

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

747127:

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, Police Chief Charlie Weir, Ambulance Director Jim
Stevens, City Manager Steven Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Setting the Agenda:****747128:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **remove item B under New Business Authorize: Street Closure for Waterball Tournament from the agenda**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2020:**747129:**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments received

NEW BUSINESS:**AUTHORIZE: Applications for First Responder Hazard Pay:**

The Federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act provided funding for the Michigan First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program. Cities may apply to the Department of Treasury for this hazard pay for their first responder personnel involved in hazardous work related to COVID-19. Hudson Police and Hudson Area Ambulance personnel are eligible for this pay, in the amount of \$1,000.00. Council permission is required in order to submit the applications for funding.

747130:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **authorize the applications under the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program for Hudson Police and Hudson Area Ambulance**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Purchase of Police Vehicle:

The budget contains \$49,000.00 in funding for the replacement of the 2015 Ford Utility Interceptor vehicle. Chief Weir wishes to replace this vehicle with a Dodge Durango All-Wheel Drive Pursuit vehicle, and he has located a suitable vehicle at a Dodge Dealer in Warren, and has received the quote from the dealer with MiDeal pricing and a further discounted price of \$30,260.00. Even after additional follow-on outfitting, this should cost well below our projected budgeted amount. The vehicle is available immediately.

747131:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango Pursuit All-Wheel Drive Patrol Vehicle from Galeana's Van Dyke Dodge for \$30,260.00, CARRIED 7-0** by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION: Maple Grove Avenue Future Reconstruction Update:

Apart from the current Phase 1 Project to reconstruct N Maple Grove Avenue, Council previously authorized Jones & Henry Engineers to complete a Preliminary Engineering Review (PER) for the reconstruction of the remainder of Maple Grove Avenue, from the Webster Park water tower to the intersection of Cadmus Road. The PER is nearing completion, and we have been in touch with Rural Development Agency staff for guidance on the next steps toward potentially applying for low-interest financing to complete the entire project using RDA loans (Currently at a record low of 1.5%.) Following the submission of the PER, we would need to conduct an Environmental Review of the proposed project area. This can be done at no cost to the City using the Michigan Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP).

Working with the RDA, we could apply for a loan to complete the entire project within a year of starting construction, using a General Obligation Bond issue to repay the loan over time using Income Tax revenues. The interest rate is locked in at the time of application approval, but can lower if the rate is lower at the time of loan closing. We would also be in an optimum position to receive federal infrastructure grants to help pay for the project if those funds are approved by Congress.

When the PER is complete, Jones & Henry will provide a presentation to Council to accompany the review. The timing for this project appears to be nearly perfect to potentially take advantage of low rates, a good municipal bond market, and the potential for federal infrastructure grant funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:****Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$33,818.62**

Hudson Post-Gazette	\$1,114.00	Display Ads for June
Michigan Municipal League	\$2,107.00	MML Dues & Legal Defense Fund
Fleis & VandenBrink	\$2,840.00	Engineering for Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation
BCBS of Michigan	\$27,757.62	Health Insurance Premiums for August

Bills to be Confirmed: \$6,943.41

Consumers Energy	\$1,944.15	Electricity for WTP
Consumers Energy	\$4,999.26	Electricity for WWTP

747132:

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

Department Head Reports for June 2020:**747133:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton seconded by Carl Sword to **accept the Department Head Reports for June 2020 with the clarification to the Fire Chief's report that some of the Fire Department employees may possibly have been exposed to COVID-19 from their outside jobs, not through the Hudson Fire Department, and place on file** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Accounts Payable Report for June 2020:**747134:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for June 2020, and place on file** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- N. Maple Grove Phase I Construction: City personnel, Engineers and Contractor are all frustrated at the moment at the seeming lack of activity on the project. City Manager, Steven Hartsel met with the Engineers on July 15th and spoke with the owner of the prime contractor on July 17th about the apparent slow pace. The new water main has been installed and successfully passed sanitary testing. The transfer to the new main will occur next, when the line stops are installed. The contractor (Bailey Excavating) is arranging for All-Seasons to pothole the curb stops (to determine the presence of any lead or galvanized service lines) and connect the services. The contractor is working to schedule the subcontractor that will re-line the sanitary sewer line- this has been the chief source of delay. Then, concrete work (driveway approaches and sidewalks will take place. Storm sewer work will be followed by milling of the existing road surface; then curbs and gutters and road reconstruction. The project is still on-track to be completed by the end of September (substantial completion) and late October (final completion).
- The replacement of the filter media at the Water Treatment Plant is being scheduled for next month. There will be an increase in iron content in the water supply for 1-2 weeks during the change-out. We have sent a notice to the newspaper to inform our customers of this.
- The chlorine generator at the Water Treatment Plant is again requiring minor repairs. This is one of only a couple in the State- it uses salt (Sodium chloride) to generate chlorine, and stores 300-500 gallons on site. We wish to use the filter media replacement period to change over from chlorine generation to chlorine containers. This will cost about \$1,000 and will allow us to reduce our quantity of stored chlorine down to approximately 100 gallons, as well as avoid the frequent costs of repair.
- EGLE has cancelled the examinations for water operators licenses this year, so we will need to continue to rely on the Rural Water Association until our DPW staff can get licensed.
- The semi-annual Jackson and Mechanic Street Bridge inspections are now complete, including the corrective e actions required. These concerned additional road signage requirements by MDOT.
- City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan and her Election staff continue to prepare for the primary and general elections. There are frequent changes to guidance on preparing and conducting the elections from the State, which is proving frustrating; but they continue to progress toward realizing a successful primary and general election day.
- We expect to receive the tax roll back from the State by the end of this year, now that our Assessor has completed this year's procedures.

- The July 11th fireworks display at Memorial Park was successful, as was the David Clark Memorial Tournament the same weekend. These were some rather rare examples of normalcy in an otherwise very abnormal year.

ADJOURNMENT:

747135:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: _____