

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

748609:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: Brandi Clark

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, John Shaffer, Lisa Enerson, Andy Hacket, Devin & Sierra Sandahl, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr., Police Chief Ron Keck, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, City Manager Jeremiah Davies and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

748610:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams **to approve to excuse Brandi Clark from the meeting.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated February 3, 2026:

748611:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **to approve minutes of February 3, 2026 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comments Received.

NEW BUSINESS:**DPW – Jay Best - Information**

Jay Best is the superintendent of the DPW, gave a presentation on the overview of his department.

- Public works is basically responsible for the operations and maintenance of all the municipal facilities all of which there are 12 departments and 8 buildings.
 - Water Treatment Plant
 - Water Distribution System
 - Sewer Collection System
 - Major Streets
 - Local Streets
 - Cemetery Operations
 - Department of Public Works (DPW) Facilities
 - Forestry and Tree Management
 - Building Maintenance (City Offices, Museum, Community Center, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Buildings, Library and Public Restroom)
 - Equipment Maintenance and Fleet Management
 - Parks Maintenance and Improvements
 - Miscellaneous Infrastructure and Services, including sidewalks, storm drains, general city cleaning, trash removal, brush management, and trail maintenance.

- Daily operations, budgeting, labor and equipment and the vendor communications with engineering involved. We also have daily communications with the city office and city manager.
- Our job descriptions vary from day to day, one day we are a plumber the next day an electrician or a painter and even a landscaper, so we are very blessed with a talented crew that can drop one job to go to another.
- Mr Best role is to lead the pack
 - Tim – Primary lead for streets and dirt work operations
 - Jeff – Assistant lead for the Water Department
 - Tyler – Assists with Cemetery operations and Parks maintenance
 - John – Utility support specialist who provides cross-departmental assistance as needed.

Jay Best answered all the questions the council had about his position and about the DPW.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:**

Bills to Council
March 3, 2026

Bills to be Approve

Huntington Bank	\$40,528.33	2025 Capital Improvement Bond Principle & Interest
Michigan Finance Authority	\$35,195.35	Sewer Bond Interest Payment
Total	\$75,723.68	

Bills to be Confirmed

Great Lakes Fireworks	\$7,500.00	50% Down Payment on Festival Fireworks
MML Workers Comp	\$7,421.00	4 th Quarter Payment
County National Bank	\$13,695.00	Capital Improvement Bond Interest Payment
Wolverine Freightliner Eastside Inc	\$134,598.00	2026 Western Star First Payment
Nickel & Saph	\$22,285.60	4 th Installment of Liability Insurance
Total	\$185,499.60	

748612:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

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

General Fund	\$1,091,032.42
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$256,187.10
Local Street Fund	(\$ 7,496.74)
Fire Department Fund	\$ 85,785.92
Recreation Fund	\$ 493.16
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 49,452.70
Ambulance	\$110,856.53

Community Center	\$ 37,828.37
Income Tax Fund	\$238,537.40
Downtown Development	\$ 18,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
Thompson Library Fund	(\$ 129.18)
Museum Fund	\$ 5,955.68
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,139.56
CWSRF	\$ 16,495.44
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 10,073.26
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$503,750.74
Water and Sewer Fund	\$237,725.24
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$138,290.31
Property Tax Collection	\$ 23,779.38
Payroll Fund	\$ 11,207.02
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 18,136.79

748613:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to accept the account balances and check register and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Department Head Reports:**748614:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to accept the department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- EPA – “Get the Lead Out” (GLO) Initiative: Mr. Davies had a meeting with representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of its Get the Lead Out (GLO) initiative. This program provides free technical assistance to communities as we continue addressing lead service line identification and replacement requirements. Participation in this initiative allows Hudson to:

1. Receive technical guidance at no cost.
 2. Strengthen compliance with federal lead and copper regulations.
 3. Improve our long-term planning for lead service line inventory and replacement.
 4. Positioning the City competitively for future infrastructure funding opportunities.
 5. This partnership is an important step in proactively addressing water infrastructure needs and ensuring regulatory compliance.
- D & P Communications Coordination: Mr Davies met with representatives from D & P Communications to establish direct, real-time communication protocols for their upcoming summer work within the City. This coordination will help us manage projects efficiently and maintain responsiveness to resident concerns. Ensure immediate points of contact during construction activities:
 1. Improve communication between utility crews and City staff.
 2. Minimize disruption to residents.
 3. Protect City infrastructure and right-of-way assets.
 - FY 2026-2027 Budget Preparation: Budget preparation is currently underway and remains a primary administrative focus. The proposed timeline is as follows:
 - First meeting in April: Present the first draft budget, review, and discuss revisions.
 - Second meeting in April: Present the 2nd draft, discuss any final necessary revisions.
 - First meeting in May: Formal adoption of the FY 2026-2027 Budget upon Council approval.

This approach allows Council sufficient time to review, ask questions, and provide policy direction prior to adoption. This approach provides a responsible, transparent, and structurally sound budget that reflects both immediate operational needs and long-term sustainability.

ADJOURNMENT:

748615:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk