

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

748539:

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

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

ABSENT: Brandi Clark and Natalie Loop

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Corner, Devin & Sierra Sandahl, Candi Best, Bruce VanWieren Jeremiah Davies, Sara Schudel, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Hudson Police Chief Ronald Keck, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

748540:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Nicole Williams **to approve to excuse absent members from the meeting.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Setting the Agenda:

748541:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to add Deficit Elimination Plan under New Business Item F.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated November 4, 2025:

748542:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to approve minutes of November 4, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resolution: George Race:**

George Race has served on the City of Hudson's Planning Commission from January 16, 2024 to October 27, 2025, he also served on the Recreation Advisory Board from November 21, 2024 to October 27, 2025.

There, we recommend that Council adopt the resolution for George Race, officially commending him for his loyal efforts and dedicated service to the City of Hudson.

748543:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adopt the Proclamation acknowledging George Race, commending him for his years of dedicated service to the City of Hudson.**

CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Resolution: Jason Decker:

Jason Decker has served on the City of Hudson DDA from May 6, 2008 to August 11, 2025.

Therefore, we recommend that Council adopt the resolution for Jason Decker, officially commending him for his loyal efforts and dedicated service to the City of Hudson.

748544:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Nicole Williams to **Adopt the Proclamation acknowledging Jason Decker, commending him for his years of dedicated service to the City of Hudson.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approve: Bid for the Debris Removal:

The bid opening for the debris removal for both locations occurred on Monday November 10th. The city received one bid from Jewell Sand & Gravel LLC for both sites.

138 Lafayette Street	\$17,800.00
210 West Street	\$ 7,360.00

The city did budget \$20,000 for this work. The \$20,000 was not sufficient and the current balance in the budgeted line (Misc. City Hall & Grounds) is \$16,580.00. We have used some of the \$20,000 on other city buildings with maintenance needs.

Mr. Weir would recommend approving the 138 Lafayette bid. The \$1,220.00 short of the \$17,800.00 we can pull from the Public Works Building Maintenance line which currently has a balance of \$28,517.83.

The 210 West Street property owner said they will start cleaning it up when I was out there looking at the site with the bidder. I am hoping that the property owner follows through. This can be budgeted for next year if the property owner does not get it done. This site is also a little more hidden from view than the 138 Lafayette property.

748545:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve the bid from Jewell Sand & Gravel LLC in the amount of \$17,800.00 for the debris removal from 138 Lafayette Street and authorize the city manager to sign the bid document.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approve: Christmas Parade:

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The parade will start at S Maple Grove Avenue and East Main Street, then continue west on Main Street to West Street, then travel north on West Street to Railroad Street, and turn east on Railroad Street to the Fire Station.

We recommend that Council authorize “no parking” in the 200 and 300 block of W. Main Street from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for the parade. This will allow for a safer environment for the children and others attending the parade.

If Council authorizes no parking in the 200 and 300 blocks of W. Main Street for the parade, DPW and HPD will take care of setting up and removing the appropriate barricades. In the event that parking can be opened up sooner than 7:00 p.m., they will do so.

The Christmas event will follow the parade at the Community Center.

748546:

Motion by Nicole Williams, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **authorize No Parking in the 200 and 300 block of W. Main Street from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 13, 2025 for the Christmas Parade.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

New Manager’s Contract:

The City Council and Mr. Davies have come to an agreement on the contract. The contract has also been reviewed by the City Attorney and found it to be acceptable.

Mr Weir suggests that City Council discuss the official start date with Mr. Davies.

748547:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Carl Sword **approve and sign the contract with Jeremiah Davies for the City Manager position, with the start date of December 8, 2025.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Deficit Elimination Plan:

As Council is aware from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 audit, the Ambulance Fund showed a deficit of \$12,579.00. 1871 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan is to be filed with the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan. The plan needs to be adopted by the governing body by a resolution before submission to the Treasury.

The attached drafted Plan and Resolution addressing the deficit was given to Council. The plan clearly shows the deficit as noted in the audit. The plan also shows the adopted 2025-2026 Fiscal year budget with the transfers from the General Fund and the Income Tax Fund where the projected

fund balance for June 30, 2026, is more than the (\$12,579) effectively eliminating the deficit by the end of the current Fiscal Year, leaving a positive fund balance of \$3,537.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, City of Hudson Ambulance Fund has a \$12,579.00 deficit fund balance on June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, 1871 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Hudson City Council, adopts the following as the City of Hudson Ambulance Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

Hudson Deficit Elimination Plan (Ambulance Fund) 2025				FY 2025-2026 Adopted Ambulance Budget	
FY 2024-2025 Audit Report					
Ambulance Fund					
ASSETS				REVENUES	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$75,689			Property Tax Millages/Contracts	\$327,100
Prepaid Expenses	\$0			Receivables	\$330,000
Receivables-Net	\$67,130			Transfer from General Fund	\$38,000
Receivables other Governments	\$0			Transfer from Income Tax Fund	\$145,491
Inventories	\$0			Other	\$15,872
Due from other funds	\$0				
				Total Revenues	\$856,463
Total Assets	\$142,819			EXPENDITURES	
				Wages & Benefits	\$722,981
				Capital Improvement	\$8,000
Deferred Inflow of Resources	\$1,936			Ambulance Payments	\$45,491
Income/Property Tax				Operating Other	\$63,875
LIABILITIES				Total Expenditures	\$840,347
AP/Accrued Liabilities	\$25,987				
Due to other Funds	\$127,475			Ending Balance	\$16,116
				FY 2024-2025 (Deficit)	(\$12,579)
Total Liabilities	\$153,462				
				Projected Fund Balance June 30, 2026	\$3,537
Total Fund Balance (Deficit)	(\$12,579)				

Pg 16 of the Audit Report June 30, 2025
2025 Ambulance Fund Deficit (\$12,579)

Accrued Liabilities \$25,987
Due to other Funds \$127,475 Ambulance Payments

Total Liabilities	\$153,462
Total Assets	<u>\$142,819</u>
Total	(\$12,579)

Deficit Elimination Plan

The Adopted FY 2025-2026 Budget has transfers of \$38,000.00 from the General Fund and \$145,000.00 from the Income Tax Fund to the Ambulance Fund, with a projected fund balance of \$16,116.00 June 30, 2026. This will eliminate the deficit this FY.
 $\$16,116.00 - (\$12,579.00) = \text{Balance } \$3,537.00.$

The due to other funds liability will be reduced as the ambulance loan from the Motor Vehicle Fund is paid down at \$17,009.00 annually July 1, each FY.

The City will be participating in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program which will allow collecting more reimbursements on Medicare Insurance Emergency transport which are projected to increase revenue \$30,000.00-\$40,000.00 annually beginning FY 2026-2027.

Personnel staffing and scheduling changes have been made to reduce overtime costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hudson City Manager submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

748548:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **approve the deficit Elimination Plan and Resolution and authorize the City Manager to file the plan with the Department of Treasury.**
 CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:**

Bills to Council
November 18, 2025

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Nickel & Saph	\$22,285.60	3 rd installment on Liability Insurance
Total	\$22,285.60	

748549:

Motion by Carl Sword seconded by Nicole Williams to **approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

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

General Fund	\$1,343,374.24
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$231,527.27
Local Street Fund	\$ 2,992.81
Fire Department Fund	\$115,573.68
Recreation Fund	\$ 488.61
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 55,715.41
Ambulance	\$ 57,942.26
Community Center	\$ 37,437.01
Income Tax Fund	\$120,669.76
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 9,206.16

Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,213.15
CSRF	\$ 42,820.37
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 57,761.57
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$507,525.00
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 98,302.67
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$234,802.02
Property Tax Collection	\$ 12,464.66
Payroll Fund	\$ 31,381.78
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,969.31

748550:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Department Head Reports:

WWTP report's months need to be switched on the header.

748551:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Carl Sword **to accept the Department Head Reports with corrections and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- We have noticed that several water bills were showing high usage and then low usage. We suspected possible meter problems. Looking into it further we have discovered that the meters on these accounts are over 20 years old and at the end of their service life. There are over 790 old meters or 80% of these old meters in the system and anticipate more problems with them. We will be getting a quote for new meters from Etna, the city's supplier. In the city's annual Capital Improvement Plan \$15,000 a year is budgeted for replacing meters. This will have to be reconsidered going forward due to the large volume of meters that may become more critical to replace sooner than later. Most inaccurate meter readings and old meters show less water than what has been distributed.
- On Friday November 14th, we had the Pre-Construction meeting for the Maple Grove Sewer Rehabilitation project with Jones & Henry and the contractor, DVM Utilities Inc. The contractor advised that they may be able to get started on some of the preconstruction work this December. This work would consist of cleaning and televising the sewer main. This would take 4-5 days to complete. The lining of the sewer main and manholes will likely happen in the spring of 2026.
- We ordered 32 new chairs and the storage rack for the community center for \$15,599.00. We recently had a rental with over 100 people. We had to go through and clean old metal chairs that were in the basement to have enough chairs for the event. Several of the old chairs were broken and unusable. We paid for the new chairs using some of the Community Center building maintenance dollars to cover the expense.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT:

748552:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Nicole Williams to **adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk