

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

748709:

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Daniel Schudel, Greg Hillegas, Barbara Ireland, Diane Mills and Carl Sword

ABSENT: Brandi Clark and Nicole Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Ash, Bruce VanWieren, Kimberly Adams, Cindy Corner, John Shaffer, Tim & Tammy Jewell, Tyler & Lexi Mattison, Pam Smoke, Sierra Sandahl, Pastor John Rath, Mike Mills, Jami Perry, Lisa Enerson, Police Chief Ron Keck, WWTP Superintendent Josh Mattek, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, City Manager Jeremiah Davies, City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan and others.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

748710:

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Carl Sword **to excuse Nicole Williams from the meeting.**
CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Excuse Absent Members:

748711:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Barb Ireland **to excuse Brandi Clark from the meeting.**
DENIED 2-3 by roll call (Mills, Sword – yes Schudel, Hillegas, Ireland – no)

Setting the Agenda:

748712:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **to adopt the agenda as presented.**
CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated July 7, 2026:**748713:**

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **to approve minutes of July 7, 2026 and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Presentation: Mike Mills & Pastor John Rath – Memorial at Webster Park:**

Pastor John Rath and Hudson Museum Curator Mike Mills have requested an opportunity to address the City Council regarding a proposal to recognize Hudson's original burial ground, commonly referred to as the Old City Cemetery.

The presenters will share historical information regarding the site and propose the installation of a large commemorative stone with an interpretive plaque recognizing the approximately 139 known individuals who remain buried there. The proposed marker would acknowledge the site's significance and preserve its historical legacy for future generations.

If the City Council is supportive of the concept, staff would work collaboratively with Pastor Rath and Mr. Mills to:

- Identify an appropriate location for the memorial stone.
- Develop and finalize the wording for the plaque.
- Coordinate the design and installation of the monument.
- Schedule a public dedication and unveiling ceremony.
- Keep the City Council informed throughout the planning and implementation process before any final installation.

At this time, the request is for Council to hear the presentation and provide direction regarding whether staff should proceed with planning efforts.

748714:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **authorize staff to work with Pastor Rath and Mike Mills on developing a final location, plaque language, installation plan, and dedication ceremony, with final details to be brought back to Council as appropriate.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approve: Transfer Liquor License:

The City has received a request from the Michigan Liquor Control commission (MLCC) seeking local governmental approval for the transfer of the Class C On-Premises License, Specialty Designated Merchant (SDM), Sunday Sales Permit, Dance Permit, and Entertainment Permit for

Skip's Pub, LLC, located at 208 W Main Street, Hudson, Michigan, from Jami Perry to Tyler Mattison.

In accordance with Chapter 3 of the City Code, the application was referred to the appropriate City departments for review. All required departmental reviews have been completed, and compliance with applicable City ordinances and regulations has been certified.

Additionally, all taxes and other obligations relating to the licensed premises have been satisfied, and the applicant is in good standing with the City.

Approval by the City Council constitutes a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Final approval of the liquor license transfer remains the responsibility of the MLCC.

748715:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Barb Ireland **Approve the Michigan Liquor Control Commission's request for local governmental approval of the liquor license transfer for Skip's Pub, LLC, and authorize the City Clerk to execute the return the required Local Government Approval form to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approve: Lease Agreement Composting at the Industrial Park:

Since 2024, Jewell Sand & Gravel, LLC has leased approximately 2 acres within the City of Hudson Industrial Park to compost leaves collected through the City's annual leaf collection program. This arrangement has provided the City with an efficient and environmentally responsible method for process leaf waste while helping reduce disposal cost.

The original lease contemplated future renewals. However, over the past year, interest in the City's Industrial Park has increased, and the City has begun actively evaluating economic development opportunities for available property. As a result, staff recommends that the compost lease transition to a one-year agreement, allowing the City to evaluate the continued use of the property each fiscal year while maintaining flexibility for future industrial or commercial development.

The proposed agreement continues the existing composting operation under substantially the same terms while strengthening the City's ability to respond to future development opportunities. The revised agreement:

- Establishes a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
- Eliminates any expectation of automatic renewal.
- Clarifies that the lease does not create any ownership or future property rights.
- Allows the City to terminate the lease if the property becomes necessary for economic development, infrastructure improvements, or other municipal purposes.
- Continue to provide the City with composting services for its annual leaf collection program.

Staff believes this annual approach appropriately balances the City's current operational needs with its long-term economic development goals.

748716:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **approve the 2026-2027 annual land lease agreement between the City of Hudson and Jewell Sand & Gravel LLC for composting operations within the City of Hudson Industrial Park.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll

Tim Jewell – Health Insurance:

Mr Jewell is becoming eligible for Medicare due to age. Under Medicare Secondary Payer rules, employers with fewer than twenty (20) employees are required to recognize Medicare as the employee's primary health insurance coverage. As a result, Mr. Jewell is required to enroll in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B.

Rather than continuing to provide primary health insurance coverage through the City's group health plan, the proposed agreement provides for the City to reimburse Mr. Jewell's Medicare Part B premium while he remains a full-time employee. This approach results in significant savings to the City when compared to the cost of maintaining him on the City's health insurance plan.

The agreement establishes that:

- The City will reimburse the standard Medicare Part B premium, currently \$202.90 per month.
- The reimbursement amount will automatically adjust each year to reflect the federally established Medicare part B premium.
- Reimbursement is contingent upon Mr Jewell remaining a full-time employee and maintaining Medicare Part B coverage.
- Reimbursement will terminate if employment status changes, Medicare rules change, insurance eligibility changes, or other conditions outlined in the agreement occur.
- The agreement does not create a vested employee benefit or guarantee future employment.

748717:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Barb Ireland **approval of the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Agreement with Timothy Jewell and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll

Approve: Installation of New Boiler:

Last year council approved the purchase of a new boiler needed for the biosolid digestion process at the wastewater treatment plant. After contacting twenty-four different mechanical services, Mr Mattek was only able to get two quotes. He received a quote from Adrian Mechanical for \$21,040 and DeCal Service Group for \$39,540. He is recommending the city going with Adrian Mechanical.

748718:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Diane Mills **approve Adrian Mechanical Services to install Biosolids Sludge Boiler at the cost of \$21,040.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll

Appointment: Recreation Advisory Board:

We have a couple of empty seats on the Recreation Advisory Board that needs to be filled.

Kimberly Adams has filled out an application for the Recreation Advisory Board. This seat will be for a full term expiring on July 2029.

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

748719:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Greg Hillegas **approve Kimberly Adams to the Recreation Advisory Board for a full term expiring July 2029.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll

Approve: Agreement with CLEMIS:

The Hudson Police Department currently uses the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) for police report writing, evidence-room management, impounded-vehicle records, and sharing information among law enforcement agencies. Every law enforcement agency in Lenawee County currently uses CLEMIS and shares in the associated costs.

CLEMIS was previously operated through Oakland County but has now become an independent governmental authority. As a result, the City's existing contractual arrangement through Oakland County will end on September 30, 2026. To maintain uninterrupted access to CLEMIS services after that date, the City must enter into a new Participation Agreement directly with the CLEMIS authority. The Police Chief will also execute a separate Membership Order as required by the Authority.

The transition is primarily administrative and is not expected to materially change the services currently provided to the Hudson Police Department. Council approval of the accompanying resolution is required before the City Manager may execute the Participation Agreement and related documents through DocuSign.

748720:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Diane Mills **approve the accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hudson to enter into the CLEMIS Authority Participation agreement and related agreements, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:**

Bills to Council
July 21, 2026

Bills to be Approve

Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Metal Methods Manufacturing	\$8,300.00	Sheet inside leaf box truck
Total	\$8,300.00	

748721:

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Greg Hillegas **approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll

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

General Fund	\$1,065,862.30
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$ 329,536.23
Local Street Fund	\$ 48,135.10
Fire Department Fund	\$ 130,153.80
Recreation Fund	(\$ 345.34)
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 28,374.89
Ambulance	\$ 161,243.46
Community Center	\$ 45,207.95
Income Tax Fund	\$ 126,818.52
Downtown Development	\$ 21,543.68
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 7,369.88
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 7,980.21
CWSRF	\$ 141,830.35

2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 10,129.37
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 143,807.36
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 441,053.69
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$ 157,023.37
Property Tax Collection	\$ 174,409.31
Payroll Fund	\$ 9,665.36
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 18,399.43

748722:

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

Department Head Reports:**748723:**

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to accept the department head reports and place on file as presented.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

MANAGER'S REPORT:**Public Works:**

- The State Street culvert replacement project has been completed. Final restoration work is underway, and we anticipate the roadway will be reopened to traffic sometime this coming week. Thank you to our residents and motorists for their patience throughout the project.
- Mr Davies would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our Department of Public Works staff for their continued efforts with storm cleanup and catch basin repairs. Their work following recent weather events has helped keep our streets safe and our drainage system functioning properly.

Grants & Community Development:

- We received notification that our \$60,000 state funding request for Community Center improvements has been approved and included in this year's State of Michigan budget. This funding will allow us to make important upgrades to the facility that serves so many of our residents.

Mr Davies would like to express our appreciation to Representative Jennifer Wortz and her staff, along with Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno, for their support and advocacy throughout this process.

Once we receive the grant details and implementation guidance this fall, staff will begin preparing bid specifications to move the improvement project forward.

Community Services:

- Finally, thank you once again to the city staff members and council members who volunteered their time to help keep the Community Center open during the recent extreme heat. Providing the facility as an evening cooling center offered residents a safe, air-conditioned place during dangerous temperatures, and your willingness to assist made that possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

748724:

Motion by Barb Ireland, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk