

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

748494:

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: DPW Superintendent Jay Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, Sara Schudel, Tim Robinson and Patrick Farver – Lenawee Now, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Cindy Corner, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of minutes dated September 16, 2025:****748495:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Nicole Williams **to approve minutes of September 16, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated September 23, 2025:**748496:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Natalie Loop **to approve minutes of September 23, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comments received.

PRESENTATION:

Tim Robinson and Patrick Farver from Lenawee Now had a presentation for the Council. Their mission is to preserve existing jobs and foster the creation of more jobs for our citizens and more tax revenue for our communities. To support and collaborate with initiatives to improve the quality of life for all Lenawee County citizens thus making Lenawee County the choice for new and existing business growth.

Methods includes;

- Connecting clients to proper resources
- Working with clients and or their site selectors to help determine a location for a project
- Managing the incentive paperwork and process
- Advising entrepreneurs on the process to create and grow a business
- Making presentations to key public and private decision makers
- Assist companies in finding and securing financing
- Recruitment of Talent and training efforts

Services;

- Business Retention and Expansion
- Business Attraction and Marketing
- Workforce and Talent Development
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business Support
- Housing and Community Development
- Infrastructure and Blight Elimination
- Community Revitalization
- Data, Research, and Policy Support
- Regional Collaboration
- Resident and Stakeholder Engagement

Housing Lenawee is a program of One Lenawee and Lenawee Now, focusing on improving the county's attainable housing through collaboration of many interested parties.

Council has asked for the staff to bring this topic back to them on the first meeting in November to discuss on contributing again to Lenawee Now for their services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve: Seek Donations for Cemetery Tools:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan has asked to purchase a tombstone jack to reset and level the tombstones that are leaning and sinking in the ground. She has been searching for ways to fix the tombstones that will only need one person and without having any heavy equipment. She would like to be able to fix the stones on weekends. This would be on her own time not the City's.

She has found a couple of options;

Monument jack - \$699 - \$999

Tombstone Jack - \$5,000

Our Cemetery has several stones that are leaning and sinking in the ground. She would like to ask for donations to purchase these tools to fix the stones as needed. If she can receive enough

donations, she would also be able to purchase the cleaning solutions, sand, limestone and the adhesives.

748497:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Nicole Williams to **postpose this to the first meeting in November and ask other cemeteries surrounding us to see if they would join us in the cost and also check with the attorney for a waiver.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Discussion: Reading Emergency Unit (REU) Outstanding Invoices:

The Reading Emergency Unit (REU) has not paid the invoices for the ALS runs the Hudson Ambulance Service has responded to in their (REU) primary service areas. REU disagreed with the fees schedule. Director Stevens and Mr. Weir had another meeting with REU and adjusted the fee schedule to lower the cost. REU still refused to pay the invoices and REU advised the Hudson Ambulance Service and Mr. Weir that they have been advised by their legal counsel not to pay the invoices until the Hillsdale County ALS agreement is renewed in December of this year. The city has not received anything in writing from REU attorneys stating they will be withholding payment until the Hillsdale County agreement is renewed.

Mr. Weir has reached out to the City Attorney, Eric White, and asked what the possible course of action for the city would be to collect the owed fees. Due to the amount REU owes the city (currently \$15,475.00) the city will have to file a complaint in District Court to collect it unless REU pays the invoices at some point. Using a collections service could be another option. There is usually a cost of 25-30% of the amount collected for those services.

The letter that was sent to REU about the fee schedule and the drafted service agreement presented to REU on June 24, 2025 along with the current billing statement was given to Council for review.

748498:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **forward to the City Attorney and proceed to go to District Court.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
October 7, 2025

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone	\$7,500.00	2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fees
Bendzinski & Co.	\$9,950.00	Municipal Advisor Fees
Total	\$17,450.00	

748499:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

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

General Fund	\$1,509,848.32
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$207,415.19
Local Street Fund	\$ 1,693.21
Fire Department Fund	\$135,704.10
Recreation Fund	\$ 485.54
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 22,564.61
Ambulance	\$ 42,228.11
Community Center	\$ 34,686.74
Income Tax Fund	\$ 39,850.20
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 10,161.56
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,598.62
CSRF	\$ 0.00
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 40,476.80
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$524,975.00
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 61,432.96
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$218,813.34
Property Tax Collection	\$ 11,331.87
Payroll Fund	\$ 31,489.92
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,855.21

748500:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Weir has received confirmation from the City Attorney Eric White that a default judgment has taken place with the 138 Lafayette Street property. The city will receive the signed order from the Circuit Court Judge within a couple of weeks. Once we have the signed order, we will begin the process of bidding for a contractor for the cleanup.
- A group known as Ax Mi Tax is currently in the process of getting 446, 198 signatures to have constitutional amendment placed on the November 2026 ballot to eliminate property tax. Local governments and schools rely on these tax dollars to provide services. The initiative proposes to help offset the loss in property tax revenue, the State will give local governments a greater share of the sales tax and a 10% cut of the tax revenue income from marijuana, alcohol and tobacco. The proposed tax changes will be substantially less than what the current property tax revenue generates for services. This would have a detrimental effect on services to the public.
- We have submitted to EGLE the City's first CWSRF Disbursement request on Monday September 29th. The city has spent \$42,870.37 on the Sewer Rehabilitation project thus far. The charges are for design / engineering work, financial and Bond Counsel services to this project.
- Mr Weir has reached out to MDOT about the Category B Grant application that the city submitted. Award notifications were supposed to be sent out at the end of September, but he was advised that it will likely be mid-October before the awards notifications are sent out.
- Lenawee County's 2025 Fall Legislative Dinner will be November 19th LISD Tech Center. He will forward the email with the details and the online registration form to the Council members.
- Downtown Trick or Treating will be Saturday October 25th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Mr. Weir will not be at the October 21st Council meeting due to being out of state October 18th-25th. Jeaniene will be covering for him. The Updated Master Plan and the City Audit will be on the agenda for that meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard and also the reminder that there were two more meetings this week.

ADJOURNMENT:**748501:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk