

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 03, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

**745864:**

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, Rick Moreno, Lee Ann Minton, Tyler Mattison and Carl Sword

ABSENT: Lee Daugherty

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Shumaker from Fleis VandenBrink, Police Chief Charles Weir, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, City Manager Steve Hartsel, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****745865:****Excuse Absent Member:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **excuse Lee Daugherty from the meeting,**

CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote

**Approval of Minutes:****745866:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the minutes of February 03, 2015 and place on file,** CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS:****AUTHORIZE: Road closure for Sacred Heart School's 5 K run**

Angela Czeiszperger has submitted the attached route map and letter requesting that Council consider authorizing street closures for a Sacred Heart School event. They are planning their annual 5 kilometer race as a fundraising event on June 6, 2015. The race is planned to start at 9:00 a.m. and be completed by 10:30 a.m. with clean-up done by 11:00 a.m.

Due to the proposed route of the race, they are requesting to have S. Market Street, Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, Fayette Street (from Church St. to S. Market St.) and Mechanic St closed from 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. They are requesting St. Giles closed for the entirety of the race. In addition, they are requesting to have one lane of the route dedicated to the race until the last participant has passed through.

The school will conduct clean-up, and have volunteers posted along the course.

**745867:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **authorize the closure of S. Market Street, Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, Fayette Street from Church to S. Market Streets, and Mechanic Street closed from 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2015 for the Sacred Heart School 5K race, CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.**

**ACCEPT: Amended Capital Improvement Project Plan for 2015-2021**

As required annually, the Planning Commission approved the attached Capital Improvement Project Plan at their November 24, 2014 meeting. The plan covers a time period of 6 years. The cost estimates include any anticipated grant awards. Council accepted the Plan at the December 16, 2014 meeting.

On February 23rd, the Planning Commission approved the attached amended Capital Improvement Plan, which had some revisions as indicated by the shaded areas on the attachment.

**745868:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Namrata Carolan to **accept the 2015-2021 Amended Capital Improvement Project Plan from the Planning Commission, CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.**

**AUTHORIZE: Permission to seek bids, Industrial Park Farm Land Lease**

The tenant for the farming of the spare City-owned land at the Industrial Park has notified us that they will be unable to farm on the land for the upcoming growing season; therefore, the City will need to find a new tenant.

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

**745869:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **authorize the City to seek sealed bids for a 3-year lease of the Industrial Park farmland, CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.**

**APPROVE: Installation of Will Carleton Park Playground**

Last fall, the City received the large playground for Will Carleton Park. After reviewing the drawings and installation instructions, DPW Superintendent Goodlock and City Manager Hartsel assessed that the scope of installation was beyond the City's capability. The City subsequently received a quote from the manufacturer's installation firm, Sinclair Recreation, to professionally install the set for \$7,981. This includes the excavation of all holes and concrete for the anchoring points. A major advantage of having the set professionally installed is not having liability concerns by having the City install the set. Finally, in December, the City received \$8,134 back as a refund from the LDFA, and this surplus amount would offset the cost of the installation.

**745870:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Namrata Carolan to **accept the quote from Sinclair Recreation for \$7,981.00 for the installation of the Will Carleton Park playground, CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.**

**AUTHORIZE: Permission to seek bids – Pleasant Street Phase II**

The Pleasant Street Phase II Rehabilitation Project consists of reconstructing, widening, and adding curb and gutter to Pleasant Street between Grove and US-127. Fleis & VandenBrink's estimate for construction of the project is \$224,174.50, with a total estimated project cost, including engineering, of \$269,674.50.

Fleis & VandenBrink has prepared a bid advertisement and recommends soliciting construction bids for the rehabilitation project. The proposed bid opening date is April 9th, which would allow Council to potentially approve a bid and move forward with the project at the April 21st Council meeting. The projected construction timeframe would be between June 15th and August 15th, giving the contractor a 6-week window within that time to complete the project.

**745871:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **authorize permission to seek bids for construction of the Pleasant Street Phase II Rehabilitation Project**, CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

**DISCUSSION: PA 491 of 2014 (Golf Cart Law)**

PA 491 took effect on January 13th. It allows cities with populations under 30,000 to allow, by resolution, the operation of golf carts on city streets, subject to several restrictions. Among these restrictions are a minimum age of 16 and being a licensed driver; a speed limit of 15 mph; no driving on state trunk line roads (except to cross) or roads with a speed limit above 30 mph; and no use between a half-hour before sunset and a half-hour after sunrise.

The Planning Commission discussed the new law on February 23rd, and supports the law with additional restrictions. The City Attorney has confirmed that additional restrictions may be added. The law already allows Cities to keep a list of carts and operators, and the Planning Commission supports this provision. They also think it prudent to require specific Council approval for golf cart use for specific time periods, in the same manner as Council authorizes road closures or no parking.

Using this law to make Hudson a cart-friendly city, at least during certain timeframes, would add another dimension of fun to city-based activities such as the Celebrate Hudson Festival and Spring Into Summer Festival/Midwest VW Jamboree.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

**Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$16,437.11**

Fleis & VandenBrink	\$ 3,000.13	Jan 2015 Pleasant St Design Work
Morton Salt Inc	\$ 3,666.17	48.52 ton Salt for Inventory
Bank of New York Mellon	\$ 9,770.81	Annual Water Bond Interest Payment

**Bills to be Confirmed: \$37,951.48**

Michigan Gas	\$ 1,017.37	February 2015 WTP/.DPW Gas
Consumers Energy	\$ 2,158.54	February 2015 DPW/WTP Electricity
Consumers Energy	\$ 3,265.01	February 2015 WWTP Electricity
Consumers Energy	\$ 3,654.77	January 2015 Street Lights' Electricity
Jackson Truck Service	\$ 3,870.19	Brakes for 1997 Ford Dump Truck
Modern Waste Systems	\$ 8,003.64	February 2015 Refuse Service
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$15,981.96	March 2015 Employee Health Insurance

**745872:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **pay the bills**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote

**Department Head Reports for January 2015:****745873:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Department Head Reports for January 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote

**Accounts Payable Report for January 2015:****745874:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for January 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Work is supposed to begin at Old National Bank (formerly United Bank and Trust) this month to move the banking operations to the eastern end of the building and add an access ramp to the rear of the building. There will be a temporary trailer in the back parking lot while the renovation is underway. Promedica will also be constructing the new walk—in clinic on the western half of the property later this year.
- “Way We Worked” Smithsonian Exhibit will be having a free tour of Rima, the Hudson Dairy, Hi-Lex Controls and the SMCSI. The tour is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the SMCSI parking lot. The tour should last until about 3 p.m.
- City Manager Steven Hartsel met with Tim Robinson of Lenawee Now (formerly the LEDC), who informed him that Hi-Lex Controls now employs 370 people. Mr. Hartsel also met with Greg Darling, the Plant Supervisor, on February 27th, and he informed Steve that the actual number of employees is now 380- it was only 65 a few years ago. Hi-Lex Controls is now the 6th largest employer in Lenawee County.
- A reminder that Pam and Dennis Smoke will receive the Spirit of Hudson Award at the annual Hudson Foundation Banquet this Saturday, March 7th at the American Legion Hall at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend, and the cost is \$25.00 per person.
- The Rental Rehabilitation Project has been progressing very slowly, with additional requirements on the property owners emerging from the State agency in charge regarding lead assessment surveys, double validation of contractor bids, etc. Nonetheless, we still expect construction to begin within the next month, at least on the first 7 apartments.
- The Hudson Dairy has provided a \$2,500 donation to the Hudson Police Department, to be used for new video equipment and target training.
- Alpine Manufacturing is expected to begin actual construction on their new addition this week, or as soon as the weather allows. The materials for the building are on site, and preparations for the foundation have begun.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**745875:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.**

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

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

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