

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

748349:

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, Lisa Enerson, Sherry Kirkland and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Andy Campbell & Britney Brower – Bendzinski & Co., Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Police Chief Ron Keck, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of minutes dated April 1, 2025:****748350:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop to approve minutes of April 1, 2025 and place on file. CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comments received.

PRESENTATION:**2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Andy Campbell – Bendzinski & Co.:**

Andy Campbell from Bendzinski & Co. will be presenting the sewer rate study and finance options for the 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation project under the (SWSRF) Clean WATER State Revolving Fund and 2025 Capital Improvement Bonds.

Project Timetable

- Construction Bid Letting May 23rd
- Council approval of Construction Bids July 1st or 15th
- Construction Start September or later

- Total amount of project - \$1,150,000
- Estimated CWSRD Funding - \$450,000
Principal Forgiveness - \$54,000
Loan Repayment - \$396,000
- Estimated GAP Funding (Bank RFP) - \$700,000

Sewer Project Estimated Debt Payment Options

- CWSRF Portion of Project - \$396,000
20 annual installments at 2.00% (interest rate locked) (22 years) - \$25,000/year
30 annual installments at 2.00% (interest rate locked) (32 years) - \$18,000/year

GAP Funding (Bank RFP) Portion of Project - \$700,000 Repayment Estimate

- 15 years at 5.00% (estimated interest rate) - \$67,000/year
- 20 years at 5.50% (estimated interest rate) - \$58,000/year

Additional Revenues Needed:

- Budget Increases – about \$135,000

Current Sewer User Rates

Ready to Serve Rate - \$10.64/month per unit

Sewer Bond Rate - \$22.45/month per unit

Commodity Rate - \$5.88/1,000 gallons (1 unit of water)

Typical Homeowner's Monthly Bill (sewer only) around 4 units a month will be \$56.61 a month

The sewer bill would increase approximately \$20.00 more a month.

Information for Council consideration moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve: Appointment to the DDA:

Christopher Moore has expressed to fill another seat on the DDA.

He meets the requirements to be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

748351:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Lisa Enerson to **appoint Christopher Moore to the Downtown Development Authority for 4-year term expiring in October 2029 using the current form but to update the form.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approve: Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board:

Sara Schudel has expressed to fill another seat on the Recreation Advisory Board.

She meets the requirements to be appointed to the Recreation Advisory Board.

748352:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **appoint Sara Schudel to the Recreation Advisory Board for 3-year term expiring in July 2028.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Authorize: Street Closure for the Sacred Heart School 5K Run:

Sacred Heart School will be having their annual 5K run on May 24th this year. The route will be the same as the previous years, and 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, Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, Fayette Street (from Church St to S. Market St.), Mechanic St and St. Files 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.

748353:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Natalie Loop to **authorize the closure of S. Market Street, Pleasant Street, Church from Pleasant to Fayette Streets, Fayette Street from Church to S. Market Streets, Mechanic Street and St Giles closed on Saturday, May 24, 2025 for the Sacred Heart School 5K race.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Authorize: Street Closure for the Memorial Day Parade:

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 9:30 am. It will originate at the Market House on W. Main Street, commence east on M-34 to N. Maple Grove, continue north on N. Maple Grove to the Maple Grove Cemetery.

An advanced 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 my recommendation that Council authorize “no parking” in the 200 and 300 block of West Main Street from 9:00 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.

748354:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Carl Sword 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 26, 2025 for the Memorial Day Parade.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Discussion: Budget FY 2025-2026:

The council was given the draft budget to discuss and set up a sub committee to further discuss the budget for FY 2025-2026

Daniel Schudel and Greg Hillegas will meet with Mr Weir to discuss the budget on Tuesday, April 22nd at 9:00 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:**

Bills to Council
April 1, 2025

Bills to be Approve

Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Total	\$0.00	

No bills to be approved for this meeting

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

General Fund	\$883,069.49
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$345,881.16
Local Street Fund	\$ 28,890.30
Fire Department Fund	\$100,811.33
Recreation Fund	\$ 698.26
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 42,668.76
Ambulance	\$ 68,323.75
Community Center	\$ 36,157.42
Income Tax Fund	\$191,669.82
Downtown Development	\$ 27,455.76

Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 11,079.00
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 13,366.70
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 23,805.61
Water and Sewer Fund	\$211,262.56
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$151,145.42
Property Tax Collection	\$ 1,331.27
Payroll Fund	\$ 24,200.19
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,551.92

748355:

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

Department Head Reports:**748356:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Lisa Enerson **to accept the department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**DDA Minutes dated March 31, 2025:****748357:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark **to accept the DDA minutes dated March 31, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Recreation Advisory Board Minutes dated April 7, 2025:**748358:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Carl Sword **to accept the Recreation Advisory Board minutes dated April 7, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Sherry Kirkland turned in her resignation and this will be her last meeting. She and her family will be moving out of the city at the end of April.

Council Comments were heard.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- We had the 2nd ALS meeting on Wednesday April 9th and spoke further about the Hillsdale County termination letter and the termination agreement terminated agreement with the Reading Emergency Unity. The process is still ongoing, but changes are in the works to include a possible new agreement being drafted between Hudson Ambulance Service and REU.
- The draft Chicken ordinance has been drafted and will be presented to the Planning Commission on April 28th for their consideration to approve and forward to the City Council for possible adoption.
- The Downtown Development Authority has authorized the purchase of (12) new steel trash receptacles for the downtown district. The (8) old receptacles will place in various other areas around the city.
- The city has been officially served in trip and fall lawsuit. There was apparently a change with the plaintiff's counsel which caused a delay. The city's attorneys are ready to proceed and await a response from the plaintiff's legal counsel which is to be expected by April 30th.
- The 1st draft of the FY 2025-2026 budget is still being drafted but it will be presented to the City Council at the April 15th Council meeting. Mr Weir is requesting that a budget subcommittee of three (3) council members be appointed at the meeting and a date set to discuss the draft budget in greater detail and bring it back to the full council at the May 6th Council meeting.
- May 4 to May 10, 2025, is the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Municipal clerks are the backbone of local government operations, often working behind the scenes to oversee key functions like records keeping, election management, legislative documentation, and many other functions unique to their communities, while maintaining public trust through transparency and accountability. In observance of the Municipal Clerks Week, Mr Weir would like to publicly thank Jeaniene McClellan for her effective dedication as Clerk for the City of Hudson.

ADJOURNMENT:**748359:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Carl Sword to **adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk