

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
December 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

748553:

The organizational meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Cindy Corner, Jeremiah Davies, Richard & Carolyn Halliwill, DPW
Superintendent Jay Best & Candi Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek,
Hudson Police Chief Ronald Keck, Devin & Sierra Sandahl, Dennis & Pam Smoke,
Erin Starlin, Joshua & Rachel Stiverson, Alexander Stiverson, Barb Ireland, City
Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2025:****748554:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

READING OF CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan read the Election Results Report of the November 4, 2025.

FULL TERM

Daniel Schudel received 130 votes

Barbara Ireland (write in) received 84 votes

Lisa Enerson (write in) received 36 votes

PARTIAL TERM

Nicole Williams (write in) received 26 votes

Total of votes cast were 250

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oaths of Office to Incumbents Daniel Schudel and Nicole Williams along with new Council Member Barbara Ireland.

Meeting adjourned Sine Die

CITY OF HUDSON
121 N. CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2025 Immediately Following the Organizational Meeting

748555:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:04 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Cindy Corner, Jeremiah Davies, Richard & Carolyn Halliwill, DPW
 Superintendent Jay Best & Candi Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek,
 Hudson Police Chief Ronald Keck, Devin & Sierra Sandahl, Dennis & Pam Smoke,
 Erin Starlin, Joshua & Rachel Stiverson, Alexander Stiverson, Lisa Enerson, City
 Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Election of Mayor:**

At this time City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan announced the start of the mayoral election process, and asked if there were any Council members who did not wish to be considered for Mayor. Everyone but Daniel Schudel raised their hand.

748556:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Natalie Loop to **unanimously re-elect Daniel Schudel as the Mayor for the year 2025-2026.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Oath of Office to Mayor:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to Daniel Schudel as Mayor.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem:

The election of the Mayor Pro-Tem occurred with the same election process as for Mayor and the City Clerk asked for any Council members who did not wish to be considered for Mayor Pro Tem. Barb Ireland, Nicole Williams, Natalie Loop and Carl Sword raised their hands.

Brandi Clark received 4 votes

Greg Hillegas received 3 votes

748557:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **elect Brandi Clark as the Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2025-2026.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to Sherry Kirkland as Mayor Pro Tem.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Code of Ethics:**

The last time the Code of Ethics was brought before the Council was back in 2007. In 2008 it was replaced with the Code of Conduct, but if you read on page 12 under Sanctions and in the 3rd paragraph it states the city has a “Code of Ethics”. We will be adding this document every year for adoption along with the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct.

748558:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adopt the Hudson City Council, Code of Ethics for 2025-2026 as presented.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Rules of Procedure:

Every year the Council reviews and adopts its Rules of Procedure. A copy of the Rules of Procedure for 2025-2026 was given to the Council members for their review.

Under Section 13 – Modifying Rules of Procedure.

Change the wording from “At the meeting of the new Council held on the *Monday next following each regular city election*” to “At the meeting of the new Council held on the *first meeting in December*”.

748559:

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adopt the Hudson City Council, Rules of Procedure for 2025-2026 with the modification.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Code of Conduct:

Every year the Council reviews and adopts its Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct for 2025-2026 was given to the Council members for their review.

748560:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword to **adopt the Code of Conduct for the Hudson City Council for 2025-2026 as presented.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Resolution – Lisa Enerson:

Lisa Enerson has served on the City of Hudson Council from November 14, 2022 to December, 2025.

Therefore, we recommend that Council adopt the resolution for Lisa Enerson, officially commending her for her loyal efforts and dedicated service to the City of Hudson.

748561:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adopt the Proclamation acknowledging Lisa Enerson, commending her for her years of dedicated service to the City of Hudson.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Public Act 152 Health Care:

The 2011 Public Act 152 (The Public-Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) requires a resolution from Council indicating compliance with the law's provisions. A municipality may comply with P.A. 152 by adopting the Exemption option each health plan year (with a two-thirds vote of Council). Council has voted every year since 2013 to adopt the Exemption, and we recommend that the City adopt the Exemption option again this year.

By adopting the resolution, the City can maintain full eligibility for State Statutory Revenue-sharing, and also meet the requirements of P.A. 152.

748562:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adopt the resolution on the exemption option of the 2011 Public Act 152 for the 2026 health care plan year.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: 2026 MDOT Annual Performance Resolution for Local Government:

Adopting the resolution will allow the City to continue to receive MDOT approval for the different parades along the trunkline throughout the year.

Government agencies must apply annually, prior to February, for the on-line permit application.

748563:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **adopt the resolution "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within State Trunkline Right of Way" for the calendar year 2026.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Council and Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2026:

The proposed meeting dates for the Council and Planning Commission was given to the members for their review. These dates must be approved by Council and published in a paper of general circulation. The regular City Council meeting are usually at 7:00 pm the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and the regular Planning Commission meetings are at 6:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month.

The organization has been moved to the first meeting in December. Also the August and November elections will have an absentee counting board in the council chambers each election. If Council approves the dates as presented, we will have three choices;

1. Cancel the meeting
2. Move the meeting to the Community Center
3. Work around the Counting Board and make sure the meeting is done before the 8:00 pm when the Counting Board will have to finish their paperwork.

748564:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve the 2026 Council and Planning Commission meeting dates.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Purchase new IPERL Water meters and Smartpoint Readers:

At the November 4th Council meeting in the Managers report the Council was advised of the sporadic water meters reads on several of the water accounts where it has been determined that the meters giving these readings are 20+ years old and at the end of their service life. About 790 water services lines or 80% of the city water system have these old meters. Accurate meter reading is essential for water service customers and the city for billing purposes.

The city has been budgeting \$15,000 a year for the replacement of water meters in the annual capital improvement plan. Also, the city has been slowly upgrading the meter reading process by changing out

the old readers to the new SmartPoint readers. We currently have 364 SmartPoint readers in the system of over 900+ meters.

After discussing the issue with Jay and Jeaniene, we requested a quote from ETNA Supply the city's water system component supplier for the meters and readers. By ordering 104 Meters and 108 SmartPoint readers noted in the quote, ETNA can give a price break of \$10.00 on each meter.

The quoted price is \$41,408.64.

The city currently has \$62,589.95 in the Water Distribution Capital Outlay budget line. Also, there is still \$57,761.57 in the 2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund that can be utilized for the purchase. We suggest that \$35,000.00 come from the 2021 CIB Fund and \$6,408.64 come from the Capital Outlay Budget line.

This would leave \$56,181.31 in the Capital Outlay budget for lead service line replacements and other water distribution capital needs for the remainder of this fiscal year.

748565:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve the purchase of IPERL water meters and the SmartPoint meter readers from ETNA Supply, in the amount of \$41,408.64.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills to Council
December 2, 2025

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

MML	\$7,423.00	3 rd Installment on Workers Compensation
Lisa Drussel Landscape Architect	\$9,500.00	Master Plan Update
Total	\$16,923.00	

Bills:**748566:**

Motion by Nicole Williams, seconded by Natalie Loop to **pay the bills.** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Account Balances & Check Register:**Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$ 1,276,487.98
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$231,432.99
Local Street Fund	\$ 2,898.53
Fire Department Fund	\$115,520.79
Recreation Fund	\$ 488.61
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 51,743.37
Ambulance	\$ 41,403.37
Community Center	\$ 37,011.22
Income Tax Fund	\$129,628.56
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 9,086.75
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,213.15
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$ 28,220.28
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 57,761.57
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$507,525.00
Water and Sewer Fund	\$119,765.40
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$241,817.77
Property Tax Collection	\$ 3,014.67
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,308.55
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,969.31

748567:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Barb Ireland to **accept the account balances & check register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A Meet and Greet event with the next City Manager, Jeremiah Davies, will be on Tuesday December 9th, 4-6 pm at the Main Street Perk coffee shop. Mr. Davies starts with the City on December 8th and will be working with Mr Weir as he transition out of service through retirement January 16, 2026. Welcome Jeremiah!
- Mr Weir is in the process with MSHDA to close out the \$9,000 Housing Readiness Incentive Grant for the for updated Hudson Master Plan. The contractor, Lisa DuRussel Landscape Architect PLLC, has been paid and the city will be reimbursed by the grant.
- The Judge has signed the Court Order for the cleanup of the 138 Lafayette Street property. We have contacted the contractor and advised him he can get started on the cleanup as soon as he can.

- Mr Weir is expecting a detailed timeline for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project from the Contractor DVM Utilities Inc. at any time now. They may clean and televise the sewer main and manholes in this December with construction starting in the spring 2026.
- Mr Weir has followed up with the City attorney regarding the REU issue, and he suggested the city wait until the Hillsdale County Ambulance Service Agreement is settled before further action is taken. Mr Weir has been advised and he did confirm that another local Ambulance Service will also be terminating their mutual aid agreement with REU and start billing them for services.
- Thank you DPW staff members, Jeff and Tyler for getting all the Christmas holiday decorations and light put up for the season. DPW employee Jeff Vanderlooven took the initiative to put a wreath and garland on the Findlay Trail bridge. Tim and John have picked up over 200 truck loads of leaves and expect to have that work done in the next 7-10 days.
- Mr Davies and Mr Weir met with the local Lenawee County managers and administrators to collaborate county wide with Local Government issues. These meetings will take place monthly at this point.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT:

748568:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Barb Ireland to **adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk