

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

748589:

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, Daniel Schudel, Carl Sword and Nicole Williams

ABSENT: Natalie Loop

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Corner, Pam Smoke, Melanie Gerig, Candi Best, Will Terrill, Dave Aungst, Devin Sandahl, City Receptionist Samantha Gerig, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr., Ambulance Director Jim Stevens, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, WWTP Superintendent Joshua Mattek, Police Chief Ron Keck, City Manager Jeremiah Davies and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

748590:

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

Setting the Agenda:

748591:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas **to add Ambulance Services Contract under New Business Item D.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated January 6, 2026:

748592:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Nicole Williams **to approve minutes of January 6, 2026 and place on file.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comments received.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resolution: Robert Geeting:**

Robert Geeting has served on the City of Hudson's Board of Review from March 6, 2018 to December 31, 2025.

Therefore, I recommend that Council adopt the resolution for Robert Geeting, officially commanding him for his loyal efforts and dedicated service to the City of Hudson.

748593:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Greg Hillegas to **adopt the Resolution acknowledging Robert Geeting, commanding him for his years of dedicated service to the City of Hudson.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Appointment: Board of Review:

We have an empty seat on the Board of Review that needs to be filled.

Stephen Kope has filled out an application for the Board of Review. This seat will be for a full term expiring on January 2029. Mr Kope has served on this board before so he is familiar with the process.

He meets the requirements to be appointed to the Board of Review.

748594:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Nicole Williams to **appoint Stephen Kope to the Board of Review for a full term expiring January 2029.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Discussion: Additional Council Packet Information:

At the January 6, 2026, Council meeting, a request was made for additional financial information to be included in Council meeting packets, including items such as payroll, property tax, income tax and related financial data. While the request was discussed in general terms, the specific information being requested, the desired level of detail, and the preferred reporting frequency were not clearly defined.

At present, the City's payroll software can produce detailed payroll reports; however, these reports include confidential and protected employee information, including dependent data, retirement contributions, and account balances.

To ensure transparency, consistency, and compliance with employee privacy requirements, further clarification is needed on the specific financial data the Council wishes to received, how that information should be summarized, and presented.

Councilmember Ireland would like to see a summarize total of all the wages. Also have the department head put into their monthly report any overtime that was approved and why it was approved.

Ambulance Services Contract:

Following several weeks of contract negotiations and review by the City Attorney, the finalized ambulance services contract has been approved by Hudson EMS Director Jim Stevens. Based on this review, the staff are requesting that the City of Hudson and the Hudson Area Ambulance enter into an agreement with Hillsdale County for the Hudson Area Ambulance to provide ambulance services.

748595:

Motion by Greg Hillegas, seconded by Brandi Clark to **authorize the City Manager to sign the ambulance contract with Hillsdale County.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:**

Bills to Council
January 20, 2026

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

ETNA Supply	\$19,234.80	Water Meter Readers
ETNA Supply	\$21,600.00	Water Meters
Wolverine Rental & Supply	\$8,922.37	Kubota Maintenance
Total	\$49,757.17	

748596:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Nicole Williams **to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

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

General Fund	\$1,226,215.78
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$242,335.75

Local Street Fund	(\$ 3,223.13)
Fire Department Fund	\$ 80,024.00
Recreation Fund	\$ 491.68
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 50,382.75
Ambulance	\$ 12,235.79
Community Center	\$ 34,496.90
Income Tax Fund	\$149,688.38
Downtown Development	\$ 19,151.29
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 7,258.82
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	\$130,431.43
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$248,887.95
Property Tax Collection	\$ 42,565.85
Payroll Fund	\$ 10,821.47
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 18,081.35

748597:

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

Department Head Reports:**748598:**

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:

- Mr. Davies met with the DDA to discuss their interest in using the approximately \$19,000 in remaining funds toward a downtown enhancement project. He is assisting with this effort and is currently exploring options for new downtown banners to help further beautify the area. These banners could incorporate a variety of themes. More information will be coming as options are developed.
- Jay Best, Councilmember Hillegas and Mr Davies met with representatives from EGLE to review and discuss the City's Source Water Assessment score. The meeting provided

valuable insight, and as a result, we are now working with Kelly Hon from the Michigan Rural Water Association to review and update our source water protection plan.

- Mr. Davies attended a meeting with One Lenawee to introduce himself in his new role as City Manager. One Lenawee is a coalition of county residents and leaders focused on strengthening Lenawee County as place to live, work, play, and invest. A key focus of the organization is housing, which aligns closely with Hudson's community development needs. He made several initial contacts and will be meeting with these individuals in the coming weeks to discuss vacant properties and fire-damaged structures within the City. Housing is a critical component of community development, and he intends to leverage One Lenawee's expertise and resources in this area.
- On Thursday, January 15, 2026, several Wastewater Treatment Plant employees visited the Adrian Wastewater Treatment Plant to observe operations, ask questions, and learn from their counterparts. This was a valuable professional development opportunity for staff, enabling them to network with experienced professionals in wastewater management.
- On Friday afternoon (at the time of this report), State Representatives Nancy Jenkins-Arno and Jennifer Wortz visited Hudson to meet with City staff and tour the Water Treatment Plant. The visit provided an opportunity to establish direct lines of communication and to discuss potential funding opportunities and state-level support for the City of Hudson.
- We would like to publicly thank Charlie Weir for his unwavering dedication and service to the City of Hudson over the past 36 years. Charlie's last day with the City was Friday, January 16. We wish him all the best in retirement as he begins this next chapter with his family in Arizona.

ADJOURNMENT:

748599:

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Nicole Williams to **adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm**

APPROVED: _____

Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk