

**PLANNING COMMISSION
121 N. CHURCH STREET – HUDSON MI
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2015**

The regular meeting was called to order to by Chairman Sue Minton at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Sue Minton, Rob Hall, Watson Clark, Brad VandeZande, Jeanne Karr,
Donna Klinger, and Pastor Troy Neujahr

ABSENT: Jack Donaldson and Beth Johnston

OTHERS: City Manager Steven Hartsel and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Member(s):

Motion by Watson Clark, seconded by Rob Hall, to **excuse absent members from the meeting, DENIED** by Roll Call 3-4 (Clark, Hall and Neujahr - YES / Minton, Karr, Klinger and VandeZande - NO).

Minutes:

Motion by Donna Klinger, seconded by Brad VandeZande, to **approve the minutes of November 24, 2014, and place on file, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: PA 491 of 2014 (Golf Carts)

Act No. 491 was approved by the Governor on January 10, 2015 and became effective on January 13, 2015. The act will allow golf carts on public streets, with certain restrictions.

1. A city having a population of fewer than 30,000 residents.
2. The city may require a list of anyone with golf carts that would like to be on the public streets.
3. The City Council will have to pass a resolution to allow the operation of golf carts.
4. The driver must be 16 years old or older and licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
5. The driver must comply with State signal requirements.
6. The golf cart must stay to the right side of the roads.
7. The golf carts will not be allowed on the state trunk line (Main Street) but are allowed to cross the street.
8. The golf carts are not allowed on the sidewalks.
9. The speed is not to exceed 15 miles per hour.
10. A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.
11. A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

The overall consensus was in favor of this law but only two members (Karr and Klinger) were in favor for everyday use. The remaining members (Minton, Clark, Hall, Neujahr and VandeZande) would like to have only special days to allow the golf carts on the streets.

Discussion: Capital Improvement Plan Amendment

The four amendments to the 6 year Capital Improvement Plan will be as follows;

In the year 2015-2016

- 1. City NE Parking Lot Paving \$120,000
- 2. Murdock Trail RR Bridge Preservation (DE) \$ 8,000

In the year 2016-2017

- 1. City NW Parking Lot Paving \$ 80,000
- 2. Fire Station Floor Repairs \$ TBD

We would split the parking lot projects into two years, begin the process to fix the Murdock Trail bridge and to fix the Fire Department floor next year.

Motion by Rob Hall, seconded by Brad VandeZande, **to approve the capital improvement plan amendments, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion: FY 2015-2016 Budget

City Manager Steven Hartsel gave the members a copy of last year’s budget.

Salaries & Wages	\$1,000
FICA	\$ 77
Conference & Training	\$1,000
Books & Publications	\$ 200
<u>Membership & Dues</u>	<u>\$ 650</u>

Total \$2,927

The city will look for training for the members to attend and will get a quote from McKenna Associates for a 5 year Master Plan Update.

VISITORS BEFORE COMMISSION:

There were no visitors before Commission.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- The new Industrial Park sign has been completed and installed. We should hear from MDOT in a month or two about the west entrance sign and the approval of location.
- On this Thursday the 26th Craig Shumaker from Fleis & Vandenbrink will be meeting with the City Manager and DPW Superintendent to start the phase II on Pleasant Street reconstruction. The phase will be from Grove Street to Meridian Rd and it will include curbs and gutters. So the street will have to be widened as was done in Phase I. We will be planning on seeking Council permission to seek bids in March.
- The site plan for Alpine Mfg. has been approved and they have begun the work as weather permits.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Watson Clark, seconded by Donna Klinger to **adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.** There were no objections.

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk