

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

748139:

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, Rick Moreno and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Will Terrill, Sara Schudel, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Bruce VanWieren, Andy Hackett, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2024:

748140:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Rick Moreno to approve minutes of May 21, 2024 and place on file. CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments received

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve: Variance 24-01 – Lincoln School:

Lincoln School needs to add a new circle driveway and drop off in the 800 Tiffin Street block. The contractor needs to get started on this process so the Planning Commission will be having a special meeting on June 3rd.

The Planning Commission voted to approve the variance and forward to Council for their approval.

748141:

Motion by Sherry Kirkland seconded by Lisa Enerson **approve the variance 24-01, Lincoln School's new circle driveway and drop off on Tiffin Street.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approve: Valve Replacement WWTP:

We have a 4" wasting valve that's starting to go out. It's an automated actuator valve that opens and closes on a set timer and is crucial to our daily operations. It controls all the wasting of activated sludge in the plant and its failure at the wrong time could have severe consequences on the plant operation and the surrounding environment.

All current 4" plug valves on the sludge settling have been inoperable for years. We currently use pumps to decant the tanks down on a normal basis. Superintendent Joshua Mattek would like to replace four of the eight inoperable valves, so we can gravity feed from the tanks and discard the need for the pumps. This will eliminate the cost of electricity and pump maintenance/replacement.

We also have a 6" plug valve that is inoperable that needs to be replaced. It helps control and balance the flow of our Activated Sludge Return along with making maintenance on certain pieces of equipment possible.

All the valves we want to replace we installed in the 1986 plant upgrade, which makes all of them over 38 years old now. Also some of the valves can only be changed out at certain times, like the valve as on the sludge settling tank which there is a small window of time every year and half to get them change them out. Others can only be down for no more than a hour, which makes removal and repair impossible.

748142:

Motion by Lisa Enerson seconded by Sherry Kirkland **approve the purchase of new plug valves through USA Bluebook to replace the current failing or inoperable ones in service in the amount of \$11,486.85.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

EXECUTIVE SESSION: OMA Section 8 (a) DPW Union Contract:

At the Council meeting on May 7th executive session a counter offer was suggested by the Council. The Council will need to go into the executive session to continue with the discussion on the new contract since it will expire on June 30, 2024.

748143:

Motion by Sherry Kirkland, seconded by Brandi Clark **Go into executive session pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 8 (c) to discuss DPW Union Negotiation strategy.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Entered executive session at 7:12 pm
 **Returned to open session at 7:30 pm

748144:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Sherry Kirkland **to approve the DPW Contract as discussed in the executive session.** CARRIED 6-1 by roll call (Schudel, Clark, Enerson, Kirkland, Loop, Moreno – yes Sword – no)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
 May 21, 2024

Bills to be Approve

Total	\$0.00	
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Bills to be Confirmed

AIS Construction	\$8,072.73	Backhoe Repair
Michigan Municipal League	\$9,965.00	1 st Quarter Workers Compensation 2024-2025
City Services Incorporated	\$6,100.00	Water Main for TSC
Total	\$24,137.73	

748145:

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

Account Balances and Check Register:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$635,275.79
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$277,443.57
Local Street Fund	\$ 61,712.60

Fire Department Fund	\$102,189.59
Recreation Fund	\$ 779.73
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 11,407.20
Ambulance	\$105,981.43
Community Center	\$ 38,716.70
Income Tax Fund	\$209,019.58
Downtown Development	\$ 43,170.76
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 23,976.35
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	(\$ 966.33)
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 16,303.89
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$115,196.07
Water and Sewer Fund	\$311,975.01
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$105,792.67
Property Tax Collection	\$ 23.62
Payroll Fund	\$ 874.43
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 16,812.58

City Manager advised a correction was made in the general ledger to the Museum Fund. The Museum Fund has a positive balance of \$11,995.19.

748146:

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The foundation for the Tractor Supply Company is being poured and we were advised that they will start laying the lock next week. The iron work is expected to start July 6th. The new water main has been completed and tested.
- We had an issue with gasoline that caused problems with two patrol vehicles and one ambulance. Mr Weir spoke with Briner Oil Company, and they came and emptied the bulk gas tank and refilled it with gasoline from another tank at their facility. Briner advised that they have similar reports from other customers as well. Briner suspects a problem with one of their tanks and in the process of testing the gasoline. One of the patrol vehicle gas tanks did have a considerable amount of water in it.
- DPW candidate interviews are underway. The wastewater applications are being accepted until June 3rd and interviews will follow shortly after that date.
- The demolition of the dangerous structure at 225 Grove Street has been completed. We have received some positive comments from the community. We are still sending letters and working with HPD on other blight issues as well. This is an ongoing venture that will not likely be 100% completed at any point but the city will continue to actively address the blight issues.
- We will not be having a Council meeting on June 18th due to the Clerk and deputy Clerk being in training that week. We are working on the budget amendments for FY 2023-2024. When they

are ready for the Council review, we will have to call for a special meeting before June 30th to approve the budget amendments.

- The Hudson Police Department had its Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) audit by the State of Michigan. The auditor commented “it was the best audit she has completed to date”. This is not an easy task. There was only one issue identified that is outside of HPD control but is being corrected. Chief Ron Keck and the officers are to be commended for their efforts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

748147:

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk