

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

748635:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:01 pm in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Daniel Schudel, Brandi Clark, Greg Hillegas, Barbara Ireland, and Carl Sword

ABSENT: Natalie Loop and Nicole Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Michael Sessions, Jason Blackwood, Michael Tanner, John Shaffer, Londa Pickles – Gurdjian & Assoc., Devin & Sierra Sandahl, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Police Chief Ron Keck, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr., Treasurer Megan, Neil Coates, City Income Tax Administrator Linda Cross, City Receptionist Samantha Geirg, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, City Manager Jeremiah Davies, City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan and others.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Excuse Absent Members:****748636:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to approve to excuse absent members from the meeting.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated April 7, 2026:**748637:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Barb Ireland **to approve minutes of April 7, 2026 and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Authorize: Street Closures for the SHS 5K Run:**

Sacred Heart School will be having their annual 5K run on May 23rd this year. The route will be changed due to the culvert, and we are asking council to authorize street closures for this event. The first race is planned to start at 8:30 am and all races will be completed by 11:00 am.

They are requesting to have S. Market Street, 100 block of Pleasant Street, South Church from Pleasant to Fayette, 200 block of Fayette, Mechanic, McKenzie, School, Park and St Giles closed for the entirety of the race. In addition, they are requesting to have one lane of the route dedicated to the race until the last participant has passed through.

The school will conduct clean-up, and have volunteers posted along the course.

748638:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **authorize the closure of S. Market, 100 block of Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, 200 block of Fayette Street, Mechanic, School, McKenize, Park and St Giles closed on Saturday, May 23, 2026 for the Sacred Heart School 5K race.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approve: No Parking on Main Street – Memorial Day Parade:

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 9:30 am. It will originate at Tiffin Street, commence west on M-34 to Grove Street, continue south on Grove Street turning west on Division to the Calvary Cemetery.

An advance notice of permitted activity will be sent to MDOT for permission to close Main Street for the duration of the parade upon Council approval. It is the recommendation that Council authorize “no parking” in the 200 and 300 block of West Main Street from 9 am – 11:00 am for the parade. This allows a safer environment for the children and others attending the parade. Allowing parking on Main Street causes people to stand in between the cars and/or on the inside of the cars in the parade route.

If Council authorizes “no parking” in the 200 and 300 block of West Main Street for the parade, DPW and HPD will take care of setting up and removing the appropriate barricades. In the event that Main Street can be opened up sooner than 11:00 am, they will do so.

748639:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to authorize the closure of Main Street, and “No Parking” in the 200 and 300 block of West Main Street from 9:00 am until 11:00 am on Monday, May 25, 2026 for the Memorial Day Parade.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Discussion: Budget FY 2026-2027:

The City Manager is presenting the first draft of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 City of Hudson budget for Council review. This draft reflects current revenue projections, departmental expenditures, capital consideration, and known financial obligations based on information available to date.

748640:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Brandi Clark to set up a subcommittee on Tuesday 28th at 4:30 pm with Daniel Schudel, Greg Hillegas and Barb Ireland about the budget.
 CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
 April 21, 2026

Bills to be Approve

Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Axes & Irons	\$6,155.90	Turnout Gear
Total	\$6,155.90	

748641:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Brandi Clark to pay the bills. CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Account Balances and Check Register:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$1,074,450.83
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$283,813.32
Local Street Fund	(\$ 13,643.02)
Fire Department Fund	\$ 77,989.92
Recreation Fund	\$ 496.07
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 43,584.42
Ambulance	\$208,655.52
Community Center	\$ 38,377.48
Income Tax Fund	\$205,221.07

Downtown Development	\$ 18,151.29
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Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 4,978.99
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,188.27
CWSRF	\$ 32,183.35
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	(\$ 11,142.48)
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$426,725.74
Water and Sewer Fund	\$212,342.59
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$129,335.95
Property Tax Collection	\$ 463.50
Payroll Fund	\$ 6,937.47
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 18,245.21

748642:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Department Head Reports:

748643:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **to accept the department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Legislative & External Affairs:

- On April 15th, Mr Davies appeared before the Michigan House Appropriations Committee alongside Jennifer Wertz to present and discuss the City’s Legislative Directed Spending Initiative (LDSI) request for improvements to the Hudson Community Center.
- The discussion focused on the importance of the facility as a community hub and the need for reinvestment to ensure its continued use and safety.

Infrastructure & Utilities:

State Street Culvert

- The replacement culvert for State Street has been ordered.

- Staff will continue to monitor the condition of the existing structure while awaiting delivery and installation.

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- Estimated timelines remain dependent on material delivery, which is currently projected within the previously discussed window of a mid-summer completion.

Maple Grove Manhole Repairs

- Manhole repairs associated with the Maple Grove sanitary system are scheduled to be completed this week.

Communications & Coordination:

- Met with D & P Communications to discuss upcoming fiber infrastructure upgrades within the City. These will be underground.
- Direct lines of communication have been established with on-site project managers, allowing for real-time coordination and rapid resolution of any issues that may arise during construction activities.

Administration:

- At the next Council meeting, an initial 90-day performance review is required in accordance with the terms of the City Manager’s employment agreement.
- The Council packet includes the evaluation form and instructions for completion. Council members are asked to complete and submit their evaluations to Mayor Schudel in advance of our next meeting on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026.
- It is anticipated that a request will be made to enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting the evaluation. Upon returning to open session, Council will be asked to take formal action to characterize the City Manager’s performance as either satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

ADJOURNMENT:

748644:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk