

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

748074:

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

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

ABSENT: Rick Moreno

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Jewell, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, Police Chief Ron Keck, Sara Schudel, Candi Best, Matthew Witte, John Greiner, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Excuse Absent Members:****748075:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop **to excuse Rick Moreno from the meeting.**
CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2024:**748076:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to approve the minutes of March 5, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matthew Witte – Invite all the elected officials to an event for election data. This event will be at Hooligans Restaurant in Adrian at 11:00 am on May 22, 2024. There will also be a public meeting in the evening at the same location for anyone else who would like to hear Dr Douglas Frank.

NEW BUSINESS:**Appointment: Vacant Council Seat:**

On February 23rd Teresa Frantz resigned from the City Council. Per City Charter, anytime there would be a vacancy on an elective office, city council needs to appoint someone to fill the seat until the Monday after the regular election. The date for this will be November 11, 2024.

If Council does not fill the seat within 30 days, March 24, 2024, the City would have to have a special election. The last election cost was over \$2,000.

We have two people who have given the clerk their letter of intention to fill the open seat until November 11th. The first person is Brandi L. Clark and the second person is Bruce VanWieren. They both meet all the requirements to fill the seat. Mr VanWieren will not be in Michigan until the end of April.

748077:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Carl Sword **appoint Brandi Clark to the vacant Council Seat until November 11, 2024.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to new Council Member Brandi Clark.

***** *Rick Moreno arrives at 7:12 pm* *****

Retiree Health Insurance Benefit:

At the February 6, 2024, Council meeting, City Council was reviewing and approving the update to the Employee Handbook. At that time the Council voted to remove part of section 317 Retiree Health Plan.

At the February 20, Council meeting the Council had further discussion about the removal of this section and the Council requested the City Manager to investigate the Retiree Health Plan and bring it back for further consideration (Number of employees, costs).

Per the City's Health Insurance carrier, the City would be required to pay a minimum of 50% of the monthly premium. The employee must be 62 years of age and have 30 years of service to the city.

The city currently has one employee that is eligible now and two more that will be eligible over the next two years. If the current employee was to retire with the benefit it would cost the city \$559.00 a month at 50%. This is for the employee only. If the spouse is covered as well, it would be \$1,118.00 a month.

This would cost the city \$13,416 or \$26,832.00 (over a two-year period) until the employee reached the age of 65 when he would come off and go on Medicare. The remaining two employees could potentially follow suit. This also depends on if the employees work beyond 62 years of age.

Looking at additional future employees that may take advantage of the benefit, once the above-mentioned 3 employees are on Medicare there would be a (6) six-year gap before the city would have to pay for another retiree's medical insurance if the Retiree Group Health Plan was reinstated.

748078:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **approve to reinstate the current 3 employees only to be grandfathered in the Retiree Health Insurance Benefit that will be eligible to have coverage until the age 65 with the City paying 50% of the insurance premium. After 2027 the Retiree Health Insurance Benefit will no longer be available.**

CARRIED 5-2 by roll call (Schudel, Enerson, Clark, Kirkland, Moreno – yes Loop, Sword – no).

Approve: Lenawee County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

The previous Lenawee County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved in 2012. The update on this new plan started in 2020 and involved emergency services representatives and government officials of all the cities, villages, and townships in Lenawee County. The 2023 Lenawee County Plan was approved by FEMA on August 25, 2023.

The Lenawee County Emergency Management Coordinator, Criag Tanis, is in the process of having all the governing bodies that helped develop the updated plan adopt it officially by resolution. By adopting the plan by resolution, it gives the city the ability to have access to FEMA resources should the city experience a large-scale hazard incident.

Mr Weir has forwarded the 2023 Lenawee County Hazard Mitigation Plan document to the City Council for review and approval.

748079:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Lisa Enerson **approve the resolution adopting the August 25, 2023, Lenawee County Hazard Mitigation Plan.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
March 19, 2024

Bills to be Approve

Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Nickel & Saph	\$7,251.80	4 th Install on Package
Nickel & Saph	\$6,704.20	4 th Install on Property
Stevens Disposal	\$10,657.00	Monthly Refuse
Jones & Henry	\$15,883.05	DWAM
Total	\$40,496.05	

748080:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Account Balances and Check Register:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$664,874.81
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$252,297.28
Local Street Fund	\$ 58,760.23
Fire Department Fund	\$105,660.76
Recreation Fund	\$ 2,432.23

Cemetery Foundation	\$ 20,449.85
Ambulance	\$127,053.07
Community Center	\$ 34,607.79
Income Tax Fund	\$ 29,166.74
Downtown Development	\$ 43,170.76
L D F A	\$ 0.00
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 23,863.42
Museum Fund	\$ 310.94
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 17,698.48
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 97,781.77
Water and Sewer Fund	\$197,781.97
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$100,480.96
Property Tax Collection	\$ 0.00
Payroll Fund	\$ 33,669.19
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 16,667.28

748081:

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

Department Head Reports:**748082:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to accept the department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**Recreation Advisory Board dated March 11, 2024:****748083:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Recreation Advisory Board minutes dated March 11, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Planning Commission dated March 1, 2024**748084:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the Planning Commission minutes dated March 1, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Recreation Advisory Board is working on identifying the five top priorities for the parks and trails. There was some good discussion on addressing some of the general maintenance of the parks that could be done at minimal expense. There was talk about getting volunteers from the community to help with cleanup and painting. The goal is to have the updated Recreation Plan completed by summer and have it approved by the DNR for possible grant opportunities in 2025.

- EGLE is requiring that TSC put the drain run off retention pond on the back side of the property instead of in front by Meridian Road. We received an updated drawing, and it was shared with the Planning Commission with no concerns. We are still waiting for EGLE to approve the new watermain, but they still are on schedule for groundbreaking in April.
- The masonry work at the public works building has been completed. Mr Weir had the contractor (Chapman’s Restoration Contracting) look at the limestone repair needed on the library building. Mr. Chapman would not be able to make the repairs, but he was able to consult with some other companies that do limestone repairs, and he was advised that the whole limestone piece would have to be replaced. The piece itself would be \$13,000.00. With labor and equipment costs, the repair would be \$25,000.00 - \$30,000.00.
- City staff and the department heads are starting to work on the 2024-2025 budget. Treasurer Megan Thompson has put out spread sheets to the department heads for their input on their budgets for consideration.
- The annual property tax settlement for 2023 has been completed and will be submitted to the Conty Treasurer on Monday March 18th. The city is expected to receive over \$42,000 in June for the back taxes owed.
- Mr Weir has reached out to a contractor for the updating the city Master Plan under the grant received from MSHDA. He anticipates that he will have a quote for the work to be done over the next few weeks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

748085:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Sherry Kirkland to **adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk