

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 01, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

**745985:**

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Namrata Carolan, Lee Ann Minton, Lee Daugherty, Rick Moreno, Tyler Mattison and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Dan Cherry, Kelly VanBuskirk, Roxanne Graves, Michelle Fork, Samantha Goodroe, City Manager Steven Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****Approval of Minutes:****745986:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the minutes of August 04, 2015 and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments received

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Protect MI Child Registry - [www.protectMIchild.com](http://www.protectMIchild.com)

**NEW BUSINESS:****AUTHORIZE: No Parking on Main Street for Homecoming Parade**

The Hudson High School Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, October 16, 2015. The parade line-up will originate on Tiffin Street at approximately 5:45 p.m. The parade will commence west on M-34 to US-127 turning north on US-127, and continue north to Tiger Drive at Thompson Field.

An advanced notice of permitted activity will be sent to MDOT for permission to close Main Street for the duration of the parade. We request that Council authorize “no parking” in the 200 and 300 Block of W. Main Street from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the parade. This will allow for a safer environment for the children and others attending the parade. Allowing parking on Main Street causes people to stand in between the cars and/or on the inside of the cars in the parade route.

If Council authorizes “no parking” in the 200 and 300 block 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 6:30 p.m., they will do so.

**745987:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **authorize “No Parking” in the 200 and 300 block of W. Main Street from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2015 for the Hudson High School Homecoming Parade**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**APPROVE: Set the date and time for Trick-or-Treating**

On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Chamber will be hosting their annual Downtown trick-or-treat from 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Council has set Trick-or-Treating from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the past several years.

**745988:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **set Trick-or-Treating for Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, CARRIED 6-1 by roll call vote. (Camp – voted no)

**APPROVE: Appoint Jason Decker to the Council Compensation Committee**

Jason Decker has expressed his interest to be on the Council Compensation Committee.

He meets all the requirements to be appointed to the Council Compensation Committee.

**745989:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **appoint Jason Decker to the Council Compensation Committee with a 5-year term expiring December 2020**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**APPROVE: Variance Request for 344 E Main St**

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on Monday, August 24, 2015 to consider a variance request from The Foundation House under Section 19-63 Residential Districts of the City Code for a ladies substance abuse recovery house.

During the hearing there was one objection to the request in-person and one written objection that were received. After hearing more details on the rules and operations of the house from the Ladies from the Foundation House, the neighbor who initially objected withdrew his objection. The Planning Commission considered the materials submitted with the request and voted to recommend granting the variance. The request is being submitted to the City Council acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals. A copy of the Variance Request is attached.

The relevant section of the Ordinance states that the intent of the Residential district is “To prohibit business, commercial or industrial use of the land, and to prohibit any other use which would substantially interfere with development or continuation of single-family dwellings in the district.”

**745990:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **grant a Conditional Use Permit for 3 years to The Foundation House to allow a Recovery Living residence at 344 E. Main Street for women only**, CARRIED 6-1 by roll call vote (Minton – voted no)

**APPROVE: Variance Request for 112 S. Church St.**

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on Monday, August 24, 2015 to consider a variance request from Clare and Norma Ransom under Section 19-63 Residential Districts of the City Code to waive the prohibition against first-floor residence within the downtown commercial district for their commercial property at 112 S. Church St.

The City received several written and verbal objections to granting this variance. The Planning Commission voted to recommend not to grant the variance. The request is being submitted to the City Council acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals. A copy of the Variance Request is attached.

The Ordinance which the variance would waive, 388.10, became effective in May of 2010, and states in part: "Dwelling units shall not be located below the second floor" of the district within which the property in question is located.

**745991:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **deny the Variance Request from Clare and Norma Ransom to allow 1<sup>st</sup>-floor residence at the property located at 112 South Church Street, per City Ordinance 388.10**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

**APPROVE: Payment Application 3, Pleasant Street Reconstruction Project**

Payment Application 3 for the Pleasant Street Reconstruction Project Phase II is in the amount \$23,994.48. This is for work through August 14<sup>th</sup>. The next payment request should be the final payment request on the project.

**745992:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **approve Payment Application 3 for the Pleasant Street Reconstruction Project Phase II in the amount of \$23,994.48**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**APPROVE: Quote for Playground Swing**

We have received a quote for a new type of parent-child swing from Sinclair Recreation. This swing permits the adult and child to face each other while swinging. The attached document shows what this swing looks like. Sinclair recreation will furnish the swing and the frame for the swing for a price of \$2,229.28. This is the same company that furnished the new playground. DPW will install the swing near the new playground.

**745993:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **accept the quote from Sinclair Recreation for \$2,229.28 for the Expression Swing and authorize the City Manager to sign the quote**, DENIED 4-3 by roll call vote. (Daugherty, Mattison, Minton – no Camp, Carolan, Moreno, Sword- yes) *Motion required 5 votes because it was not a budgeted item.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

**Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$214,476.85**

Fleis & VandenBrink	\$ 1,150.00	July 2015 Bridge Improvement Services
Blissfield Plumbing & Heating	\$ 1,160.00	Museum Furnace Blower Starter
Alexander Chemical Corp	\$ 1,460.00	900 lbs Chlorine for WWTP
PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$ 1,467.80	4,400 lbs Ferrous Chloride for WWTP
Blissfield Plumbing & Heating	\$ 1,520.00	Community Ctr Air Conditioning Repair
Fleis & VandenBrink	\$ 1,800.00	July 2015 Engle Trail Engineering Svcs
Craig Wickham Tree Svc	\$ 2,350.00	Trees and Stump removed 08/26/15
MI Dept of Transportation	\$ 22,500.24	Engle Trail Progress Billing for Aug 2015
Berends Hendricks Stuit	\$ 76,298.00	Annual Liability Insurance Premium
Bank of New York Mellon	\$104,770.81	Annual Water Bond Payment

**Bills to be Confirmed: \$42,406.69**

Mercury Displacement Ind.	\$ 1,686.00	Grinder Pump for WWTP Lift Stations
Michigan Municipal League	\$ 1,954.00	Annual Membership Dues
Consumers Energy	\$ 2,362.27	August 2015 WTP Electricity
Consumers Energy	\$ 3,720.41	July 2015 Street Lights' Electricity
Consumers Energy	\$ 4,562.14	August 2015 WWTP Electricity
Modern Waste Systems	\$ 8,003.94	August 2015 Refuse Services
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 20,117.93	September 2015 Employee Health Insurance

**745994:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve to pay the bills**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

**Blight Report****745995:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the blight report and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

**Department Head Reports for July 2015:****745996:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Department Head Reports for July 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

**Accounts Payable Report for July 2015:****745997:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for July 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

**MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS****Planning Commission July 27, 2015:****745998:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Planning Commission July 27, 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

**Planning Commission August 24, 2015 (pending approval):****745999:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Planning Commission August 24, 2015 (pending approval), and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The sewer line crossing the Bean Creek appears to have been damaged by the Willow tree which fell over due to the very heavy rain in late June. The flow rate increased to over 800,000 gallons per day, and then over 1,000,000 gallons a day. This greatly exceeded plant capacity, and was in danger of causing the destruction of the microbes at the WWTP, as well as excessive consumption of chemicals and electricity. The DEQ was properly notified, and they directed that we proceed with a bypass of the suspected rupture until repairs could be completed. City staff and Fleis & VandenBrink were assisted by Mr. Chris Gazlay of Grady Sand & Gravel in locating a good company (MacAllister Underground Shoring and Pump) to install the bypass, which was activated on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The flow rate immediately decreased to 420,000 gallons, and has remained at this level since. The WWTP continues to recover, and is operating within proper parameters. Fleis & VandenBrink continues to coordinate with contractors to prepare a proposal to conduct the trunks. Fleis & VandenBrink has submitted permit requested to the DEQ. Repairs are not likely to be completed until early October, and the bypass will remain in place until then. The City has submitted this as an insurance claim, but we have not yet determined whether the claim will be covered.

- The Engle Trail dedication ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The location is at the northwest corner of M-34 and Munson Highway. This ceremony is open to the public.
- The Local Bridge Improvement Project for the Jackson and Mechanic Street bridges is projected to be scheduled for a December bid-letting by MDOT. This schedule will hopefully result in competitive pricing by prospective contractors, with work expected to occur during the May-June 2016 timeframe.

**ADJOURNMENT:****746000:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.**

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

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

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_