

**CITY COUNCIL  
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

**748469:**

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Brandi Clark, Greg Hillegas, Natalie Loop, Daniel Schudel, Carl Sword and Nicole Williams

ABSENT: Lisa Enerson

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Cindy Corner, Travis Horwath, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Police Chief Ron Keck, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:****Excuse Absent Members:****748470:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **approve to excuse Lisa Enerson from the meeting.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approval of minutes dated August 19, 2025:****748471:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark **to approve minutes of August 19, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comments received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve: Purchase for the WWTP Boiler:**

The Sludge Heater/boiler is needed to keep our biosolids at certain temperatures so that they can be broken down, greatly reducing the pathogens count. This is required by state so that we can land apply it to local fields as a fertilizer. The current boiler is over 30 years old and in need of replacement. Most of its parts are obsolete and at this point it's hard to even find used parts for it. If the boiler does completely fail it can easily take up to a year to get a replacement, which the accumulating sludge would then have to be landfilled greatly increasing the cost. Superintendent Joshua Mattek received bids from Walker Process Equipment for \$236,400, Evoqua Water Technologies for \$243,000, and JDV through Hesco for \$365,000.

**748472:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **approve the purchase of a new sludge heater from Walker Process Equipment in the amount of \$236,400.00.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Cemetery Mowing Contract:**

The Maple Grove Cemetery Lawn Care Contract will be expiring October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. HBC Lawn Service LLC has been the contractor for mowing over the last three years and has been doing a great job.

Mr Weir had a conversation with Travis Horwath, the owner of HBC Lawn Service and he is interested in extending the contract for another year but has said that he would prefer another three-year contract at the current price of \$36,300.00 annually. He said if approved he would like to be paid \$1,500.00 in the months of January – March to help with seasonal startup costs. Mr Weir has approved this for this year but suggest that it be spelled out in a new contract.

Many of the Council members know that when HBC Lawn Service bid on the cemetery mowing in 2023, they were the most reasonably priced by several thousands of dollars compared to the other bidders at the time.

\$38,000.00 has been budgeted for the Cemetery Lawn Care Services.

The draft contract agreement with the specifics was attached for the Council's review.

**748473:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve the three (3) year Maple Grove Cemetery Lawn Care Contract with HBC Lawn Service LLC.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Approve: Zoll X-Series Monitor Purchase:**

The approved 2025-2026 City Capital Improvement Plan includes \$30,000.00 to be used towards the purchase of replacement Cardiac monitor. The Monitor will replace a 14 year old model which is no longer serviceable. Originally the purchase plan was to combine the City Capital Improvement Funds with our Hillsdale Capital Fund Line Item to purchase a new Monitor for a total cost of between \$36,000.00 and \$40,000.00.

After extensive research and consideration, the decision was made to purchase the same Model Monitor which has been re-conditioned and re-certified at a much lower cost. We believe that due to our current service model this approach will meet our demands.

Two bids were received from our vendors of choice with the low bid from Penn Care Inc. for a total of \$19,325.00.

**748474:**

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Nicole Williams to **approve the purchase of a Zoll X Series Cardiac Monitor from Penn Care Inc. in the amount of \$19,325.00.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bills:**

Bills to Council  
September 2, 2025

**Bills to be Approve**

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|-------|--------|--|
|       | \$0.00 |  |
| Total | \$0.00 |  |

**Bills to be Confirmed**

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| Belson Asphalt & Paving Inc | \$284,533.00 | 2025 Street Paving |
| Total                       | \$284,533.00 |                    |

**748475:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**Account Balances and Check Register:**

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|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| General Fund         | \$910,616.58 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund  | \$ 0.00      |
| Major Street Fund    | \$400,037.08 |
| Local Street Fund    | \$ 38,896.50 |
| Fire Department Fund | \$126,403.78 |
| Recreation Fund      | \$ 483.71    |

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| Cemetery Foundation                | \$ 23,859.64 |
| Ambulance                          | \$ 46,651.63 |
| Community Center                   | \$ 36,754.38 |
| Income Tax Fund                    | \$ 90,732.27 |
| Downtown Development               | \$ 19,151.29 |
| Thompson Museum Fund               | \$ 0.00      |
| Library Fund                       | \$ 0.00      |
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| Museum Fund                        | \$ 10,382.96 |
| Industrial Park Fund               | \$ 8,965.73  |
| 2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund | \$ 5,188.16  |
| Water and Sewer Fund               | \$154,661.62 |
| Motor Veh and Equip Fund           | \$210,082.07 |
| Property Tax Collection            | \$272,647.73 |
| Payroll Fund                       | \$ 1,798.64  |
| Sidewalk Fund                      | \$ 17,788.38 |

**748476:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:****Recreation Advisory Board minutes dated August 11, 2025:****748477:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to accept Recreation Advisory Board minutes dated August 11, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council comments were heard.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- We are still receiving resumes and applications for the city manager position. Mr Weir has about nine good potential candidates so far and several others that may be a consideration as well. The city manager search survey has been mailed out in the most recent utility bill. We have received twenty-five surveys completed online.
- All the street projects and concrete work has been completed and approved by DPW superintendent Jay Best.
- On Wednesday, August 27th, Mr Weir had a Zoom meeting with Linda Davis-Kirskey of Davis Kirskey Associates, who was referred to him by our Insurance Carrier Nickle &

Saph to discuss their grant writing services. With the completed Recreation Master Plan and the soon to be adopted City Master Plan, the city will be in a better position for receiving grant funding for projects moving forward. He requested that Davis Kirskey Associates provide a Bio, services and contract terms for possible Council consideration. He was told they have a 95% success rate in grant funding awards.

- Mr Weir has started to work on auctioning off several pieces of old unused and in some cases inoperable equipment from the DPW and the WWTP. He will be utilizing an online municipal auction site for the sale of the property. The proceeds from the sale of the items will go back into the Motor Vehicle Equipment Fund.
- Members of the Recreation Advisory Board, Hudson Area Schools and City Staff will be painting the bathrooms and other items at Webster and Will Carleton parks over the next couple of weeks. A big thank you to all the volunteers!
- The water leak on Fayette Street has been fixed. The leak was on the homeowner's side of the water line. It took some time for the homeowner and the contractor to coordinate the repair.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**748478:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

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