

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting



7:00 PM - Monday, February 1, 2021
Council Chambers

The City of Hudson Council met in Regular Council on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers and via Zoom.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich O'Connor at 7:00pm and led those in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CLERKS ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Rich O'Connor, Alderperson -Dist 1 Randy Morrissette II, Alderperson - Dist 2 Bill Alms, Alderperson - Dist 3 Paul Deziel, Alderperson - Dist 4 Jim Webber, Alderperson - Dist 5 Sarah Atkins Hoggatt, and Alderperson - Dist 6 Joyce Hall

Council Absent:

Staff Present: City Administrator - Aaron Reeves, Clerk - Becky Eggen, Finance Director - Alison Egger, Technology Director - Bryan Watson, City Attorney - Cathy Munkittrick, City Engineer - Dean Chamberlin, Police Chief - Geoff Willems, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director - Michael Johnson, Public Works Director - Mike Mroz, and Associate City Planner - Tiffany Weiss

C. PRESENTATIONS

A. *Presentation from the WI Department of Transportation regarding the 2021 STH35/Hanley Road roundabout repaving project*
DOT gave an overview and steps of the STH 35/Hanley Road repaving project.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. *Discussion and possible action on amendment(s) to Municipal Code Chapter 99-21; Chickens*

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 2: Bill Alms, second by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel to suspend the rules. Roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderperson -Dist 1: Randy Morrissette II, second by Alderperson - Dist 2: Bill Alms to close the Public Hearing Carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderperson -Dist 1: Randy Morrissette II, second by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel to adopt Ordinance 7-21; Chicken code. Carried unanimously.

E . COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Comments are limited to five (5) minutes; must address items not listed on the agenda; are limited to issues that have an impact of the City of Hudson, and that the Common Council may address at a future meeting and must not include endorsements of any candidates or other electioneering. An exception to the five (5) minute limits may be made at the discretion of the Mayor. As presiding officer, the Mayor, may allow public comment on agenda items during discussion by the Common Council following a motion and a second being made on said agenda item. The Mayor may place time limits on individual comments as he or she deems necessary.

- A. • Becca stated she was choosing not to state her address and last name due to safety. She would like safety of citizens address with the current changes of how public comments are handled.
- Mary Claire Potter, Hudson Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City for the help and support for the lights in the park. She also thanked the Hudson Fire Department, Hudson Police Department and Hudson Public works for their helping with the filming of a second movie taking place within the City.
- K. Emerson, a downtown resident, questioned why the Citizen Advisory Board was shut down without it being placed on the agenda first. The item was never before the Council. She also requested an update on the threat from the previous meeting as it came in after she stated her name and address; she would like to know how it is being addressed.
- Kelsey Janetski questioned the transparency of the Council meetings and the person who gave a threat last meeting was not required to give their last name and address.

F . DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All items listed under the consent agenda will be approved as one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If further discussion is desired by the council members or by the public, the item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

- A. *Approve the meeting minutes from the January 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting*
Webber pulled item.
- B. *Approve the claims in the amount of \$309,260.34*
- C. *Approve Operator's licenses listed on the list sheet*
- D. *Approve the City Attorney RFP as presented*

Motion by Alderperson -Dist 1: Randy Morrissette II, second by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel to approve with Item A pulled. Roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 4: Jim Webber, second by Alderperson - Dist 6: Joyce Hall to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes with adding - Council members raised concerns about the project and the impact on current traffic and the long term impacts. Carried unanimously.

G . UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. *Discussion and possible action on reinstating Ordinance 8-21; Public Safety State of Emergency*

Motion by Alderperson -Dist 1: Randy Morrissette II, second by Alderperson - Dist 2: Bill Alms to not reinstate Ordinance 8-21; Carried 4-3 (opposed: Alderperson - Dist 4: Jim Webber, Alderperson - Dist 5: Sarah Atkins Hoggatt, and Alderperson - Dist 6: Joyce Hall).

H. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Discussion and possible action to adopt the City of Hudson's Retaining Wall Policy*

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel, second by Alderperson - Dist 5: Sarah Atkins Hoggatt to approve the City's Retaining Policy. Carried unanimously.

B. *Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance 106-6; Residential Building Permits*

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 5: Sarah Atkins Hoggatt, second by Alderperson - Dist 6: Joyce Hall to suspend the rules. Roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel, second by Alderperson - Dist 5: Sarah Atkins Hoggatt to approve the amendment on Ordinance 106-6; Residential Building Permits. Carried unanimously.

C. *Discussion and possible action to amend Ordinance 106-19; Retaining Walls*

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel, second by Alderperson - Dist 6: Joyce Hall to suspend the rules. Roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel, second by Alderperson - Dist 6: Joyce Hall to adopt Ordinance Carried unanimously.

D. *Discussion and possible action to amend the City of Hudson's Special Assessment Policy*

Motion by Alderperson - Dist 3: Paul Deziel, second by Alderperson - Dist 5: Sarah Atkins Hoggatt to approve the amended City's Special Assessment Policy. Carried unanimously.

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Sarah Atkins Hoggatt would like to bring back the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Agenda to discuss.
- Joyce Hall would like to bring the topic of the public comments policy on the Agenda. She also would like clarity of how the agenda is formed.
- Deziel will like a brief discussion for the Diversity for the City of Hudson.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderperson -Dist 1: Randy Morrissette II, second by Alderperson - Dist 2: Bill Alms to adjourn at 8:00pm.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify the City Clerk has submitted the foregoing minutes to me and hereby my signature approves said minutes and all acts of the Common Council as set forth therein.

Date Approved by Council:

Approved:



Rich O'Connor, Mayor

Attest:

Becky Eggen

Becky Eggen, City Clerk