

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

747136:

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, City Manager Steven Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2020:****747137:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the minutes of July 21, 2020, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments received

NEW BUSINESS:**APPROVE: Payment Application 1 for Phase 1 of Maple Grove Reconstruction:**

Pay Application 1 for Phase 1 of Maple Grove Reconstruction Project has been validated by the Project Engineer and forwarded for Council approval. This Pay Application from Bailey Excavating covers construction costs for the month of June in the amount of \$137,111.44.

747138:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve Pay Application 1 for the Maple Grove Reconstruction Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$137,111.44**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Purchase New Front-Loader for DPW:

This year's budget includes \$75,000 in funding for a front-end loader to replace the existing skid steer. DPW Superintendent Jay Best and other DPW personnel tried out a few different models and propose the new Kubota R630. This vehicle is a wheeled front-end loader with a full yard bucket capacity and 5-ton lifting weight limit- this will make snow clean-up quicker and easier. The vehicle also comes with grapple attachment, which can move piping, trees and rocks far better than the existing unit.

Jay received a few quotes for this unit, and he recommends buying it from the lowest-priced company, Wolverine Rental and Supply of Ann Arbor for \$74,060.00.

747139:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the purchase of a Kubota R630 front-end loader from Wolverine Rental and Supply for \$74,060.00 from the Motor Vehicle Fund, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.**

APPROVE: Purchase Equipment for Water Treatment Plant:

DPW Superintendent Jay Best has informed me that the Hach CL17 chlorine analyzer we currently have at the Water Treatment Plant is obsolete. He explained that when EGLE was here, they wanted it calibrated. DPW called to see what it would take to have the work done and just to have it looked at it was \$3,000.00 plus parts and the parts are no longer available.

Jay called Elhorn Company and looked at USA Bluebook and the Elhorn price of \$5,450.00 (including installation and calibration) is the best price to replace the old piece of equipment. Also, Elhorn can service it and calibrate it in the future. The \$1,665.00 digital weight indicator is part of the switch to liquid chlorine in order to remove the also obsolete and failing chlorine generator from service. This will allow us to store half as much chlorine on-site, and avoid the increasing expenses of keeping the chlorine generator in service.

747140:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **approve the purchase of a Kuntze Chlorine Analyzer and a Force Flow XT-400 Digital Weight Indicator from Elhorn Engineering for \$7,115.00 from the Water Treatment Plant Equipment Repair and Replacement Fund, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:****Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$14,866.50**

Michigan Rural Water Association	\$1,387.50	WTP Advisory Costs for June
Elhorn Engineering Company	\$1,476.00	Liquid Aquadene Chemical for WTP
Municipal Supply Co	\$2,213.66	Assorted Operating Supplies for WTP
Modern Waste Systems	\$9,789.34	City Wide Refuse Collection

Bills to be Confirmed: \$1,189.71

Lincoln National Life	\$1,189.71	Life Insurance Premiums for August
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747141:

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

MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**Planning Commission minutes dated June 22, 2020:****747142:**

Motion by Carl Sword seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Planning Commission minutes dated June 22, 2020 and place on file CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Office staff has been extremely busy preparing for the Primary Election happening today. The State has issued requirements about voting, both in-person and absentee, and has sent us a large quantity of COVID-related gear to help protect both election workers and voters. Of note, as of today, there is a State guideline that prevents us from screening for or inquiring about the presence of COVID or COVID symptoms in anyone coming to the polls. This is in spite of our requirement to make the polling place as safe as is practically possible. This is the result of the collision of incompatible HIPAA privacy rules and current Public Health measures. Hopefully, there will be clarification by the time of the November General Election.
- N. Maple Grove Phase I Construction: Work resumed this past week, with progress on tying-in the new water main and service lines. Once this is complete, the relining of the sanitary sewer can take place, followed by concrete removal and storm sewer work. The concrete structures for this are now being delivered on-site. The project pace will accelerate once the water main and sewer relining are completed. The City Manager estimates that at this rate, the paving of the street will likely occur in mid-September.
- The replacement of the filter media at the Water Treatment Plant is still expected to occur within the next couple weeks. As the City Manager wrote in the last report, there will be an increase in iron content in the water supply for 1-2 weeks during the change-out. The newspaper notice has been published.
- We have begun to resume renting the Community Center, subject to the conditions imposed by the Governor's Executive Orders. The staff of the Department on Aging have expressed their concerns about sanitation at the Center, and its potential to affect kitchen to prepare meals for the local Senior community, and we are not permitting rentals to have access to the rear kitchen area for the time being. This is in addition to limiting indoor gatherings there to 10 people and requiring them to thoroughly disinfect any surfaces touched during the rental.
- We have been notified by EGLE of a minor violation in our Water Quality Reporting program. A sample sent to their lab was not within acceptable pH parameters. There is no fine, but a re-sample will have to be taken within the next year, and the violation will be included in the Consumer Confidence Report published next year.
- The 1991 Pierce Fire Pumper has been sold and taken away by the Broker, who provided us \$35,000 for it. He is having to replace several pump seals and batteries right now at a cost of about \$3,000 before delivering the vehicle to Wisconsin. The seals likely deformed by freezing while the vehicle was in the cold storage building over the winter. We are refunding him \$1,000 for this, for a net sale of \$34,000. HFD wishes to use this toward the purchase of an air charging station for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) tanks the firefighters use.

ADJOURNMENT:

747143:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: _____