

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**748221:**

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, Rick Moreno and Carl Sword

ABSENT: Natalie Loop

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Sara Schudel, Bruce VanWieren, Devin & Sierra Sandahl, State Representative Jennifer Wortz, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

**Excuse Absent Member:**

**748222:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to excuse Natalie Loop from the meeting.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Setting the agenda:**

**748223:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to move item D to E under New Business and add item D Used Utility Truck Bid.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approval of minutes dated October 1, 2024:**

**748224:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Carl Sword **to approve minutes of October 1, 2024 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

State Representative Jennifer Wortz introduced herself to the Council for the upcoming election.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve: Reappointment to the DDA:**

Dave Willhite's current 4-year appointment to the Downtown Development Authority will expire this month and he has expressed the desire to be reappointed.

He meets the requirements to be reappointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

**748225:**

Motion by Carl Sword seconded by Rick Moreno to **reappoint Dave Willhite to the Downtown Development Authority for 4-year term expiring in October 2028.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: No Parking on Main Street – Christmas Parade:**

The annual Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The parade line-up will be staged on School and McKenzie, proceed west on School and north on Spring Street. To Main Street, continue west on Main Street to West Street, then head north on West Street to Railroad Street, and travel east on Railroad Street to the Fire Station.

We recommend that Council authorize "No Parking" in the 200 and 300 block of West Main Street from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm for the parade. This will allow for a safer environment for the children and others attending the parade.

If Council authorizes no parking in the 200 and 300 blocks of West Main Street for the parade, DPW and HPD will take care of setting up and removing the appropriate barricades. In the event that parking can be opened up sooner than 7:00 pm, they will do so.

**748226:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Brandi Clark to **authorize No Parking in the 200 and 300 blocks of West Main Street from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Saturday, November 30, 2024 for the Christmas Parade.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Purchase New Dump Truck:**

DPW Superintendent Jay Best is requesting a pre-approval for the purchase of a new frontline 5-yard dump truck. This will be a direct replacement for the 2005 Sterling dump truck. The 05 is coming up on its life expectancy and we have had issues with the truck. 5 years ago, the motor was replaced, and the Sterling model truck is no longer being made and it is getting extremely hard to find some parts for the truck.

We are requesting the pre-approved to replace the truck because of the 18-24 month lead time for vehicles of this kind. He has an estimate of \$150,000.00 for replacement for the truck. Once he gets a commitment, he can then get some firm numbers after researching the cost vs timeframe.

We must be put on a list for build then can firm up the numbers for the cab and chassis. He wanted to start the process, due to the lead time of the build.

He would like to have council on board with approval then go out for the numbers based on the lead time and truck model. After that he can get a price on setting the truck with plow and dump body and get hard numbers on total. There would not be a monetary commitment at this time just a verbal OK needed to proceed.

**748227:**

Motion by Rick Moreno seconded by Sherry Kirkland **approve the commitment to the purchase of a replacement dump truck for the 2005 Sterling Dump truck.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Purchase New Dump Truck:**

We have found a 2015 utility truck on the BidCorp auction site that would be beneficial to the DPW. We did budget \$25,000 in the equipment replacement line in the Motor Vehicle Equipment Fund for the potential purchase for such a truck. If the city purchases the truck, the DPW pickup that it is replaced will be transferred to the WWTP and the old black dodge (in poor condition) used at the WWTP can be sold.

The auction is ending on October 17<sup>th</sup> is why the short notice to the City Council. The current Motor Vehicle budget Equipment Replacement line of \$25,000.00 and under the Motor Vehicle Repair Parts is \$4,408.95 for a total of \$29,408.95.

There is currently a deficit in the Motor Vehicle Repair & Maintenance line (under budgeted) and the recent service on the Vactor Truck, the balance will be \$12,452.89.

Current balance in the Motor Vehicle Equipment Fund (Cash) is \$129,274.98.

If approved to bid, Jay will make the trip to look at the vehicle in Oakland County.

**748228:**

Motion by Sherry Kirkland seconded by Rick Moreno **approve to bid on BidCorp for the purchase of a utility truck not to exceed \$10,500.00 total for the purchase.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Executive Session: OMA Section 8 (a) City Manager Performance Evaluation:**

Mr Weir has submitted a written request to enter into Executive Session in order to complete this year's performance appraisal. Each Council member was given an evaluation form to complete and discuss during the executive session.

**748229:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Brandi Clark **to enter into Closed Session pursuant to OMA Section 8 ( a ) for the City Manager's Performance Appraisal.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

\*\*Entered executive session at 7:28 pm

\*\*Returned to open session at 7:38 pm

**748230:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Brandi Clark **that City Manager Charles has met all the job functions and continues to do an exceptionally job.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

Bills to Council  
October 15, 2024

**Bills to be Approve**

Jack Donheny Co	\$7,663.10	Vac Truck Repair
Total	\$7,663.10	

**Bills to be Confirmed**

K & B Asphalt	\$6,446.00	Crack Fill & Seal
Adrian Sign Shop	\$13,807.98	New Police Car updates
Total	\$20,253.98	

**748231:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno **to approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Account Balances and Check Register:**

**Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$1,049,043.50
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$259,814.97
Local Street Fund	\$ 16,023.81
Fire Department Fund	\$158,291.30
Recreation Fund	\$ 682.93

Cemetery Foundation	\$ 18,929.68
Ambulance	\$102,248.23
Community Center	\$ 35,616.48
Income Tax Fund	\$ 87,369.79
Downtown Development	\$ 43,170.76
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 11,319.51
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 13,231.31
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$115,325.06
Water and Sewer Fund	\$137,974.75
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$129,274.98
Property Tax Collection	\$ 3,507.56
Payroll Fund	\$ 30,728.02
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,167.43

**748232:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Department Head Reports:****748233:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark **to accept the department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- The DDA had a meeting on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> and is moving forward with some projects with the remaining funds in the DDA account. They approved purchasing a new video camera system for the downtown area. Chief Keck is assisting the DDA with this project. They are also considering new trash receptacles and additional lighting in the alleyways downtown. There was also discussion about having the light poles re-painted.
- The City of Hudson 2024-2029 Parks & Recreation Master Plan has been submitted to the MDNR and in the review process for approval. The approval of the plan will allow the city to apply for DNR grants for Parks and Recreation projects that will also include the trail system.
- We had the Hydro Vactor truck in for its 500 hours service and other items addressed. The invoice for the service was \$9,171.53. We did not receive a quote before the work was completed otherwise, Mr Weir would have brought it before Council. He spoke with Doheny Service about not receiving a quote before the work was performed and the city will be credited back \$1,299.24. The motor vehicle repair and maintenance budget line-item expenditure is over budget and will have to be amended later this fiscal year. We will be able to move funds within the motor vehicle budget to adjust for the deficit in the line item without pulling from the Motor Vehicle fund balance.

- The medical insurance committee met on October 10<sup>th</sup> with the city’s insurance carrier and discussed options to reduce the insurance costs to the city while still providing a good benefit for the employees and their families. There is more work to be done but decision will have to be made over the next few weeks during the open enrollment and renewal period.
- The exterior painting of City Hall and the fire barn is complete. The cost of the materials was about \$700.00.
- The crack sealing on the trails has also been completed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Downtown Trick or Treat, Halloween Craft Show (Community Center) Trunk or Treat (Bleich Farms, C & R, Frank Austin) - October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Parade and Santa Claus plus other items at the Community Center – November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Craft Show and Tree Lighting – December 7<sup>th</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**748234:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm**

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

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