

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 2022**

747592:

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Pam Ely, Natalie Loop, Lee Ann Minton, Rick Moreno and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Irvine – Chris Arenshorst – Berends Henricks Stuit, John Johnson – Nickel & Saph Inc., David Lacasse, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2022:****747593:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop **to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Lacasse – Introduce himself to the Council as someone who is running for District Court Judge in Lenawee County. He will be on the August 4th ballot.

Letter from Kris Eschedor (read by Mayor Carmel Camp) – About some angry citizens mistreating City Hall Staff because of the financial problems over the last year, and the recent \$ 0.23 a month increase in the refuse billing.

Barb Ireland – Replied to the letter that was read by Mayor Carmel Camp that she was the one who called and if the citizens were notified by the \$0.23 increase on the refuse she would not have called.

PRESENTATION:

Berends Henricks Stuit – Chris Arenshorst – Discussed the present liability insurance with the council and what they will continue to do to help the City of Hudson.

Nickel & Saph Inc – John Johnson – Discussed their liability insurance with the council and what their company can do to help the City of Hudson.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve: Property Liability Insurance Renewal Quotes:**

The City's Property Liability Insurance is up for renewal. This current budget, City Manager, Charles Weir met with Chris Arenshorst from BHS and made some adjustments in the City's Policy and was able to save about \$9,000.00 and allowed the City to be billed quarterly which was very helpful over the last year. BHS gave a quote for the renewal for the 2022/2023 budget year.

He was able to get another quote on the City's Property Liability Insurance from Nickel & Saph Inc. based out of Mt. Clemens Michigan. Nickel & Saph hold policies with several Michigan entities. Mr Weir met with John Johnson, and he was able to provide the quote.

The quotes are based on the insurance needs and are comparable as close as possible. Once the quotes were submitted to the city each company wanted to see the numbers quoted. BHS Representative advised that it was not an "apples to apples" comparison.

BHS Insurance Quote: \$74,368.00

Both Representatives made adjustments to their Original proposals. The final quotes were

Nickel & Saph Quote: \$59,850.00

BHS \$67,819.00 N&S \$62,505.00

Both representatives recommend the City obtain Cyber Liability coverage. Both representatives will be attending the Council meeting to explain their proposals in greater detail.

747594:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Pam Ely **to bring the proposals back to the council meeting on June 21st for a decision at that time** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: 5K Run Event – Road Closure:

Sacred Heart School will be having their annual 5K run on June 18th this year. The route will be the same as the previous years, and are asking council to authorize street closures for this event. The first race is planned to start at 8:30 am and all races will be completed by 11:00 am.

They are requesting to have S. Market Street, Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, Fayette Street (from Church St. to S. Market St.), Mechanic St and St Giles closed for the entirety of the race. In addition, they are requesting to have one lane of the route dedicated to the race until the last participant has passed through.

The school will conduct clean-up, and have volunteers posted along the course.

747595:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Carl Sword **Authorize the closure of S. Market Street, Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, Fayette Street from Church to S. Market Streets, Mechanic Street and St Giles closed on Saturday, June 18, 2022 for the Sacred Heart School 5K race.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Driveway Variance – 333 State:

The Planning Commission voted on Monday, May 23, 2022 to recommend that Council approve a request from David Beem for a variance (under Section 15-34 Curb Cut Requirements of the City Code) to widen his driveway approach to 42 feet.

When he purchased this property the approach was already 42 feet and now he wants to pave the driveway.

During the meeting no objections were received, nor have any written objections been received to the variance. The request is being submitted to the City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals. Attached for Council's review is a copy of the Variance Request as well as the relevant Zoning Ordinance and supporting documents.

747596:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Carl Sword **Grant the Variance Request from David Beem at 333 State Street to maintain his driveway approach to 42 feet.** CARRIED 6-1 by roll call vote. (Camp, Ely, Loop, Minton, Moreno, Sword – yes Daugherty – no)

Approve: Re-Zone Variance – 119 E Main:

The Planning Commission voted on Monday, May 23, 2022 to recommend that Council approve a request from Tim Galland to rezone his property at 119 E Main Street from Industrial to Residential.

Mr Gallant has been living here as his residence for a few years now.

During the meeting there were two objections received. The request is being submitted to the City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals. Attached for Council's review is a copy of the Rezoning Request as well as the relevant Zoning Ordinance and supporting documents.

747597:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Natalie Loop **Grant the re-zoning at 119 E Main Street from Industrial to Residential.** DENIED 0-7 by roll call vote.

Approve: Local Bridge Inspection Authorization:

The Michigan Department of Transportation requires that the local bridges on Jackson and Mechanic Street be inspected every two years, in accordance with National Bridge Inspection standards. The last inspections were completed in May 2020. Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering has offered to complete these inspections for the City for a fee of \$1600.00. This is budgeted under the Major Street fund.

747598:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword **Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering to proceed with the 2022 Bridge Inspection services for \$1600.00.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Vac Truck Repair:

DPW Superintendent Jay Best advised that the Vac Truck needs repair inside the box. The screen rails filter grates need to be replaced.

Three estimates were obtained from two companies. Two of the quotes are from Metal Methods Manufacturing but using two different materials.

Metal Methods Manufacturing	\$4,400.00	Stainless Steel
Metal Methods Manufacturing	\$2,500.00	Mild Steel
Imperial Weld & Repair	\$3,220.00	Mild Steel

Funds for the repair will come from the Motor Vehicle Fund. Current balance is \$12,133.61.

747599:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the Vac Truck repair with Metal Methods Manufacturing in the amount of \$2,500.00.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Pulverize and Chip Seal Washington & Aldrich Streets:

Several of the City Streets are in disrepair and Mr Weir has received several verbal complaints about Washington Street. DPW Superintendent Jay Best and Mr Weir agreed that Washington Street would be a good place to start. Washington is a major street.

Jay said that the double chip seal process is the most economical way to fix a street surface. He checked with Lenawee County Road Commission who does chip sealing, but he was advised that they are not doing any of that work this year. There is one contractor locally that can do the work.

Jay was able to contact Brady Sand & Gravel out of Tecumseh Michigan who was able to provide a bid for the pulverizing and chip sealing Washington and Aldrich Streets. Brady would pulverize all of Washington Street from S. Church Street to Grove Street. The remainder of Washington Street would be paved by another company due some additional work needing to be done on Washington and to the intersection of Oak Street.

The bid price from Brady Sand & Gravel is \$78,230.00. There is an additional charge of \$7,332.00 for the application of "Fog Seal" over the chip seal. The Fog seal will put a finish on the chip sealed surface that will help with the sealing properties and look like a paved roadway. Total cost \$85,562.00. The fog seal can be eliminated if Council chooses to do so.

The Major and Local Street funds for the 2022/2023 budget has combined total of \$141,552.00 budgeted in the local and major streets construction.

747600:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **approve the bid from Brady Sand & Gravel for the pulverizing, double chip sealing and fog sealing of Washington and Aldrich Streets, in the amount of \$85,562.00, and authorize the City Manager to sign the bid document.**

CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Pave Washington between Grove and Oak:

Due to the grade and an alley way connected to this section Washington Street it was determined that full repave may be more effective in this area.

DPW Superintendent Jay Best was able to get three quotes from three contractors for the paving of this section. The bids are quoted with the milling already being completed except for the Belson Asphalt bid which include the milling price.

K & B Asphalt	\$23,625.00
Belson Asphalt	\$29,998.00
RDK's	\$44,750.00

747601:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Pam Ely **approve K & B Asphalt in the amount of \$23,625.00 to repave Washington Street from Grove to Oak and a section of Oak.**

CARRIED 6-1 by roll call vote. (Camp, Daugherty, Ely, Loop, Moreno, Sword – yes Minton – no)

Approve: High Service Pumps at the Water Treatment Plant:

The three high service pumps at the Water Treatment Plant are at the end of their service life. The pumps have been repaired from time to time over the last 20 years. The current pumps are no longer being manufactures. DPW Superintendent Jay Best was able to get three quotes for the replacement of the pumps.

