CITY OF HUDSON
121 N. CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2012

745074:
The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Smoke at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Dennis Smoke, Lee Daugherty, Carmel Camp, Ed Engle, Jr., Lee Ann Minton, Rex Murphy, Jr., and Jim Steele.
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Pittsford High School Student Steven Shipps, Wes Boyd, Dan Cherry, WWTP Superintendent Mike Shadbolt, Police Chief Charles Weir, City Manager Steve Hartsel, and City Clerk Judy Tanner.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Setting the Agenda:

Approval of Minutes:
745075:
Motion by Rex Murphy, seconded by Lee Ann Minton to **approve the minutes of December 20, 2011, and place on file,** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There was no public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE:
Council was provided with a copy of a letter from the Lenawee County Administrator's Office dated December 15, 2011 regarding the District Library Planning Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

20-Yr. Service Award – Charles A. Weir:
Mayor Dennis Smoke presented a 20-Year Service Award to Charles Weir on behalf of the citizens of Hudson, reading aloud that the Hudson City Council extends its appreciation for Charles A. Weir's twenty (20) years of dedicated service in the City of Hudson from January 13, 1992 to January 13, 2012. Pursuant to the Service Award statement found under tab 7 of the City of Hudson General Information Handbook employees are to receive $500.00 for 20 years of service.

Reappointment: Board of Review – Ted Minton:

Council was advised that Ted Minton, 117 N. Maple Grove has submitted a request to be re-appointed to the Board of Review. He has been a life-time resident in the City of Hudson, and has served over 20 years on the Board of Review. Kyt Hoover recommended that Council re-appoint Ted Minton to a 3-year term on the Board of Review expiring December 2014. Mr. Minton meets all of the requirements for re-appointment to the Board of review.

745076:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Jim Steele to **re-appoint Ted Minton to the Board of Review for a 3-year term expiring December 2014,** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Appointment: Recreation Advisory Board – Karen Downing:

Council was advised that Karen Downing has submitted a request for appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board. Karen has been very active in the community, and believes in physical fitness for kids as well as adults. Karen meets all the minimum requirements to be appointed to the board, and is not indebted to the City. City Manager Steve Hartsel recommend that Council confirm Karen Downing's appointment.

745077:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Ed Engle to **confirm the appointment of Karen Downing to the Recreation Advisory Board with a 3-year term expiring in July 2015,** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Discussion: 2012 Council Priorities:

City Manager Steve Hartsel requested that Council establish an agreed-upon list of priorities for the City of Hudson for the Calendar Year 2012. The purpose of these priorities is to provide guidance to the city staff. The latest update to the 2011 Priorities list was included as well as a form on which Council members were to list any new items they wished to discuss adding to the 2012 list. After compiling an initial draft list based upon individual member's input, Council appointed a three-person committee to include Ed Engle, Lee Daugherty, and Lee Ann Minton along with Mr. Hartsel to develop a final proposed priority list for full Council review and approval at the February 21st Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to be Approved for Payment: $50,152.32

Fleis & Vandenbrink Eng.	$3,452.10	Nov 2011 Pedestrian Bridge Expenses
Consumers Energy	$3,669.64	December 2011 Street Lights Electricity
Fleis & Vandenbrink Eng.	$6,355.01	Nov 2011 Murdock Trail Design Services
Modern Waste Systems	$8,639.25	December 2011 Refuse Service
Michigan Dept of Transportation	$11,370.76	Pedestrian Bridge Pay Request #
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI	$16,665.56	February 2012 Employee Health Benefits

Bills to be Confirmed: $3,614.07

Consumers Energy	$3,614.07	WWTP Electricity December 2011
Consumers Energy	$2,730.42	Nov 2011 WWTP Electricity

745078:
Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rex Murphy to **pay the bills,** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Department Head Reports for December 2011:
745079:
Motion by Rex Murphy, seconded by Jim Steele to **accept the department head reports for December 2011, and place on file,** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Accounts Payable Report for December 2011:
745080:
Motion by Rex Murphy, seconded by Jim Steele to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for December 2011, and place on file,** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

MINUTES FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
Planning Commission Minutes of November 28, 2011
Planning Commission Minutes of December 19, 2011 (Pending Approval)
Downtown Development Authority Minutes of October 13, 2011
LDFA Minutes dated October 13, 2011 (Pending Approval)

It was noted that the December 19, 2011 Planning Commission minutes and the October 13, 2011 LDFA minutes are pending approval from those boards at their next meeting.
745081:
Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rex Murphy to **accept the minutes from the Boards and Commissions, and place on file,** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mayor Smoke and I attended a meeting of all constituents of the newly-organized Lenawee Economic Development Corporation on January 11th. This meeting was held to determine the role and functions of the LEDC, which now consists of Jim Van Doren and Tim Robinson. The results of the meeting will be distributed within the next month.
- I have met with contractors working with three of the four properties participating in the new façade project. They are all preparing to begin work in the four corners area. One of the first noticeable activities will be the removal of the awning from the front of 300 W. Main St.
- The third round of income tax letters (44) sent out by the City Attorney on December 14th has resulted in only 15 people who have not yet submitted a return or contacted the city to make arrangements. In May this number stood at 402. The next step is to refer the matter to the City Prosecutor at the end of the month.
- The DDA will be sponsoring a paint program this year for properties within the DDA area. The program is expected to begin mid-year, and cover the cost of paint, while the property owners must furnish the labor.
- A field team from the Merit Fiber-Optic project met with city staff last week to determine a potential route through town for the fiber. This network could connect all city buildings, including

the library, and the industrial park with the network. The section of the statewide project linking Adrian with Hillsdale is expected to be put in place around mid-year.

- The first Wayfinding sign has been installed north of the 127 Party Store. The other 7 signs will be put in place over the next several weeks.
- The Findlay Trail lighting should be completed before the upcoming weekend. The trenching and wiring is already completed. The fixtures and final inspection have been completed and the lights are activated.
- Work on the Steger Industrial Drive Extension Project should stop for the winter within the next week, and resume in the spring. Storm water infrastructure is complete, and sanitary sewer infrastructure should be completed by the halt.
- The Tiger's Den has been purchased by an investor at the last tax sale. We have some concerns about the condition of the building, and the City's building inspector has done an external inspection for safety issues. He has generated a letter to the City with those concerns, and the letter will be forwarded to the new owner requesting what their plans are to make the building safe.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:
745082:
Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rex Murphy to **adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Dennis Smoke, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Judith A. Tanner, City Clerk

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