

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**747116:**

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Lee Ann Minton, Rick Moreno, Carl Sword,  
Pam Ely, and Darlene VandeZande  
ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: Barb Ireland – Hudson Post-Gazette, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW  
Superintendent Jay Best, Whitney Stinehelfer, City Manager Steven Hartsel, and  
Deputy City Clerk Linda Cross

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2020:****747117:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the minutes of June 16, 2020, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments received

**NEW BUSINESS:****APPROVE: Conditional Use Permit – Daycare at 222 Seward:**

Whitney Stinehelfer is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to open a daycare in a residential area located at 222 Seward Street.

City Code allows for daycares to be included in a residential zone upon application of a Conditional Use Permit and approval of the governing body.

At a meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that Council approve the Conditional Use Permit request for a daycare located at 222 Seward Street.

**747118:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the Conditional Use Permit for a daycare at 222 Seward Street**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**APPROVE: Purchase Radar Speed Signs:**

The City has budgeted for the purchase of two radar speed limit signs to help drivers obey speed limits within the City. Chief Weir has researched different manufacturers of this equipment, including in-person

research at this year's Chiefs Conference. Chief Weir recommends the purchase of the Shield 12B Speed Display. This unit is relocatable and compiles traffic data for analysis.

Chief Weir obtained that quote for two units with accessories from All-Traffic Solutions of Herndon, VA for \$6,480.00.

**747119:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the purchase of two Shield 12B radar speed signs from All-Traffic Solutions for \$6,480.00**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**APPROVE: Purchase Community Information Sign:**

This year's budget includes funding for a Community Information Sign. This is to be mounted on the back of the West Gateway sign in front of McDonald's. The sign will display community information on an LED screen, and will be visible to people using the drive-through at McDonald's. The messages for the sign would be entered remotely through an internet application. Messages such as "Christmas Parade Dec 1<sup>st</sup> on Main St," "Utility Bills are due July 31<sup>st</sup>" and "217 W Main for Lease – call 448-8983" would be seen by hundreds of people every day. After conducting research on these signs, the City Manager received a quote from Johnson Sign Company of Jackson (the local distributor for the Electro-Matic Sign unit selected during his research) for \$10,145.00, which includes shipping, installation and training. The LED sign is 2.5' x 12', which fits within the middle of the back side of the gateway sign.

**747120:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Darlene VandeZande to **approve the purchase of an LED Community Information Sign from the Johnson Sign Company of Jackson for \$10,145.00**, DENIED: 6-1 by roll call vote. (VandeZande – yes; Camp, Daugherty, Ely, Minton, Moreno, Sword – no)

**APPROVE: Replace Filter Media at Water Treatment Plant:**

Michigan Rural Water and EGLE have been assisting the DPW in managing and assessing the conditions and operations at the Water Treatment Plant. They determined that the anthracite filter media is not fully effectively filtering the water from the wells, and recommended replacing it when possible. This year's budget includes funding for this replacement. The City has a quote from Peerless-Midwest of Ionia, MI to change out the filter media and dispose of the old media for a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

If Council approves the quote, the work can be scheduled for completion within the next month.

**747121:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the replacement of the filter media at the Water Treatment Plant by Peerless-Midwest for a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**SEEK BIDS: Industrial Park Farmland Lease:**

The current lease for farming of the spare Industrial Park land will expire this October. We would like to move the lease timing forward by a month or two in case future tenants wish to plant winter wheat.

The City is requesting Council's permission to seek sealed bids for a new 3-year lease to farm the spare City-owned land at the Industrial Park. As with the prior lease, this would permit the growing of low crops only.

**747122:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **authorize the City to seek sealed bids for a 3-year lease of the Industrial Park farmland,**

Subsidiary Motion by Rick Moreno to **withdraw his motion**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

**747123:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, Seconded by Rick Moreno to **renew the lease of the Industrial Park farmland to Greg Plassman for 3 years under the current terms**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**REAPPOINT: Planning Commission Members:**

Brad VandeZande and Jack Donaldson's current 3-year appointments to the Planning Commission will expire this month and both have expressed the desire to be re-appointed.

They both meet the requirements to be reappointed to the Planning Commission.

**747124:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **re-appoint Brad VandeZande and Jack Donaldson to the Planning Commission for 3-year terms expiring in July 2023**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

**Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$98,336.14**

Commerce Controls Incorporated	\$1,610.00	Radio Repairs for DPW
Unique Paving Materials	\$2,024.64	96 Tons of Cold Patch for DPW
Brighton Tree Service	\$2,300.00	Tree Removal from N Maple Grove
Mercury Displacement Inc	\$2,405.50	Replacement Grinder Pump for WWTP
Imperial Weld & Repair	\$2,528.00	Vehicle Repair for DPW
Bay Side Vector Control	\$2,530.00	Mosquito Spraying Solution for DPW
Berends Hendricks & Stuit	\$84,938.00	Annual Liability Insurance

**Bills to be Confirmed: \$25,782.22**

SCADA	\$1,144.00	Annual Calibration for WWTP
Lincoln Life Insurance	\$1,189.71	Life Insurance Premiums for July
M & K Jetting	\$1,202.50	Hydo Excavating for N Maple Grove
MML Worker Comp Fund	\$5,384.00	Quarter 1 Premium
Trojan UV	\$7,072.67	Disinfection UV Bulb Replacement for WWTP
Modern Waste Systems	\$9,789.34	City Wide Refuse Collection

**747125:**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- We continue to follow State and County Orders regarding the pandemic. The office is open for business, and customers continue to be served through the pass-through window. Remote work is still being used where possible. We are working with the County Department on Aging to develop

guidelines and procedures to allow safe rentals and thorough disinfection at the Community Center. We are not yet allowing rentals to use the kitchen areas. We are also limiting the use of the Center to groups of 10 or less. So far, only the local Beekeeper group has used it. The Senior Center continues to provide Meals on Wheels to our seniors, but the Center remain closed to them for the time being.

- DPW is going to construct the concrete pad for the Community Center generator, and also work with Michigan Gas Utilities for the natural gas line to the generator. When the location is prepared, the generator will be transported down and set in place. We expect the generator to be operational and able to provide around-the-clock emergency electrical power by winter.
- N. Maple Grove Phase I construction continues. The new water main has been laid, and testing of the line is in progress. Once testing is completed, the service tie-ins will begin. The sewer re-lining contractor is being scheduled, and will hopefully be on-site within the next two weeks to complete that portion of the project. The City has received the MDOT Direct Grant funds to help pay for the road construction portion of the project.
- Work has begun on the first-floor of the former Hudson State Savings Bank at the City's main four corners. This will be opening as an Edward Jones Financial office.
- There will be July fireworks at Memorial Park on Saturday, July 11th put on by the Hudson Chamber of Commerce. This will be underwritten by Bill and Celeste White of Aerospace Systems. Current County guidelines limit outdoor gatherings to 100 people together, with social distancing, and the Chamber will comply with the rules in effect at the time of the event.
- In case anyone does not already know, the building and driveway being constructed east of town is the new Hudson Township Hall.
- The Murdock Foundation has been donating to local Police and Fire Departments following the passing of Mr. Don Murdock earlier this year. The Foundation has just generously donated a total of \$54,795.00 to the Hudson Police and Fire Departments for protective gear, including turn-out gear and helmets, and new ballistic vests and thermal imagers. The family expressed their knowledge that Mr. Murdock would be pleased that he could once more help the City of Hudson in this way.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**747126:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda J Cross, Deputy City Clerk

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

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