Northern Pump & Well	\$50,276.52
Peerless Midwest Inc.	\$17,561.00
Core Electric	\$17,129.00

Mr Best recommends the quote by Peerless Midwest due to the company previous history and knowledge of the City's Water Plant. The quoted prices are dated earlier this year and late last year. Jay spoke with Bob Masters of Peerless Midwest about the quote and Bob advised they will honor the price quoted.

747602:

Motion by Rick Moreno seconded by Carl Sword **approve the purchase in installation of the three high service pumps at the water treatment plant from Peerless Midwest Inc. in the amount of \$17,561.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign the quote document.**

CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

**Bills to Council
June 7, 2022**

Bills to be Approved

Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD	\$6,136.83	DWAM Grant services thru April 30, 2022
ETNA	\$3,000.00	Annual Support for the water meters
Consumers Energy	\$65,587.00	3 Phase Electricity for Sunrise Meadows Lift Station
Total	\$74,723.83	

Bills to be Confirmed

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$31,725.44	Health Insurance
Consumers Energy	\$1,572.52	Street Lights
Consumers Energy	\$1,574.78	LED Lights
Consumers Energy	\$3,106.83	WWTP
MML Workers Compensation	\$11,751.00	Policy Premium 71/12022-7/1/2023
First Bank Card	\$1,470.42	WWTP Purchases
Bill Deo Lawn Services	\$7,920.00	2 payments for the Maple Grove Cemetery Contract
Total	\$59,120.99	

747603:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Natalie Loop **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Account Balances & Check Register:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$250,098.24
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 2,262.45
Major Street Fund	\$122,063.83
Local Street Fund	\$ 96,047.08
Fire Department Fund	\$ 94,150.76

Recreation Fund	\$ 5,615.40
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 12,430.64
Ambulance	\$ 75,432.94
Community Center	\$ 28,031.53
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 57,662.33
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 41,654.71
Downtown Development	\$ 10,299.58
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 14,145.01
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2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$210,273.42
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 2,565.98
Utilities Fund	\$123,712.64
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$215,347.60
Property Tax Collection	\$ 0.00
Income Tax Fund	\$ 89,732.06
Payroll Fund	\$ 34,429.85

747604:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword **to accept the Account Balances & Check Register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

Revenue Expenditure Report:**747605:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Rick Moreno **to accept the Revenue Expenditure Report and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Consumers Energy bill to be approved at this Council meeting is the invoice for the 3-phase power project council approved at the April 5, meeting. The \$65,587.00 price is \$6,474.00 less than the previous estimate by Consumers. Consumers will need payment before the next Council Meeting to begin the work. As noted in the April 5th Council meeting, the funds will be coming from the 2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund.
- DPW was able to investigate the problem at the manhole at the intersection of Jefferson and Joppa. A 24" sanitary line is broken and partially collapsed. We are in contact with a couple of contractors to formulate plans on fixing the problem. This sanitary line has close to half of the city tied to it. It will need to be fixed as soon as possible.
- We also have a hole opening in the roadway by on the southeast corner of the Mechanic Street bridge. When Fleis & VandenBrink do the bridge inspection soon they may have suggestions in the investigation and resolution of the issue.

- New score boards will be going up at the Thompson Memorial Park thanks again to Bill Mullaly.
- A Region 2 Planning Commission will be sending a representative to the June 27th Hudson Planning Commission meeting to discuss updating the City Master Plan.
- Jeaniene and Linda will be attending election update training on Monday June 13th.
- The city has been sending out several letters about long grass. There are several yards that are scheduled to be mowed by DPW but they are having a hard time getting them done due to keeping up with the City's mowing responsibilities. DPW will also be short staffed again due to a medical procedure of an employee. Jay and Mr Weir have had some discussion about hiring out the grass violation mows and will likely bring it to Council for consideration.
- Our new City Treasurer Megan Thompson has had a recent death in the family and will be off work for a time. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.
- Jeff Vanderlooven passed his certification test and is now fully licensed to run the water plant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

747606:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Pam Ely to **adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk