

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

747218:

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Carl Sword, Pam Ely, Lee Ann Minton and Darlene VandeZande

ABSENT: Rick Moreno

ALSO PRESENT: Barb Ireland & Kayla Walkowicz– Hudson Post-Gazette, Joann Simmons – Hudson Carnegie District Library, Ambulance Superintendent Jim Stevens, City Manager Steven Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

747219:

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Carl Sword **to excuse Rick Moreno from the meeting**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2021:

747220:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the minutes of January 5, 2021, and place on file**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joann Simmons – Hudson Carnegie District Library, thanked the Council for fixing the ceiling at the Library and also to thank Mr. Ed Engle for the generous matching funds to finish fixing 7 other areas in the Library. The Library was closed for two weeks while the ceiling was being repaired and everything looks great now.

NEW BUSINESS:**APPROVE: Revised Poverty Guideline Resolution:**

Public Act 253 was enacted on December 23rd, and modified guidelines for approving poverty exemptions. Sate Law (MCL 211.7u) requires local units of government to annually adopt a policy used to approve or deny poverty exemptions. The Department of Health and Human Services sets the poverty guidelines annually. The policy resolution is for 2021, and incorporates the changes required by PA 253.

747221:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **approve the Updated Resolution adopting the 2021 Annual Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Change Order 1 and Final Pay Application, Maple Grove Reconstruction Phase 1:

The balancing change order and fifth and final Pay Application for Phase 1 of the Maple Grove Reconstruction Project from Bailey Excavating has been validated by the Project Engineer and forwarded for Council approval. The Change Order decreases the contract price from \$797,246.79 to \$740,903.04. The pay application is in the amount of \$109,732.92. This closes out Phase 1.

747222:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve Change Order 1 and Pay Application 5 for the Maple Grove Reconstruction Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$109,732.92.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: County-wide SCBA Grant Agreement for Hudson Fire Department:

In 2020 we had applied for this grant to replace our SCBA units but our efforts did not result in an award for the project. As a recap and as a new request the information is as follows. The life span for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) per NFPA standards is 15 years. The Hudson Fire Department last purchased SCBA units with a previous AFG Grant in 2007 and are now over three NFPA standard editions old. To maintain NFPA, NIOSH, OSHA and MIOSHA compliance these SCBA units must be replaced within the next year. The current cost estimates for 15 SCBA harness packs with 30 minute air bottle, 15 spare air bottles, 28 face piece masks, and 1 battery charger for those packs is approximately \$143,264.70. As this cost would be a monumental burden on the City of Hudson on its own Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr along with multiple other Fire Departments, have explored the Federal Grant process. The grant applications that receive the highest priorities through Homeland Security are those that benefit multiple communities in Regional Grants. In Lenawee County there are currently 7 Fire Departments I the same situation and need to replace SCBA units. Those 7 agencies, which includes the Hudson Fire Department, have joined together for a regional grant application in the effort to replace the aging SCBA units under a Memorandum of Understanding. The overall amount on the regional grant will be approximately \$1,000,000.00 worth of equipment. The City of Adrian has again taken on the responsibility of being the Host agency and cost of legal counsel the Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding which are required to be approved

and adopted by each Community for Homeland Security to allow the participating Communities and Agencies to apply and receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

If approved and granted the Hudson 10% match not exceed \$19,000.00

747223:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **approve and adopt the Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding allowing the City of Hudson Fire Department to participate in applying for the Regional AFG Grant.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

ACCEPT: Drywall Bid for the Pittsford ALS Station:

Proposals from Hackett Builders and M&M Drywall have been received for the hanging and finishing of the drywall at the Pittsford Station. Both proposals include labor and material to hang and finish all needed drywall including required firewalls and wrapping all windows. The summary of the bids is:

M & M Drywall of Jonesville, \$6,825.00. They are assuring that material will be delivered immediately after Council approval and they will have a crew assigned to start upon the completion of the insulation install.

Hackett Builders of Hudson, \$6,950.00. Due to their current work schedule and material availability, their projected start time would be at least 3-6 weeks.

Other Drywall contractors contacted either declined to bid due to work load or did not return my calls.

747224:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **accept the proposal from M & M Drywall for the amount of \$6,825.00.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call vote

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$16,480.31

Mission Communications	\$ 1,078.20	Manhole Monitors & Option Boards for WWTP
Michigan Rural Water Association	\$ 1,253.75	Advisory Services for WTP through December
Detroit Salt Company	\$ 2,748.36	50.18 Tons of Rock Salt for DPW
Ryan & Bradshaw	\$11,400.00	HVAC & Plumbing Work for ALS Building #2

Bills to be Confirmed: \$54,022.98

Lincoln Life Insurance	\$ 1,189.71	Life Insurance Premiums for January
Hackett Builders	\$ 1,200.00	Construction Costs for ALS Building #2
State of Michigan EGLE	\$ 1,950.00	Annual Water Supply Fee WWTP
Unique Paving Materials	\$ 2,021.76	Cold Patch for DPW
Adrian Mechanical Services	\$ 2,524.27	Furnace Repairs for DPW Building
BS & A Software	\$ 2,995.00	Utility Billing Software Support
Modern Waste Systems	\$ 9,789.34	City Wide Refuse Collection
BCBS of Michigan	\$32,352.90	Health Insurance Premiums for February

747225:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely to **pay the bills**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote.

Department Head Reports for December 2020:**747226:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Darlene VandeZande to **accept the Department Head Reports for December 2020, and place on file**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote.

Accounts Payable Report for December 2020:**747227:**

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for December 2020, and place on file**, CARRIED: 6-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

We have requested COVID vaccines through the LCHD for City employees and Council members who wish to receive them. According to the County, the vaccines are being distributed by the State per its priorities, and the wait list in this County is up to several thousand.

- The State conducted a no-notice inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant late last year. We have received the results from EGLE, and they are uniformly positive, with no further action required.
- Fleis & VandenBrink continues to work on final design for the Murdock Trailhead Project. The geotechnical work which Council recently approved is in progress. We hope to move toward bid-letting this Spring, with construction to commence this summer.
- We will close out the MDOT TEDF Cat D direct grant for the N Maple Grove Phase 1 Project this week. We also anticipate applying for another Cat D grant next year, ahead of Phase 2 of the project.
- Garcia Surveying has begun the survey of the Phase 2 work, from the south end of Phase 1 to the south side of Main Street. This is a prerequisite to the design work for Phase 2.

- The City is expecting the initial arrival of the Roll-out refuse containers from Modern Waste this weekend, although the delivery may be delayed due to the expected snowfall. We have included customer information about the change in the latest newsletter that went out with the current utility bills.
- The Mayor of Grand Rapids has begun an initiative to ask the Governor and Legislature to assist Michigan municipalities with income taxes negatively affected by COVID restrictions. We have been following these developments, but do not yet know what specific actions are going to be requested as part of this initiative.
- DPW is working with Superior Generator and other subcontractors to continue to install the Community Center electrical generator. Trenching is complete and the pad has been constructed in the rear parking lot of the Center, and the generator has been placed. The new gas line and meter has also been routed to the pad location. Brint Electric will complete the wiring and transfer switch, and Superior will complete the gas hookup and testing. The project should be completed this month.
- The ceiling plaster work at the Library has been completed. Ed Engle very generously donated matching funds in order to complete other needed work inside the library.
- There will be road construction this year; M156 to SR 120 will be repaved, US127 from the State line to north of Hudson, and at the intersection of US 127 and US223 will be a roundabout intersection.

ADJOURNMENT:**747228:**Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.**APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, MayorATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City ClerkREVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: _____