

CITY COUNCIL
121 N. Church Street, Hudson, MI
PUBLIC HEARING
May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

745903:

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Namrata Carolan, Tyler Mattison, Lee Ann Minton, Lee Daugherty, Rick Moreno, and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Marcia Willett, Police Chief Charles Weir, Wes Boyd, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Jim Driskill - County Commissioner, Craig Shumaker, Kyle Paulson, Richard Grant, Dan Cherry, City Manager Steve Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget:**

No Comments received.

Adjourn Sine Die

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CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
May 05, 2015 (Immediately Following Public Hearing)

745904:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Namrata Carolan, Tyler Mattison, Lee Ann Minton, Lee Daugherty, Rick Moreno, and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Marcia Willett, Police Chief Charles Weir, Wes Boyd, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Jim Driskill - County Commissioner, Craig Shumaker, Kyle Paulson, Richard Grant, Dan Cherry, City Manager Steve Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes:****745905:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the minutes of April 21, 2015 and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner Jim Driskill – spoke on current events in Lenawee County.

NEW BUSINESS:**APPROVE: 25 –Year Service Resolution and Award – Tim Jewell**

On behalf of the citizens of Hudson, the Hudson City Council extends its appreciation for Tim Jewell's twenty-five (25) years of dedicated service in the City of Hudson from May 08, 1990 to May 08, 2015.

In accordance with our personnel practices the 25 Year Service Award includes a check in the amount of \$500.00.

745906:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **present 25-Year Service Award to Tim Jewell**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION: 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget

The Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget outlines the fact that the operational millage levy for the City of Hudson will remain at 10.6419 mills (\$10.6419 per 1,000 Taxable Value) to a total levy for the 2015/2016 fiscal year of 10.6419 mills (\$10.6419 per \$1,000 Taxable Value)

It further outlines that 1.0000 additional mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 Taxable Value) be assessed for Advanced Life Support.

745907:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **approve the Resolution to adopt the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION: State Law Amendments to Enhance City Income Tax Collection

As mentioned during the last Council meeting, the City Treasurer and City Manager were invited to a meeting with leaders of other Michigan Cities with Income Taxes in order to coordinate efforts to enhance State laws regarding employer withholding of resident income taxes, and allowing cities to collect taxes in the same manner as the State, as well as allowing cities to have the option of contracting with the State to collect these taxes.

At the meeting, it was stated that if the 22 cities with an income tax expressed support for these measures, the Governor would support them as well. The attached resolution has been provided to municipalities to register support for the enhancements.

745908:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **approve the attached resolution of support for the enhancements to State law regarding City Income tax withholding and collection**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Discussion: S2 Project Update – Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering

Richard Grant from Fleis & VandenBrink had a power point presentation for the council to see where the infiltration of water is coming into our sanitary sewer system. By the end of this summer we should know where and how to fix this problem.

APPROVE: Consumers Energy Lighting Contract Change Resolution

The attached resolution has been provided by Consumers Energy. It approves the replacement of a Mercury Vapor suspended light fixture with a High Pressure Sodium pole fixture at Oak Street as part of the Pleasant Street Reconstruction Phase II Project.

745910:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the resolution authorizing changes in the lighting service per the Standard Lighting contract between the City of Hudson and Consumers Energy**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Purchase of WWTP #2 Oxidation Ditch Rotor Repair Parts

WWTP #2 oxidation ditch drive shaft and bearings are in need of repair. Cost for needed repair is \$5,279 but we have received some parts already. The rotor drive shaft is being made and will arrive in a few weeks. The WWTP Superintendent attached a list of parts and the cost from Lakeside Equipment Company for Council to review.

745911:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison **approve all the parts needed to repair the rotor at the cost of \$5,279.00**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Purchase of WWTP Lab Spectrophotometer

The Lab Spectrophotometer is in need of replacement. The old meter was purchased in 1995, twenty years ago and is obsolete and is failing to be within the QAQC guidelines. The meter is used to analyze the total phosphorus in the wastewater. The old meter takes 3 hours to run a set of samples. New meter will only take 1.5 hours to run. New meter will also analyze Ammonia samples; the ammonia meter is due for a new probe replacement (\$625.00). The new meter would be paid out of our Lab Equipment replacement 590-561-744.100.

745912:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the new HACH DR3900 spectrophotometer from the HACH company for the lowest price of \$5,985.92**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Annual Payment to Lenawee Now (LEDC)

The Lenawee Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) is now called Lenawee Now. The LDFA has been paying varying amounts of dues to Lenawee Now for the last several years, ranging from \$1000 in 2010 to \$10,000 in 2013, the last year of the LDFA. The recent average has been \$5000. With the dissolution of the LDFA, the City General Fund (Civic Promotion/Marketing) now provides support for Lenawee Now. The pledge invoice received from Lenawee Now by the City should reflect actual accomplishments or assistance provided to the City by Lenawee Now during the previous year. With this in mind, City Manager recommended that Council set an amount of support to Lenawee Now for the current fiscal year of between \$1,000 to \$3,000.

745913:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve a performance payment of \$2,000 for the fiscal year 2014/2015 to Lenawee Now for Economic Development**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APPROVE: HPD Labor Agreement – 3 Years

The Police union contract expires at the end of June. The City Manager has been working towards a new contract with representatives from the Hudson Police Department and the Police Officers Labor Council, the Police Union.

The Union and City Manager have drafted a proposed new 3-Year Labor Agreement with the following changes from the current contract:

- A 3% pay raise during the first year, with wage-reopeners for years 2 and 3.
- An increase in Sergeant Premium Pay from 30 to 60 cents per hour the first year, with 80 cents and a dollar an hour increases the second and third years.

Other contract provisions remain the same as the current contract.

745914:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **approve the new 3-Year Labor Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract for the City**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION: PA 491 of 214 (Golf Cart Law)

Michigan Public Act 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 mpg; 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.

During the previous Council discussion of this law at the March 3, 2015 Council meeting, Council expressed a consensus to allow the Planning Commission the opportunity to gauge public opinion on this matter, and report back with their recommendation. The Planning Commission did so at the April 27th Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission voted to recommend that Council pass a resolution to allow golf carts to operate in the City with the above-described restrictions, as well as limiting the operators of golf carts to persons being at least 18 years of age; and to prohibit the use of golf carts on the City Trail System.

Bills:

Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$25,210.01

Modern Waste Systems	\$ 1,050.00	Spring 2015 Clean Up Charge
Consumer Energy	\$ 1,154.38	April 2015 Industrial Park Electricity
Elhorn Engineering Co.	\$ 1,420.00	120 gal Liquid Aquadene for WTP
Modern Waste Systems	\$ 2,250.00	Dumpster Charge for 103 S. Wood Street

Fleis & Vandenbrink	\$ 3,000.00	March 2015 Pleasant St II Design Work
Dave Knapp Ford	\$ 3,672.07	2015 Ford Explorer Accident Repair Work
Fleis & Vandenbrink	\$ 4,659.62	March 2015 Bridge Project Design Work
Modern Waste Systems	\$ 8,003.94	April 2015 Refuse Service

Bills to be Confirmed: \$6,701.34

Blissfield Heating & Plumbing	\$ 1,556.00	Museum Furnace Motor Replacement
Sensus	\$ 1,570.34	Annual Support for Utilities Software/Reader
Craig Wickham Tree Service	\$ 3,575.00	Citywide Tree/Stump Removal (includes Pleasant St)

745915:

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

MINUTES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

745916:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **accept the Planning Commission Minutes dated April 27, 2015 (Pending Approval), and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

745917:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **accept the DDA Minutes dated April 16, 2015 (Pending Approval), and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

745918:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **accept the Planning Commission Minutes dated February 23, 2015, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The homeowners of the property Jefferson Street affected by the sewer backup into their basement last year have filed suit against the City and City Manager, alleging criminal negligence. The City Attorney has the matter for action, which is scheduled for a late-August pre-trial hearing.
- The new Playground at Will Carleton Park will be installed this week.
- The next show-cause hearing for the property at 207 E. Main Street on May 19th. The City Attorney is following up with the owner of the condemned house on 105 Lincoln Street to obtain a deed to property to allow potential demolition to move forward.
- The Industrial Park farmland lease was signed on April 29th.
- Alpine Manufacturing has submitted an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for their expansion project at School and McKenzie. The City will need to expand the existing Industrial Development District at the south side of the intersection to across the street, where the new project is located. There will be a public hearing prior to the May 19th Council meeting, where the District expansion will be considered.
- The Carnegie District Library staff has notified us of a leak near a window in the northwest corner of the building. DPW cleared the gutters and noticed some masonry debris which appears to

indicate an issue with the roof. The City will contact a roofing contractor to follow-up and determine a course of action.

- Bert Fenby from the Community Action Agency has approached us about hosting one of their community outreach staff here twice a month, emphasizing the WIC program, as well as their other services. Having their personnel here periodically would make it easier for people in this part of the county to receive support.

ADJOURNMENT:

745919:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney
Dated: _____