

**CITY OF HUDSON  
121 N. CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI 49247  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

**7456638:**

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, Lee Daugherty, Rick Moreno, and Bruce VanWieren

ABSENT: Lee Ann Minton and Tyler Mattison

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Cherry, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW Superintendent Phil Goodlock, Wes Boyd, Carl Sword, ALS Director Jim Stevens, Police Chief Charlie Weir, Jerry Tanner Sr., Acting Librarian Joann Crater, Lenawee County Commissioner Jim Driskill, Kate Pohjalaandrane, Kerry Klassen, City Manager Steve Hartsel, and Deputy Clerk Jeaniene McClellan.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****745639:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **excuse Lee Ann Minton and Tyler Mattison from the meeting**, CARRIED: 5-0 by roll call vote.

**Approval of Minutes:****745640:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the minutes of April 1, 2014, and place on file**, CARRIED: 5-0 by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Kerry Klassen from 511 W. Main Street** just moved into the city. A couple of weeks ago their home was invaded and he wanted the Council members to know how professional our police department was. He also wrote a letter thanking the two local officers Michael Samoray and William Prestidge for being professional and doing through investigation on the invasion in their home. He especially wanted to thank Officer Samoray, for it was because of this officer his family was able to remain calm throughout the process.

**Lenawee County Commissioner Jim Driskill** – There was a special meeting to honor Officer Robert Trevino and Officer Kevin Grecka for going above and beyond the call of duty. He also wanted everyone to know Correction Officer Bret White put together the Hockey fundraiser to help Cory Butts' family.

The County Department on Aging will be asking for 4.4 mills in the next General Election. There is a newsletter out by ECCSM and an article about Milksource inside it. This article has many errors and please do not read it as the gospel truth.

Community Development Block Grant funds are available in Lenawee County for home improvements, and anyone who needs a small loan with low interest can go to the Community Action Agency in Adrian for help.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Authorize : No Parking on Main Street for Memorial Day Parade**

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. It will originate at Tiffin Street, commence west on M-34 to Grove Street, continue south on Grove Street, turning west on Division to the Calvary Cemetery.

An advance notice of permitted activity will be sent to MDOT for permission to close Main Street for the duration of the parade upon Council approval. It is my recommendation that Council authorize “no parking” in the 200 and 300 Block of W. Main Street from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon for the parade. This allows a safer environment for the children and others attending the parade. Allowing parking on Main Street causes people to stand in between the cars and/or on the inside of the cars in the parade route.

If Council authorizes “no parking” in the 200 and 300 block of W. Main Street for the parade, DPW and HPD will take care of setting up and removing the appropriate barricades. In the event that Main Street can be opened up sooner than 12:00 noon, they will do so.

**745641:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **authorize the closure of Main Street, and “No Parking” in the 200 and 300 block of W. Main Street from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Monday, May 26, 2014 for the Memorial Day Parade, CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Approve: Fire/Rescue Contract with Medina Township**

Fire Chief Jerry Tanner has proposed a Fire/Rescue contract between Medina Township and the City of Hudson for a three-year period commencing on July 1, 2014 and terminating at 10:00 midnight on June 30, 2017. Medina Township has already approved and signed the contract.

The contract calls for up to 12 fire/rescue runs in the township per year. Additional runs will be at the rate of \$100.00 per run.

The contract rate is as follows:

2014-2015: \$7,092.00 paid in quarterly installments of \$1,773.00 commencing on July 1, 2014.

2015-2016: \$7,163.00 paid in quarterly installments of \$1,790.75 commencing on July 1, 2015.

2016-2017: \$7,234.00 paid in quarterly installments of \$1,808.50 commencing on July 1, 2016.

In the event either party to this contract becomes a member of a statutory district, that party shall have the right to terminate this contract by thirty (30) days after delivery of the termination notice. The City has had a contract with Medina Township for a number of years.

**745642:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the Fire/Rescue contract between Medina Township and the City of Hudson for a three-year period commencing on July 1, 2014, and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract as prepared, CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Approve: Purchase DPW Utility Vehicle**

Burnips Equipment Company

15838 Carleton Rd

Hudson, MI 49247

\$21,500.00

(Belt Drive)

Archbold Equipment Co.  
4248 Adrian Hwy (M52)  
Adrian, MI 49221

**\$17,175.00**

(Hydrostat)

Weingartz Supply Co  
46061 Van Dyke Ave  
Utica, MI 48417

\$17,747.49

(Hydrostat)

**745643:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **purchase the Utility Vehicle from Archbold Equipment in the amount of \$17,185.00, with \$15,999.00 from line item 640-875-977.100 and \$1,186.00 from the motor vehicle fund, line item 640-875-930, CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Approve: Purchase WWTP Clarifier Gear Drive and Motor**

The Waste Water Treatment Plant has two secondary clarifiers in use 24/7 as part of our plant process. The gear reducer on #1 clarifier is an aftermarket drive and is the wrong speed. The reducer has been modified to run with a variable frequency drive (VFD) that runs our #2 Return Activated Sludge pump (RAS). Installing the proper drive will operate at the correct speed and allow us to place RAS pump #2 back into service. This unit comes as a package drive with the motor. The cost is \$1400.00 and the funds are available in WWTP Equipment Replacement fund (590-561-977.000).

**745644:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **authorize the purchase of a clarifier gear drive and motor from Applied Industrial Technologies at a cost of \$1400.00 from the WWTP Equipment Replacement Fund, CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Authorize: Repair WWTP Oxidation Ditch Motors**

The WWTP has four oxidation ditch motors in use 24/7 as part of our plant process. As time goes on they will have bearing failure and some motor winding failure. A new replacement motor is anywhere from \$1000 to \$1200. WWTP had four old used bad 10 HP motors in our storage. One G.E. and three Reliance motors, the G.E. motor had the bearings replaced for \$150 and is in operation. One of the Reliance motors had bad windings and is scrap. The other two Reliance motors are repairable, each need to have new winding and bearings. The cost to repair each is \$690, a total of \$1380 with free pickup and delivery. At this time one motor that is in operation is starting to go bad and needs to be replaced. The WWTP doesn't any spares for a backup at this time. The repaired motors will come with a one year warranty, same as a new motor. Repairing these motors will give us two new spares for the price of one new one. The funds are available in 590-561-778.000 Equipment Maintenance.

**745645:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **repair the two Reliance 10 HP motors at a cost of \$1380.00 from the equipment maintenance fund, CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.**

**Approve: Amendment to Hudson Carnegie District Library Agreement**

Council approved the Hudson Carnegie District Library Agreement on September 18, 2012. Council approved an updated agreement on November 12, 2012 to add part of Wheatland Township to the District. The District Library Board agreed to an amendment to the agreement on April 8, 2014, in which the minimum millage rate was lowered from 0.96 to 0.75.

The changes approved by the District Library Board require Council approval of the amended District Library Agreement.

**745646:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **approve the Amendment to the Hudson Carnegie District Library Agreement, lowering the minimum millage rate from 0.96 to 0.75,** CARRIED 4-1 by roll call vote. Mayor Carmel Camp voting no

**Approve: Library Lease**

Council approved the Hudson Carnegie District Library Agreement on September 18, 2012 and by the end of 2012, the State of Michigan officially recognized the Hudson Carnegie Library District. In approving the District Agreement, Council indicated its intent that the City would maintain ownership of the property, and enter into a long-term lease of the building with the District. Accordingly, the City Attorney drafted the lease with a term of ninety-nine years, or as long as the District continues to exist. The lease was approved by the Hudson Carnegie District Library on April 8, 2014.

**745647:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **approve the Library Lease between the City of Hudson and Hudson Carnegie District Library, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease on behalf of the City,** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call vote.

**Discussion: FY 2014/15 Budget**

The City Manager and City Treasurer briefed Council on the draft budget for the FY 2014/15, and highlighted the significant items within the proposed budget, as well as the overall projected increase in the general fund balance, and the expected stability in revenue for the upcoming fiscal year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Bills:****Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$7,132.54**

SLC Meter LLC	\$1,047.21	Stainless Steel Repair Clamps (Water Dept)
Kennedy Industries	\$1,200.00	Jackson St Lift Station Preventative Maintenance
Elhorn Engineering Company	\$1,420.00	120 gal Aquadene Chemicals for WTP
Consumers Energy	\$3,465.33	March 2014 Street Lights' Electricity

**No Bills to be Confirmed****745648:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **pay the bills,** CARRIED: 5-0 by roll call vote

**Department Head Reports for March 2014:****745649:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **accept the Department Head Reports for March 2014, and place on file,** CARRIED: 5-0 by roll call vote

**Accounts Payable Report for March 2014:****745650:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for March 2014, and place on file,** CARRIED: 5-0 by roll call

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- The DDA has agreed to purchase additional Christmas decorations for downtown, including the completion of the wreaths on the streetlights. The DDA has also committed to improving the downtown trees, and to continuing to fund downtown paint projects. Finally, the DDA has agreed to fund 50% of the demolition costs for the former Tiger’s Den building, to a maximum of \$30,000.
- The Inspection Team from the Michigan Economic Developers Association Industrial Park as a State-Certified Business Park. The team was impressed not only by the progress at the Industrial Park, but the improvements in the City as a whole. The same individuals last visited Hudson in 2011.
- The City Manager has accompanied the Business Development arm of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) on several recent site visits to local manufacturers, and nearly all have indicated an intention to conduct further expansion and hiring within the next 12 months.
- The Jeep Grass Rig has now been operationally deployed on multiple fire calls, and has performed exactly as designed.
- The DEQ has approved the permit for the culvert crossing of the Engle Trail to the northwest of the Rima plant. The Engineers had a significant amount of coordination with the DEQ to ensure that no animal species would be negatively impacted by the culvert placement. Trail construction is still expected to commence in early August.
- The City Treasurer and City Manager met last week with the Village Manager of Clinton, to learn about Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) as a possible future form of employer-provided health insurance. HAS plans could result in net savings of approximately 15-20% over the current plans.
- The Hudson Police Department will be focusing on abandoned vehicles within the next couple of weeks – this has been included in the Post Gazette as a heads-up to local residents.
- Dr. Osborne has informed the City that the Training Center, now known as the Southern Michigan Center for Science and Industry, is continuing to move closer to beginning business. The City Manger is hoping to be able to arrange a walk-through of the facility for Council members, and expect that the Center will hold an open house for the public sometime this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**745651:**

Motion by Namrata Carolan, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeaniene McClellan, Deputy Clerk

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_