

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**747264:**

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 pm.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Richard & Carolyn Halliwill, Bill Deo, Steve Nicholson, Tammy Jewell, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Candi Best, Brent Shea – City Auditor, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Acting City Treasurer Brandon Hudson, City Receptionist Kris Eschedor, City Deputy Treasurer Linda Cross, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, Ambulance Superintendent Jim Stevens, Interim City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

**Setting the Agenda:**

**747265:**

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **add Under New Business Item A; Update: Brent Shea – City Auditor on Findings and Move the Rest of the Items accordingly.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette – After listening to the audio recording of the April 24, 2021 meeting. She felt that City Manager Steven Hartsel should not have been put on Administrative leave but to keep him in place to help the City and fix what was wrong.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE: Brent Shea – City Auditor on findings:**

Brent Shea addressed the Council and as far as he can tell at this present time, he has found NO fraud. He will know more when he is able to look at the General Ledger.

**DISCUSSION: Line of Credit and Approval of a Possible Loan thru County National Bank:**

After seeing all the bills and upcoming expenses. Interim City Manager Charles Weir asked the City Council for permission to go to County National Bank for a line of credit.

**747266:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve Interim City Manager Charles Weir permission to process with County National Bank for a Line of Credit.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**AUTHORIZE: Signature Cards at All Three Banks:**

In order to conduct business the signature cards at the banks will need to be changed to Charles Weir, Jeaniene McClellan, Brandon Hudson, and Linda Cross.

**747267:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Rick Moreno to **authorize Charlie Weir, Interim City Manager; Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk; Brandon Hudson, Treasurer; and Linda Cross, Deputy City Treasurer, as signers on the signer cards at Old National Bank, County National Bank, and Premier Bank.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

**DISCUSSION: Current and Upcoming Budget with the Possibility of Making Changes:**

Michael Sessions from the City of Morenci has been very helpful in finding the problems with the accounting software and working on the budgets so we can be in compliant with the State of Michigan to set our new upcoming budget for 2021-2022.

**DISCUSSION: Utility Rate Study:**

Interim City Manager Charles Weir found a Water Rate Study that was already done in 2019 by Jones and Henry Engineers. After looking at their recommendations, they felt the City needed to raise the utility rate by 4% in order to stop the short fall in the budget. John Holland from the Rural Water has also called our DPW Superintendent Jay Best that he would be available to help the City in figuring out what the rates need to be.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**747268:**

Motion by Pam Ely, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmel Camp, Mayor

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

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_