

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

748600:

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, Barbara Ireland, Natalie Loop, Daniel Schudel, Carl Sword and Nicole Williams

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Irvine, Cindy Corner, Pam Smoke, Neil Coates, Mike Sessions, City Receptionist Samantha Gerig, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr., Income Tax Administrator Linda Cross, City Treasurer Megan Coates, 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:**Approval of minutes dated January 20, 2026:****748601:**

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Brandi Clark to approve minutes of January 20, 2026 with corrections and place on file. CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Income Tax Administration - Information**

Linda Cross the City's Income Tax Administrator had a presentation covering the basic administration, compliance, enforcement, common taxpayer questions, along with recent trends.

Linda Cross answered all the questions the council had about her position and about the income taxes.

Approve: Linda Cross – 10 Year Service Award:

Per the City of Hudson Employee Handbook, employees are to receive a Certificate of Appreciation Service Award for ten years of service in the City of Hudson.

On behalf of the citizens of Hudson, The Hudson City Council extends its appreciation for Linda J Cross for ten (10) years of dedicated service in the City of Hudson from January 27, 2016 to January 27, 2026.

748602:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Natalie Loop to **present the 10-year Certificate of Appreciation to Linda J Cross.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approve: Zero-Turn John Deere Purchase:

The City needs to replace a 2018 Exmark Frontline mower with a John Deere 997 72” zero-turn mower. The intent of this replacement is to keep the City’s fleet up to date, reliable, and serviceable, thereby minimizing downtime and maintenance disruptions.

Upon replacement, the existing Exmark mower will remain in service with the Department of Public Works, and another mower will be reassigned to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to upgrade aging equipment at that facility.

The John Deere 997 is being purchased through Sourcewell government pricing and procurement program, which includes a \$6,659.18 price reduction, lowering the cost from \$30,269.00 to \$24,194.82. Staff also reviewed Sourcewell pricing for a comparable Kubota Mower, which was approximately \$400.00 higher than the John Deere option.

Funds for this purchase are available within the Equipment Replacement Fund, which includes \$25,000.00 budgeted for this item.

748603:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Nicole Williams to **approve the purchase of a John Deere 997 72” zero-turn mower through the Sourcewell government pricing and procurement program and in an amount not to exceed \$24,194.82, utilizing funds budgeted in the Equipment Replacement Fund.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Approve: Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

The Council was given the suggested budget amendments for their review.

The full amendments were included in the packet which is online for anyone to review.

748604:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **approve the budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
February 3, 2026

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Native Engineering & Amusements	\$5,000.00	Retainer for Rides at Hudson Festival
Total	\$5,000.00	

748605:

Motion by Nicole Williams, seconded by Barb Ireland **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

Account Balances and Check Register:

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$1,218,174.11
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$228,934.95
Local Street Fund	(\$ 13,121.02)
Fire Department Fund	\$ 87,684.20
Recreation Fund	\$ 491.68
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 49,950.57
Ambulance	\$ 42,333.02
Community Center	\$ 33,923.85
Income Tax Fund	\$190,972.87
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 5,919.74

Industrial Park Fund	\$ 8,264.38
CWSRF	\$ 17,345.28
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 23,695.62
2025 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$505,972.36
Water and Sewer Fund	\$111,759.82
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$254,804.12
Property Tax Collection	\$ 30,974.35
Payroll Fund	\$ 6,935.85
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 18,081.35

748606:

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

MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**DDA minutes dated January 13, 2026:****748607:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Natalie Loop **to accept the DDA minutes dated January 13, 2026 and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council comments were heard.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mr Davies would like to recognize and thank the Department of Public Works staff for their continued efforts during an especially challenging winter season. Crews have worked extended hours in extreme cold to address repeated snow and ice events, helping to maintain safe and passable streets throughout the City. In addition, Hudson, like many communities across Michigan, is experiencing the impacts of a statewide salt shortage. The City has received its final salt allotment for the season, and our DPW team has proactively adjusted operations by blending salt with sand to extend remaining reserves while maintaining effective road treatment. Thank you to the DPW Superintendent Jay Best and his staff for their adaptability and commitment to service. Mr Davies spoke with Tim Robinson of Lenawee Now regarding economic development opportunities in Hudson. As part of that effort, specifications for the City's Industrial Park were submitted in response to a Request for Qualifications issued by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for a confidential manufacturing site search. While still preliminary, the potential project could include a facility start date of April 2028, approximately 80 new jobs, and an estimated \$45 million capital investment. While

no commitments have been made at this stage, participation in the MEDC site review process reflects ongoing efforts to position Hudson for future economic growth.

- Following the submission of the City’s mid-year budget amendments, Mr Davies will begin working with staff on development of the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. Initiating the budget process earlier allows for more thorough review, internal discussion, and coordination across departments to ensure priorities align with Council direction and community needs.
- DPW Superintendent Jay Best and Mr Davies also met with representatives from Frontier Communications regarding planned fiber infrastructure upgrades within the City later this year. Due to the scope of the project, they have requested Frontier to provide a presentation to the City Council and the public, tentatively scheduled for the April 7th Council meeting, to outline the project, anticipated impacts, and benefits to residents and businesses.

ADJOURNMENT:

748608:

Motion by Nicole Williams, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk