

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
PUBLIC HEARING
May 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

748375:

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

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

ABSENT: Lisa Enerson

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Mitchell & Sierra Sandahl, David Aungst, Nicole Williams, HPD Chief Ron Keck, Jason Blackwood, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Candi Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Bruce VanWieren, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Ordinance 405-25 – Chickens in Town:

Ordinance 406-25 – Amending the City Charter:

2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget and Millage Rate:

Jason Blackwood would like to see the amount of chickens be up to 8 instead of 4.

Adjourn sine die.

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025 immediately after the Public Hearing**

748376:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:04 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: Lisa Enerson

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Mitchell & Sierra Sandahl, David Aungst, Nicole Williams, HPD Chief Ron Keck, Jason Blackwood, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Candi Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, Bruce VanWieren, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

748377:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie **to approve to excuse Lisa Enerson from the meeting.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Setting the agenda:

748378:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to add Item M under New Business – Executive Session: OMA Section 8 (c) DPW Union Negotiations.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated May 6, 2025:

748379:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Carl Sword **to approve minutes of May 6, 2025 and place on file.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve: 2nd Reading – Ordinance 405-25 Chickens in Town:

At the Council meeting on May 6th, Council approved the first reading with corrections for adding a Chicken ordinance. If Council approves the second reading it will in be in effect on June 4, 2025.

The Council members decided to start with the 4 chickens and see how everything works and they could amend the ordinance to allow up to 6-8 at a later date.

748380:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword **to approve the second reading and waive the actual reading of Ordinance No. 405-25, adding Chickens in the City Ordinance under Section 4 in the City of Hudson’s Code of Ordinances.** CARRIED 4-1 by roll call (Schudel, Hillegas, Loop, Sword – yes Clark – no)

Approve: 2nd Reading – Ordinance 406-25 Amending the City Charter:

At the Council meeting on May 6th, Council approved the first reading for amending the City Charter. If Council approves the second reading it will in be in effect on June 4, 2025.

748381:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the second reading and waive the actual reading of Ordinance No. 406-25, amending the City Charter.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Resolution: 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget:

The Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget outlines the fact that the operational millage levy for the City of Hudson will be at 11.94 mills (11.94 per 1,000 Taxable Value) to a total levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year of 11.94 mills (11.94 per \$1,000 Taxable Value).

It further outlines that 1.0000 additional mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 Taxable Value) be assessed for Advanced Life Support.

It further outlines that the water and sewer rates as of July 1, 2025 as the following:

Water Readiness to Serve (RTS):	\$22.70 per month
Sewer Readiness to Serve (RTS):	\$13.19 per month
Water Consumption Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.11 per thousand gallons
Sewer Consumption Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 6.34 per thousand gallons
Sewer Bond	\$22.45 per month
Refuse	\$14.31 per month

748382:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the Resolution to adopt the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year budget.** DENIED 2-3 by roll call (Clark, Hillegas – yes Schudel, Loop, Sword – no)

Approve: Interfund Loan Transfers:

The Interfund Loan Resolution for FY 2025-2026 gives the City Manager the authority to make short-term loans between funds to cover temporary expenditures, based on the fact that adequate revenues will be available during the current fiscal year in said fund to cover the temporary loans.

748383:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve the Interfund Loan Resolution for FY 2025-2026, giving the City Manager the authority to make short-term loans between funds to cover temporary expenditures.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Approve: Intrafund Loan Transfers:

The Intrafund Loan Resolution for FY 2025-2026 gives the City Manager the authority to transfer up to \$1,000 between appropriations within each fund, subject to confirmation by Council within 30 days of the transaction.

748384:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the Intrafund Loan Resolution for FY 2025-2026, giving the City Manager the authority to transfer up to \$1,000 between appropriations within each fund, subject to confirmation by Council within 30 days of the transaction.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

Appointment: Vacant Council Seat:

On April 30, 2025 Sherry Kirkland resigned from the City Council. Per City Charter, anytime there would be a vacancy on an elective office, city council needs to appoint someone to fill the seat until the 1st meeting in December. The date for this will be December 2, 2025.

We have one person who has give the clerk their letter of intention to fill the open seat until December 2nd.

748385:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **appoint Nicole Williams as the new council member until December 2, 2025.** CARRIED 5-0 by roll call

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to Nicole Williams.

After Council Member Nicole Williams was seated the city clerk handed out ballots to the members to vote for a new Mayor Pro-Tem. City Clerk asked if anyone would not want to be the Mayor Pro-Tem. Natalie Loop, Carl Sword and Nicole Williams did not want to be elected as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Daniel Schudel	-	Brandi Clark
Brandi Clark	-	Brandi Clark
Greg Hillegas	-	Greg Hillegas
Natalie Loop	-	Brandi Clark
Carl Sword	-	Greg Hillegas
Nicole Williams	-	Brandi Clark

748386:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve Brandi Clark as the new Mayor Pro Tem until December 2, 2025.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY MAYOR PRO TEM:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to Brandi Clark as the Mayor Pro Tem until December 2, 2025.

Approve: Will Carleton Park Upgrades:

We are planning on putting a metal roof, fascia, and gable ends on Pavillion #2 at the Will Carleton Park. We also want to put metal on the gable ends on the bathrooms.

We have received three bid proposals from three contractors for the work:

- Ryan's Complete Construction \$9,625.00
- D & C Roofing \$13,600.00
- Williams Construction \$17,290.00

We also request that the steel bathroom door and utility room be replaced. Due to the lead time (5 weeks) to get the doors, We asked Hackett Builders to order the doors. The price for the doors and installation is \$4,237.20. We did have a second quote from G & G Glass that came in at \$5,596.42.

Funds to cover the expenses will come from the Public Works Building Maintenance budget line 101-441-930.550. The current balance in this line is \$23,566.11. The total cost for the project with the doors is \$13,862.20 if Ryan's Complete Construction is approved for the work.

748387:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop to **approve the bid from Ryan's Complete Construction in the amount of \$9,625.00.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: Street Crack Sealing:

Several of the City's major and local streets need crack sealing as part of the preventative maintenance efforts for the streets. The city requested quotes from two contractors to perform the work. The quotes are as follows:

- Wolverine Sealcoating LLC \$13,200.00
- K & B Asphalt Sealcoating Inc. \$19,683.04

The funds will draw from the Major and Local Street Maintenance budget lines. Current budget balance available \$54,438.19.

748388:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **approve the quote from Wolverine Sealcoating LLC for the crack sealing of the major and local streets in the amount of \$13,200.00.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: Cemetery East Drive Quote:

Over the past few years, we have received a few complaints from residents about the east end driveway at the Maple Grove Cemetery being in very poor condition. We have noticed over the past ten or more years the driveway deteriorating.

The Council budgeted \$20,000.00 in this current budget for the driveway expansion in the SE end of the cemetery. Talking with DPW we believe the city can postpone the expansion of the drive at this time and use the funds to repave the existing east end drive. The paving would be from Cadmus Road running south around the curve and connecting to the good portion of the drive.

We have received two quotes for the paving work as follows:

- K & B Asphalt Sealcoating Inc. \$19,110.00
- Bailey Excavating Inc. \$20,350.00

There is currently \$20,000.00 in the Cemetery Capital Outlay budget.

The city has used both contractors on past projects.

748389:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the paving quote from K & B Asphalt Sealcoating Inc. for the paving of the east drive of the Maple Grove Cemetery in the amount of \$19,110.00.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Discuss: Vendor Fee:

At the council meeting on April 15th Councilmember Loop asked to discuss the fee for food trucks in town along with having the fire department doing an inspection each year.

On the May 6th meeting Council member Loop was absent and the rest of Council decided to move this item to the May 20th meeting.

Discussion \$50 for the license per year

\$100 for the Fire Inspection (Chief Tanner is looking into what other departments are doing and will report back to the City Manager)

\$250 for Safety Systems Inspection

Then if all the inspections are good then the food truck would receive a sticker to put in the window.

Executive Session: OMA Section 8 (c) DPW Union Negotiations:

Mr Weir had a meeting with the Union Representative on Monday and will need to talk with the Council for guidance.

748390:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Natalie Loop to **go into executive session pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 8 (c) to discuss DPW Union Negotiation Strategy.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

In: 7:45

Out: 7:58

748391:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the discussion regarding in the executive session.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:**

Bills to Council
May 20, 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	\$884,946.64
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$362,263.63
Local Street Fund	\$ 31,676.12
Fire Department Fund	\$110,648.66
Recreation Fund	\$ 700.62
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 36,576.42
Ambulance	\$ 75,966.48
Community Center	\$ 34,999.31
Income Tax Fund	\$332,434.33
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 10,586.17
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 13,412.16
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 23,886.54
Water and Sewer Fund	\$215,267.40
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$172,761.75
Property Tax Collection	\$ 1,331.27

Payroll Fund	\$ 34,498.35
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,611.52

748392:

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

Department Head Reports:**748393:**

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 and the **special meeting to adopt the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm.**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- On May 9th we had a meeting with MDOT about the traffic light upgrade on West Main and Church Streets. The work will include the sidewalk approaches. This project is scheduled to start in the summer of 2026.
- On Tuesday May 13th Mr Weir met with Jones and Henry Engineers about the 2025 Sewer rehabilitation project. Jones and Henry and the City will be placing advertisements for bids for contractors for the project. The city will run an advertisement in the Post-Gazette while Jones & Henry will advertise on the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association web site and on the Jones & Henry Engineers website.

The bids will be received at Hudson City Hall until 10:00 am June 19, 2025, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Jones & Henry will then make a recommendation to the city for a contractor and the Council will tentatively award the contract at the first meeting in July.

- Mr Weir has received a signed Purchase Agreement from Marry Properties LLC for the purchase of the 400 Railroad Street property. The closing date for the sale of the property is July 7, 2025.
- On Wednesday May 14th, 2025, DPW Superintendent Jay Best and Mr Weir met with Wolverine Freightliner and Truck and Trailer Specialties about the building of the new 2026 dump truck purchase that is in the Capital Improvement Plan. The 2025-2026 budget has the funds budgeted for the cab and chassis which has a lead time of 90 days. The box and the equipment have a lead time of 16 months. The box and equipment will be budgeted and paid out of the 2026-2027 budget. We expect to have the total cost of the new dump truck

sometime over the next few weeks. We will be requesting the approval to order the cab and chassis to the Council around January 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

748394:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm**

APPROVED: _____

Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk