

CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

747011:

The regular meeting was called to order by Council Member Darlene VandeZande at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ambulance Director James Stevens, Assistant Fire Chief Steve Bloomer, Brad Vanderlooven of the Fire Department, City Auditor Brent Shea, City Treasurer Benjamin Farley, Barb Ireland of the Hudson Post-Gazette, Jack Ely, City Manager Steven Hartsel, Deputy City Clerk Linda Cross

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Excuse Absent Members:****747012:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **excuse the absent members from the meeting**, CARRIED: 4-0 by roll call vote.

Setting The Agenda:**747013:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **move item E to item H, and adjust the other items accordingly**, CARRIED: 4-0 by roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2019:**747014:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the minutes of November 11, 2019, and place on file**, CARRIED: 4-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments received

NEW BUSINESS:**AUTHORIZE: No Parking on Main Street & N. Church St. Closure during Christmas Parade:**

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The parade line-up will be staged on School and McKenzie, proceed west on School and north on S Maple Grove Ave. to Main Street, continue west on Main Street to West Street, then head north on West Street to Railroad Street, and travel east on Railroad Street to the Fire Station.

We recommend that Council authorize “no parking” in the 200 and 300 Block of W. Main Street from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for the parade. This will allow for a safer environment for the children and others attending the parade.

If Council authorizes no parking in the 200 and 300 blocks of W. Main Street for the parade, DPW and HPD will take care of setting up and removing the appropriate barricades. In the event that parking can be opened up sooner than 7:00 p.m., they will do so.

We are also asking to close down North Church Street from Main to Railroad Street for vendors to setup during the Christmas party and tree lighting. This will also allow children to walk across the street safely.

747015:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **authorize No Parking in the 200 and 300 Block of W. Main Street from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 30, 2019 for the Christmas Parade and to close down North Church between Main and Railroad Street**, CARRIED 4-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Change Order 7C, Wastewater Improvement Project:

Change Order 7C has been submitted by Fleis & VandenBrink Construction to provide a current allocation of the Wastewater Improvement Project contingency funds. It does not change the contract cost of the project. The most noteworthy change is the cost of an additional spot repair re-lining of the Jackson Street 10” sewer line; the result is a \$2,685.25 decrease of contingency funds, from \$7,643.13 to a remaining amount of \$4,984.88.

747016:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Pam Ely, to **approve Contingency Change Order 7C for the Wastewater Improvement Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the Change Order**, CARRIED 4-0 by roll call vote.

AUTHORIZE: Permission to Seek Bids, N. Maple Grove Reconstruction Phase 1:

The North Maple Grove Phase 1 Reconstruction Project consists of storm and sanitary sewer improvements, replacement of the 6” water line with a 10” line, and repaving of the street to Class A standard, from just south of Douglas to Taney streets. Jones & Henry’s estimate for construction of the project is \$873,029.00, budgeted over the current and upcoming fiscal years. The project was originally bid in March of this year, but the inclusion of the new TEDF Cat B grant of \$190,000 and its administrative requirements meant that we needed to re-bid the project with a later timeframe.

Jones & Henry has prepared a bid advertisement and recommends soliciting construction bids for the project. Bid opening would be in January. The projected construction timeframe will be between May and the end of September.

MDOT also requires that the City designate a Project Supervisor.

747017:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely, to **authorize permission to seek bids for Phase 1 of the North Maple Grove Avenue Reconstruction Project, and designate City Manager Steven Hartsel as Project Supervisor**, CARRIED 4-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: 2020 Employee Health Plan:

The Michigan Municipal League - League Employee Benefit Services has submitted the 2020 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan rates, effective as of December 1st. The plan is the Community Blue PPO Platinum 250.

The proposed 2020 Plan renewal has an average premium increase of 11.82%. For budgeting, we assume a 10% increase each year. With this increase, the 4-year average increase is 7.7%.

747018:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the renewal of the Affordable Care Act-compliant Blue Cross Shield PPO 250 Health Plan for the contract year beginning December 1, 2019, CARRIED 4-0 by roll call vote.**

APPROVE: Annual Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption:

This item relates to MCL 211.7u, which requires local units of government to annually adopt a policy used to approve or deny poverty exemptions. Council approved the 2018 policy last October, the 2019 policy this February, and this policy resolution is for 2020.

747019:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the Resolution adopting the 2020 annual Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions, CARRIED 4-0 by roll call vote.**

APPROVE: Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

Brent Shea, City Auditor, has prepared the financial statement of accounts for the fiscal year period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Copies of the audit were provided to members of Council.

The auditor presented his audit findings with the Council and answered their questions.

*****Lee Ann Minton arrived at 7:30 p.m.*****

747020:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the audit report as presented, CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.**

DISCUSSION: Pittsford Twp contract opener and Placement of Engine:

Pittsford Twp. passed a resolution requesting to open the contract per section 4 of the current fire contract for the purpose of locating a fire apparatus within the Township of Pittsford as Hudson places in service a new Apparatus, thus potentially making available the 1997 Pierce.

Cost Breakdown: Total = \$6,930.00 yr. totaling \$13,860.00 for the remaining contract.

Rent at the current facility housing Hudson EMS station 2 \$450.00 per month equaling \$5400.00 yr.
Annual Service and DOT Inspections \$1,110.00 yr., Annual Pump Service and Testing \$295.00 yr.
Annual Ladder Testing \$125.00 yr.

This is the basic cost not including any additional items that may be needing service. There is always unknown cost that creep up on aging equipment, such as pump repairs, engine issues and such. In the past 18 months we have spent \$7,733.00 on repairs and maintenance on Engine 1 a 1997 Pierce on the fuel tank, the front suspension, breaks, alternator and testing and inspections.

Additional Information:

Staffing; We currently have one (1) firefighter who resides in Pittsford Twp.

Options: To review the contract and determine if the terms meet the requirement to move an Engine to Pittsford area. To look at the value of the apparatus and potential cost to continue to operate the apparatus or sell with the money going into other Fire Department needs.

Council Members discussed the options with HFD personnel. The consensus is that without adequate manpower in Pittsford, the 1997 Pierce provides no benefit; therefore, the engine should be consigned to a national fire engine broker for sale. This will be brought to Council as an approval agenda item for the next meeting.

APPROVE: Public Act 152 Compliance for the 2020 Health Care Plan Year:

The 2011 Public Act 152 (The Publicly-Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) requires a resolution from Council indicating compliance with the law's provisions. A municipality may comply with P.A. 152 by adopting the Exemption option each health plan year (with a two-thirds vote of Council). Council has voted every year since 2013 to adopt the Exemption, and we recommend that the City adopt the Exemption option again this year.

By adopting the attached resolution, the City can maintain full eligibility for State Statutory Revenue-sharing, and also meet the requirements of P.A. 152.

747021:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **adopt the resolution adopting the Exemption option of 2011 Public Act 152 for the upcoming health care plan year which begins on December 1, 2019, CARRIED 5-0** by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$40,577.39

Detroit Pump & Mfg Co.	\$1,173.12	Hydraulic Kit for WWTP
State of Michigan DEQ	\$1,339.40	Annual Water Supply Fee
Elhorn Engineering Company	\$1,476.00	15 Gallons of Liquid Aquadene for WTP
Detroit Salt Company	\$3,323.12	50.13 Tons of Rock Salt for DPW
Triple K Irrigation Inc.	\$3,872.00	1020 Feet of Aluminum Tubing & Trailer for WWTP
BCBS of Michigan	\$29,393.75	Health Insurance Premiums for December

Bills to be Confirmed: \$1,957.71

Consumers Energy	\$1,957.71	Electricity for WTP
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747022:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **pay the bills, CARRIED: 5-0** by roll call vote.

Department Head Reports for October 2019:

747023:

Motion by Rick Moreno seconded by Pam Ely to **accept the Department Head Reports for October 2019, and place on file CARRIED: 5-0** by roll call vote.

Accounts Payable Report for October 2019:

747024:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for October 2019, and place on file** CARRIED: 5-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- The Howard Street sewer/water/pavement repair is not yet complete because the concrete work did not happen last Friday as expected. We hope to get this done by the end of next week.
- We intend to get a quote for the same flooring used at the Community Center in 2012 for use in the Fire Station Training Room/Election floor.
- The Department of Natural Resources has informed us that our re-application for a Passport Grant for the restoration of the Murdock Trail railroad bridge has been scored at 210 out of a maximum possible 240 points. This is up from an initial scoring of 185 points. 210 points is the most we could get, as the two categories we did not maximize concerned community average income, and previous DNR grants (we’ve already had some). We should find out about the actual grant award selection next month.
- We have now closed out our DEQ Drinking Water Pilot Grant to investigate and replace lead and galvanized water service lines across the City. We received a total of \$344,267.36 from the DEQ, about a third of which was used to replace thirty-three private-property water lines free of charge to the property owner. We have been told that the state is hoping to make further funding available on a competitive award basis to municipalities in the future.
- With this week’s record cold temperatures, we had an early deployment of the DPW’s snow and ice responders. Fortunately, no water lines broke due to the ground remaining thawed. We did have to take the 2016 dump truck to Jackson for a recall action, and also had to swap out the front door of the mini-loader at Burnip’s.
- The new Engine 1 Rescue-Pumper is fully in-service now, and has already responded to calls. Initial feedback on the performance of the engine is highly-positive.

ADJOURNMENT:

747025:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda J Cross, Deputy City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: _____