

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

748580:

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, Barbara Ireland, Natalie Loop, Daniel Schudel, Carl Sword and Nicole Williams

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Corner, Pam Smoke, Tom Kern, Will Terrill, Michael Tanner, Dave Aungst, Sierra Sandahl, City Receptionist Samantha Gerig, Deputy Clerk Linda Cross, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Police Chief Ron Keck, City Manager Jeremiah Davies and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Setting the Agenda:

748581:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Brandi Clark **to add Discussion only - Hillsdale County Ambulance Service Contract under New Business Item D.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated December 16, 2025:

748582:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams **to approve minutes of December 16, 2025 with corrections and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Accept the VFC Grant and Approve Purchase of Turnout Gear:**

The Hudson Fire Department was awarded a 50% matching grant up to \$4,350.00 to Purchase Firefighter protective gear from the Michigan DNR through the Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant program. This consist of 2 sets of Firefighter Turnout Coats and Pants, 2 pairs of firefighter boots, 2 pairs of fire gloves, 2 protective hoods, and 2 fire helmets consistent with our current fire gear.

We have applied for five grants this year to purchase fire turnout gear in efforts to lessen the burden on the City Budget. We are currently in need of 7 sets of gear to put all firefighters in NFPA compliant gear, as NFPA place age limits on all firefighter protective gear which age out Turnout coats and pants, gloves, boots, helmets and hoods at 10 years of age no matter the condition. Years ago after receiving a Federal Grant we were required to have a replacement plan if effect. We have benefited in the past from FEMA grants in 1997 when we were able to save the City over \$136,000 on Turnout gear and 15 SCBA units. Then again in 2005 we were awarded \$148,933.00 to purchase 27 sets of Turnout gear and 15 SCBA units with 30 air bottles. During this grant we had to submit a care and replacement plan which required us to replace 10 sets of gear after year 5 and then 3 sets of gear each additional year to keep firefighter compliant. In the years since our Equipment budget and overall budget were trimmed year after year which caused us to be unable to purchase the required gear. In 2022 we were part of a County wide grant awarded by FEMA to replace all SCBA units and Air bottles that were expired in the amount of \$143,262.00. Chief Tanner was able to catch up 6 sets of gear in 2023 through a Michigan Fire Equipment grant in the amount of \$30,000. This year we were denied grant funding from 4 of the 5 grants.

Axes and Irons; 2 sets gear, 2 pairs of boots, 2 pairs of gloves, 2 hoods, 2 helmets = \$8,622.60
Matches current gear.

MacQueen Emergency; 2 sets gear, 2 pairs of boots, 2 pairs of gloves, 2 hoods, 2 helmets = \$8,706.00
Glove gear compatible.

America's Bravest Equipment; 2 sets gear, 2 pairs of boots, 2 pairs of gloves, 2 hoods = \$8,491.00
Matches current gear but did not quote any Helmets.

748583:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **accept the VFX Grant from the DNR and purchase equipment from Axes and Irons with the matching funds coming from Equipment Repair and Replacement Fund and put \$4,350 back into the Fire Fund after receiving the grant money.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Resolution and Retirement: Charles Weir:

Charlie Weir began working for the City of Hudson back in December 1989 as one of our part time police officer. Through out the years he became the sergeant and ended as our Police Chief until 2021. In 2009 he was the Interim City Manager while still doing his police chief duties. In 2021 Mr Weir was asked again to be the interim City Manager and then accepting the position full time. Charles will be retiring with a total of 36 years of service to the City of Hudson.

748584:

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the retirement resolution and authorize a \$1,000.00 retirement bonus for Charles A Weir.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Appoint: Street Administrator:

The Michigan Department of Transportation requires that the Council designate a Street Administrator for the City of Hudson. With the arrival of our new City Manager, Jeremiah Davies, we would request Council to appoint him as the Street Administrator.

748585:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **appoint City Manager Jeremiah Davies as the Street Administrator for the City of Hudson.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll

Discuss: Hillsdale County Ambulance Services Contract:

The City received the proposed Hillsdale County Ambulance Services contract on Monday, January 5, 2026. Prior to any formal action, the intent is to have the City Attorney review the contract and to provide Council with an opportunity to discuss the agreement and address any questions or concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
January 6, 2026

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

NO BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Account Balances and Check Register:**Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$1,289,351.29
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$225,214.81
Local Street Fund	(\$ 7,770.92)
Fire Department Fund	\$ 90,536.90
Recreation Fund	\$ 489.90
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 51,425.53
Ambulance	(\$ 12,167.11)
Community Center	\$ 33,161.97
Income Tax Fund	\$138,626.01
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 7,045.33
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,234.54
CWSRF	\$ 15,500.45
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 57,911.81
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$505,972.36
Water and Sewer Fund	\$103,531.50
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$248,087.06
Property Tax Collection	\$143,014.38
Payroll Fund	\$ 32,088.51
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 18,016.04

748586:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**Planning Commission minutes from December 22, 2025:****748587:**

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the Planning Commission minutes from December 22, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- 2025 has ended, and we will be working on all calendar- year- end tasks beginning January 2nd to ensure W-2s are sent promptly and all State and Government reporting is completed.
- We received our City Source Water Assessment report from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and Mr Davies will be meeting with representatives from the state on January 8th to take a deep dive into the report and develop a strategic plan for the City of Hudson. He will provide further information as we move through the process. The report highlights the following:
 - An updated susceptibility rating for our wells**
 - Observations from their field assessment**
 - Potential sources of contamination**
- Mr Davies has reached out to our state representatives (Senator Bellino and Representative Wortz), introducing himself and requesting the opportunity to host them here in Hudson. Received communication back from their officers and looking in the very near future to meet and begin building relationships with our elected leaders, and to start lobbying for state resources on behalf of the City of Hudson.
- With the help of Samantha, we will be creating a real-time “City Services” brochure. The goal of this is to provide pertinent information for our residents. Often in government, we hear things like “I don’t know who to call” or “Is trash being picked up today because of the holiday?” and other relatable questions residents have, so this is a simple first step toward providing the best service possible to Hudson City residents.

ADJOURNMENT:**748588:**Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm**APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, MayorATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk