

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**748171:**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:00 pm. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Daniel Schudel, Brandi Clark, Lisa Enerson, Sherry Kirkland, Natalie Loop, Carl Sword and Rick Moreno

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Aubree Schudel, Candi Best, Audrey Mansfield, Barb Miller, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Police Chief Ron Keck, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

**Setting the agenda:**

**748172:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to add 2023 Patrol Car Equipment install under New Business Item F.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approval of minutes dated July 16, 2024:**

**748173:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop **to approve minutes of July 16, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comments received

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance 404-24 Solar Energy Systems:**

Over the last year we have had citizens interested in solar energy for their homes. One home has installed a system. In order to stay ahead of what is likely to continue over the next several years, the Planning Commission suggested that the city should consider developing an ordinance to regulate solar arrays in the city.

Mr. Weir has reached out to other municipalities that have solar ordinances for guidance. He has drafted an ordinance and after two meetings with the Planning Commission on the subject, and review by the City Attorney, the ordinance is ready for the City Council to review and approve the first reading.

**748174:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Brandi Clark **approve the first reading and waive the actual reading of Ordinance No. 404-24, adding – City of Hudson Solar Energy Systems Ordinance.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approve: Positive Electric – Lift Stations Upgrade:**

We are upgrading both the Sunrise and Church Street stations and are doing most of the work in house to help significantly reduce the overall cost. However, an electrical contractor is needed to pull permits, do inspections, and run the final switchovers. They will also be providing help in an advisory role, along with some electrical pole work and providing some materials that are needed for the project.

WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek contacted four electrical contractors but after three months of follow up calls, he was only able to get two of them to come out to see the two sites to give us a bid.

The first bid is from Positive Electric for \$10,000 for both stations.  
The second bid is from Clark Electric for \$16,500 for both stations.

**748175:**

Motion by Natalie Loop seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the hiring of Positive Electric to assist with the Lift Stations upgrade for \$10,000.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approve: Well #1 Pump Replacement:**

As an ongoing pursuit to improve the water quality and delivery we are requesting the #1 well be serviced and replaced. DPW Superintendent Jay Best had the wells tested every 2 years for efficiency and have seen a trend in well #1. As of the last test the well has fallen off the efficiency curve and has started to fail as a production well.

We are requesting the well pump be replaced as a maintenance item to improve the production of the well and to prevent the failure of the well. This well is 1 of 4 and is next in line for repair.

Peerless Midwest has been the Vendor of choice for the wells and system maintenance and has always delivered outstanding quality in a timely fashion.

The bid for the well rehab is #12,154.38. There is a \$2,031.04 possible saving if the well drop pipe is in good order but wanted to give you the total price of the refit of the well. This process is an ongoing process and will need to be completed later for the rest of the wells but as of now the rest are working as designed.

**748176:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Rick Moreno **approve Peerless Midwest to replace well pump in well #1 at a cost of \$12,154.38.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approve: Purchase Smartpoint Auto Reads:**

The water department is requesting to purchase I-peril Smartpoint 27 auto read units. This I-peril auto read is the ongoing capital improvement for meter replacement and remote reads for the residential water district. He is requesting another box of 27 at a cost of \$5,535.00. This will aid in the time spent reading water meters and will continue the ongoing process of all the homes being read remotely. This is not a bid process; this is an Etna related unit and the units the city has used for the meter reads.

**748177:**

Motion by Rick Moreno seconded by Brandi Clark **approve the purchase of 27 I-peril Smartpoint auto read units.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approve: Bead Blast and Painting of the Iron Filter:**

This is the ongoing procedure of improvement of the water system. We are requesting the Iron filter at the water plant be head blasted and painted as a corrosion control effort to extend the life of the iron filter.

The iron filter when built was never painted and over the years has begun to show signs of surface rust and needs repair. We have 3 quotes for the specialty work to be completed.

USI - \$21,190.00

Blastec - \$6,356.00 (Economy option) power wash preparation

Blastec - \$7,906.00 (Mid-grade option) Sandblast preparation for better paint adhesion and finish.

This is a specialty coating and there are not a lot of companies out there that do the work. This work will be completed when the temperature of the water and air temperature is close together, so the sweating of the iron filter does not affect the paint adhesion.

The large price difference is due to USI being the primary company doing the work in Michigan for several years. Blastec has been doing the work for a few years now and was recommended to the city by a water professional who is familiar with their work.

**748178:**

Motion by Rick Moreno seconded by Lisa Enerson **approve Blastec for the bead blast and painting of the Iron filter in the amount of \$7,906.00.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approve: Equipment for the 2023 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicle:**

2 bids received to purchase and install equipment into the 2023 Police Dodge Charger.

\$13,807.97 Adrian Sign – Adrian MI

\$11,989.61 Herkimer Radio Service – Monroe MI

Note: Adrian Sign equips the Jackson Sheriff Department, Lenawee County Sheriff Department, Adrian Police Department and most of Lenawee County. Adrian Sign is familiar with our radio, computer, and printer systems. Adrian Sign is also familiar with the communication system for connectivity to the Lenawee County system. Repairs or service calls could be completed in Adrian rather than Monroe Michigan reducing time and cost for service.

Herkimer Radio equips the Monroe County Sheriff Department and metro area.

**748179:**

Motion by Sherry Kirkland seconded by Rick Moreno **authorize Adrian Sign to purchase and install equipment into the 2023 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicle.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

Bills to Council  
August 6, 2024

**Bills to be Approve**

Biotech Argonomics	\$20,255.40	Sludge Application
Total	\$20,255.40	

**Bills to be Confirmed**

County National Bank	\$28,204.72	Vactor Truck Payment
Lafontaine of Lansing	\$32,062.00	New Police Department Car
Total	\$60,266.72	

**748180:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark **to approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Account Balances and Check Register:****Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$584,603.58
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$231,600.94
Local Street Fund	\$148,338.64
Fire Department Fund	\$169,968.14
Recreation Fund	\$ 677.13
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 32,393.75
Ambulance	\$191,248.36
Community Center	\$ 35,711.87
Income Tax Fund	\$ 89,948.04
Downtown Development	\$ 43,170.76
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 11,365.75
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 14,150.32
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$116,621.56
Water and Sewer Fund	\$475,068.17
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$105,023.06
Property Tax Collection	\$ 0.00
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,049.11
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,020.48

**748181:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**MINTUES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:****Planning Commission dated July 22, 2024:****748182:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Planning Commission minutes dated July 22, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Recreation Advisory Board dated July 29, 2024:****748183:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Recreation Advisory Board minutes dated July 29, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- The city receptionist position is now open due to Kris Eschedor accepting a position with Veterans Affairs in Adrian. We thank Kris for her service with the City of Hudson and wish her well.
- Mr Weir has not heard from REI Global about their potential project in the Industrial Park. They are not returning his phone calls or emails. Lenawee Now also has had no response from them. It is unknown if they are moving forward any further at this point.
- Jay, Joshua and Mr Weir met with Ken Wesley of UIS SCADA on July 26<sup>th</sup> about pricing and options to move forward with the SCADA upgrades at the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants due to the city not receiving the grant funding. We are likely at this point to focus our attention on the Wastewater plant due to it needing more. The WWTP SCADA was supposed to be included in the 2018 upgrade but was cut due to funding at the time. We will be using the dollars that the city was going to use for the match under the grant for the SCADA upgrade. The upgrades at both plants will have to be stretched out over the next two or three years.
- DPW has repaired three water line leaks over the past two weeks, and it appears that the city is saving about 30,000 gallons a day due to the repairs. This is saving the city money by treating less water and wastewater.
- The sidewalk repairs around City Hall and the Fire Department are underway. We are in the process of getting quotes for seal coating the city parking lots and some of the trails.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**748184:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

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