

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2021**

**747413:**

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Ann Minton, Rick Moreno, Carl Sword, Pam Ely, Darlene VandeZande and Lee Daugherty  
ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: Lenawee County Deputy Administrator Kimberly L Murphy, Bill Leisenring, Shannon Elliott, Jennifer Ambrose, Heidi Cannon, Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Sgt Ron Keck- Hudson Police Department, Dan Spencer, John Irvine, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Dan Schudel, Willis Terrill, Joseph Yeider, WWTP Superintendent Ted Hutchison, DPW Superintendent Jay Best & Candi Best, City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**Setting the Agenda:****747414:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to add, Discuss about the Presentation, under New Business Item A, then move the rest accordingly.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approval of Minutes of October 05, 2021:****747415:**

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Pam Ely **to approve the minutes from October 05, 2021 as recorded and place on file.** CARRIED 4-3 by roll call (Camp, Ely, Sword, VandeZande – yes Daugherty, Minton, Moreno – no)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dr Daniel Spencer – Council needs to re-think the rates on the utility bills.

Nancy Jenkins—Arno – The County has money from the American Rescue Fund to help communities if they apply.

**PRESENTATION:****Lenawee County Administration Office – Kim Murphy, Bill Leisenring**

A presentation on Project Phoenix was given to the Council and guests at the council meeting. The Project Phoenix is about the County buying the old Tecumseh Products located on 50 acres and build a sports complex for any traveling teams to use for their sports and will also have office space for individuals to rent. For an example, physical therapy.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Discuss: Presentation on Project Phoenix:**

Councilmember Minton wanted to know about all the traffic there will be by having this complex. Kim Murphy stated that when Tecumseh Products was opened they had 5,000 employees coming and going, so it should not be a problem.

Councilmember Darlene VandeZande wanted to know how long will it take to get to a stabilized year. Bill Leisenring stated it will take around 6 months of planning, 2-3 years of construction, 6 – 12 months of utilization. This is based on the research they found.

**Approve: No Parking on Main Street During the Christmas Parade:**

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The parade line-up will be staged on School and McKenzie, proceed west on School and north on Spring St. 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 W. Main Street from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 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 W. 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 8:00 p.m., they will do so.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will follow after the parade.

**747416:**

Motion by Lee Daugherty, seconded by Rick Moreno **authorize No Parking in the 200 and 300 Block of West Main Street from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturday, November 27, 2021 for the Christmas Parade.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

**CONFIRM: Police Chief Appointment:**

City Manager Charles Weir has appointed Sgt. Ron Keck to the Police Chief position. He has worked with and has been his immediate supervisor since he hired as a part-time officer with the City in 1996. Ron became a full-time officer with Hudson P. D. December of that same year.

Ron attended the Oakland Community College for his police academy training, and received his associates degree from Monroe Community College in 1996. He attended and successfully completed Police Officer Supervision training May of 2001. Ron was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in April 2004. Ron has completed several programs and obtained certificates to include Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor to name a few.

While Charles Weir was serving as Hudson's Police Chief for the past 17 years, Ron has stepped up and filled in as acting Police Chief for five months in 2009 when he was Interim Manager at that time, and again for six months in 2017 while he was off on family medical leave. He has been acting Chief once again since April of this year and has done a great job each time he has filled the role. Being a Chief of Police of a small municipality can be often difficult at times handling calls for service, traffic duties, court, public relation activities, in addition to all of the administration duties required of the position.

Ron has an outstanding work ethic and is always willing to do what it takes to get the job done. He has been extremely helpful to me over the years with management and administration of the Hudson Police Department.

**747417:**

Motion by Darlene VandeZande, seconded by Rick Moreno **confirm Ronald Keck as the City of Hudson Chief of Police effective immediately.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**Approve: Purchase of Swing Check Valves for Lift Stations:**

Council has been aware of the poor conditions of the two Lift Stations on South Church Street and Sunrise Meadows and the need to refurbish them. Ted is in the process of getting parts and materials to start the repairs. Both stations need the check valves replace. There are two valves at each station. Ted has provided three quotes for the valves. Two from USA Bluebook and from Hamlett Environmental.

Quote #1 Hamlett Environmental one valve at \$1,230.00 (x4 = \$4,920.00)

Quote #2 USA Bluebook is \$1,639.95 (x4 = \$6,559.80)

Quote #3 USA Bluebook quoted a valve that is made of a lighter material at \$845.95 (x4 = \$3,383.80)

Ted checked on the durability of the lighter material valve and received positive feedback.

Quote #4 USA Bluebook quoted a price for four valves (price break due to quantity) at \$676.75 a piece. Total with shipping is \$2,877.00.

**747418:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **Approve purchase of four check valves from USA Bluebook for a total of \$2,877.00 paid from the 2021 Capital Improvement Bonds funds.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Bills:**

Bills to Council  
October 19, 2021

**Bills to be Approved**

Tri County Tree Service	\$3,100.00	Removal of tree off 110 Washington Street house
Consumers Energy	\$2,037.03	September Electricity for WTP
Consumers Energy	\$3,564.05	September Electricity for WWTP
Renius & Renius	\$1,512.50	October Assessing Service Fee
Total	\$3,100.00	

**Bills to be Confirmed**

Commerce Controls Incorporated	\$1,806.00	Communication Alarms on the autodialer repair
Bill Deo	\$1,780.00	12th payment for the Maple Grove Cemetery Contract
White, Hotchkiss & Falahee, PLLC	\$1,275.00	September Attorney Fees
MDI	\$4,145.00	Lift Station for 4504 Cramer Hwy
MDI	\$2,792.23	1 Grinder pump, Control Panel and float switches
First Bankcard	\$1,795.87	September Statement for WWTP
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$16,003.01	November - Non Union Employees Health Insurance
Total	\$29,597.11	

**747419:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lee Daugherty **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

**Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$183,906.70
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 2,234.39
Major Street Fund	\$ 49,007.82
Local Street Fund	\$ 50,327.32
Fire Department Fund	\$ 48,057.62
Recreation Fund	\$ 8,215.87
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 27,545.19
Ambulance	( \$ 77,584.68)
Community Center	\$ 9,553.55
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 57,620.26
Library Fund	\$ 12,047.65

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Museum Fund	\$ 27,757.75
Downtown Development	\$ 7,903.90
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 14,651.52
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2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$351,229.19
Sidewalk Fund	(\$ 7,434.02)
Utilities Fund	(\$311,776.22)
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$205,291.29
Property Tax Collection	\$ 13,305.78
Income Tax Fund	\$120,262.56
Payroll Fund	(\$137,106.71)

**747420:**

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

**747421:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to accept the revenue expenditure report and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

**747422:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Pam Ely **to accept the Department Head Reports and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- We are having some issues with BS & A conversion of the accounting data. We are working with them to get the problems resolved.
- The Audit is completed and Brent Shea CPA will present the completed audit to Council at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- We are meeting with department heads working on budget amendments once again and plan on having them presented to Council in November. Mr Weir is hoping that it will be the last budget amendment until we start the new budget.
- All departments will be meeting with a representative from Par Plan who is responsible for potential liability issues, on the 20<sup>th</sup> for an onsite risk assessment. This was last done in 2017.
- We are in the process of getting all the GIS data on the storm and sanitary and water distribution data in one location with access and training for Water and Waste Water employees, Jones and Henry has a draft proposal to do the work, but we are looking into another possible option that would be more cost effective.

- Mr Weir met with Hudson Schools Superintendent Mike Osborn and Dan Rogers of Hudson CSI and we had a discussion about working together and researching ways to bring more investment opportunities to the School District and the City of Hudson.
- Mr. Weir attended a webinar on October 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by the MML and MSU regarding the ARPA funds the City will receive. The webinar was about what and how the funds can be used.
- DPW Superintendent Best took the 2005 dump truck to Jackson Truck for needed repairs to the hydraulic cylinders, turn signals and heater box. The truck needed the cylinders replaced. All repairs totaled about \$5,100.00. Mr Weir gave Jay the approval to get the truck fixed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**747423:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm**

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

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