

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

745852:

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, Lee Daugherty, Tyler Mattison and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Charles Weir, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW Superintendent Phil Goodlock, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr., County Commissioner Jim Driskill, Brad Vanderlooven, Dan Cherry, City Manager Steve Hartsel, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes:****745853:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the minutes of January 06, 2015 and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner Jim Driskill - This Saturday is the beginning of "The Way We Worked" and Ray Lennard has a speaker coming to talk about the railroads in the City of Hudson. He also urged everyone to have their homes tested for Radon. Lenawee County appointed a new Commissioner after the death of Jack Branch. On March 21st on US 127 at the Ohio State line a historical marker will be placed to commemorate the survey there 200 years ago for Surveyor Week.

NEW BUSINESS:**Show Cause Hearing – Article III Dangerous Structures – 207 E Main St.**

Section 5-56 of the City Code governs the procedures for dealing with properties deemed by the City Building Inspector to be dangerous buildings. On May 8, 2014, Ray Taylor, the City Building Inspector, deemed 207 E. Main Street to be a dangerous structure. Despite obtaining a building permit to repair the building within the 90 days allowed by the building inspector, no progress was evident. On August 30, 2014, the 90 day period elapsed, and the building inspector again deemed 207 E. Main Street to be a dangerous structure.

Per City Code, the next step is for Council to hold a hearing to hear facts and officially determine whether the building in question is unsafe, and if so, to issue an order requiring the owner to repair or demolish the building within 10 days. If the owner fails to comply, the City then has the authority to refer the matter to the City Attorney to have the building demolished and the costs assessed as a lien on the property.

When this agenda item was first addressed at the September 2nd Council meeting, Council voted to postpone this hearing until the owners at 207 E Main Street: secure the house by 1 week, remove all the junk and weeds around the house within 2 weeks, and return to council on October 21st to give a timeline when the home will be repaired or demolished. At his hearing, the owners stated that they had secured the building, removed most of the junk and weeds, and had obtained a new building permit to bring the property up to standards. They have been repairing the roof and have been replacing some of the windows since then. This hearing is to determine if progress is continuing and what the timeline is for completion.

745854:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **Postpone this hearing until the 1st meeting in April**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

AUTHORIZE: Submission of Act 51 Annual Mileage Certification Report

Under Act 51, the City Street Administrator (the City Manager) is required to review the MDOT-prepared map and certify the accuracy of the approved major and local streets, as well as submit any changes from the previous year.

The signature block of the State Copy of the map is signed by the Street Administrator, followed by the wording "By authority of the Governing Body." This wording is the reason for this authorization request.

For information, the approved MDOT mileage for 2014 is 6.73 miles of major streets and 9.97 miles of local streets.

745855:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Carl Sword to **authorize the Street Administrator to certify and submit the Act 51 Annual Mileage Certification Report for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

ACCEPT: Conveyance of Property – 103 S. Wood St.

The owner of parcel XH0-650-1010-00 at 103 S. Wood Street wishes to convey the parcel to the City at no cost, with the idea of turning it into a small parking area and green space for the adjacent Findlay Trail. DPW says they can demolish the small house and garage (both condemned) on the property themselves. There should be little to no cost to the City to do this.

745856:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **Accept the conveyance of parcel XH0-650-1010-00**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Fire/Rescue Contract with Pittsford Township

Fire Chief Tanner and the Pittsford Township Board have proposed a Fire/Rescue contract between Pittsford Township and the City of Hudson for a two-year period commencing on July 1, 2015 and concluding on June 30, 2017.

The contract calls for up to 24 fire/rescue runs in the township per year. Additional runs will be at the rate of \$500.00 per run.

The contract rate is \$16,344.00, paid in quarterly installments of \$4,086.00.

The contract has a 30-day cancellation clause. The City has had a contract with Pittsford Township for many years.

745857:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Namrata Carolan to **approve the Fire/Rescue contract between Pittsford Township and the City of Hudson for a two-year period commencing on July 1, 2015 and concluding on June 30, 2017**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Order tanker of Ferrous Chloride

Ferrous Chloride is a chemical the WWTP uses in the process for Phosphorus removal. They usually need to order two tankers per year and are at the point where they need to order one.

745858:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **Approve to order a tanker of Ferrous Chloride from PVS Technologies**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPROVE: Purchase of Residential Lift Station Pumps

The older Barnes grinder pumps are failing and the new Little Giant pumps WWTP has purchased in the past are performing very well. As the older Barnes pumps fail they have been replacing them with the new Little Giants. This pump purchase will be paid from Line Item 590-561-995.100 Residential lift stations.

745859:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **Authorize the purchase of 2 new pumps with cap kits for \$2,444.00 from Michindoh Pump Solutions**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:****Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$72,400.00**

Briskey Brothers Construction	\$72,400.00	Tiger's Den Demolition (\$30,000 to be contributed toward this total amount by the DDA, for a net City cost of \$42,400.00)
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Bills to be Confirmed: \$47,705.18

Michindoh Pump Solutions	\$ 1,229.00	Little Giant 2 hp Grinder Pump for WWTP
Unique Paving Materials	\$ 1,855.00	18.55 tons Cold Patch for Roads
State of Michigan DEQ	\$ 1,950.00	WWTP 2014 DEQ Annual Discharge Permit
Consumers Energy	\$ 2,878.09	January 2015 DPW/WTP Electricity
Consumers Energy	\$ 3,454.42	January 2015 WWTP Electricity
Innovative Software Services	\$ 3,500.00	2015 Annual Software Support (Income Tax)
Consumers Energy	\$ 3,741.07	December 2014 Street Light Electricity
Rowley, Inc	\$ 5,112.00	Roof Repair due to Tiger's Den Demo
Modern Waste Systems	\$ 8,003.64	January 2015 Refuse Service
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$15,981.96	February 2015 Employee Health Insurance

745860:

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Carl Sword to **pay the bills**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

Department Head Reports for December 2014:**745861:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Department Head Reports for December 2014, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

Accounts Payable Report for December 2014:**745862:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Tyler Mattison to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for December 2014, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Design Engineering work has begun for the Pleasant Street Phase II Project. The topographic survey has been completed and alignment work is in progress. The project should be ready to be considered for Council approval to seek construction bids in March for project completion this year.
- As mentioned in the banner hanging agenda item, the “Way We Worked” Smithsonian travelling exhibit will be in Hudson from February 7th to March 29th. A free tour of Rima, the Hudson Dairy, Hi-Lex Controls and the SMCSI is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the SMCSI parking lot. The tour should last until about 3 p.m.
- The new Industrial Park sign is complete. Community feedback has been uniformly positive so far. The disbursement of the remaining LDFA funds back to the taxing entities has also been completed. The City’s general fund received \$8,133.85.
- The Hudson Foundation has named Pam and Dennis Smoke as the 2015 recipients of the Spirit of Hudson Award. The Smokes will receive the award at the annual Hudson Foundation Banquet to be held on Saturday, March 7th at the American Legion Hall. The public is welcome to attend and the cost is \$25.00 per person.
- The City received a \$1,751.50 grant from the Department of Justice for half the cost of new ballistic vests for the Police Department purchased last October.
- The City received a DEQ letter notifying us of a minor violation for not providing a 10-day notice of the Tiger’s Den demolition. This was in spite of us providing a 10-day notice back in July before conducting proper asbestos remediation. This violation does not involve any sort of fine, but this associated requirement was unknown to our contractor, contractor in the local area, or to the City Staff. We are required to send a letter to the DEQ stating that we will comply in the future and the letter has been sent.
- The new Bean Creek Festival, now called the “Celebrate Hudson Festival”, will combine several summer events into one weekend, August 6-8. This is the same weekend as the US-127 National Yard Sale, the City-wide Yard Sale, the Firefighter’s Waterball Tournament, and the Thompson Museum Lost Arts Festival. There will also be a parade, Music in Webster’s Park on Thursday evening, a 5K run, and live music downtown Friday and Saturday nights.
- Special thanks to Council Member Minton for her help in arranging the property transfer on tonight’s agenda, as well as helping to determine how the area will be configured to honor the memory of Ray and Maryann Bender.

ADJOURNMENT:

745863:

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

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