.

Council will have to hire a new city attorney. Our current City Prosecutor, George Truchan, advised that he would assist the City until Council makes an appointment to fill the position. Mr Truchan agreed to fill the roll in the interim at \$125.00 per hour.

**747299:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to approve George Truchan as the interim city attorney at the rate of \$125.00 per hour until such time that Council makes a permanent appointment to the position.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**747300:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm**

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

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

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney

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