

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

748290:

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

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

ABSENT: Lisa Enerson

ALSO PRESENT: Will Terrill, Sara Schudel, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Ambulance Supervisor Jim Stevens, Fire Chief Jerry Tanner Jr., Barb Ireland – Hudson Post Gazette, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Excuse Absent Members:****748291:**

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop to excuse Lisa Enerson from the meeting. CARRIED 5-1 by roll call (Brandi Clark, Greg Hillegas, Sherry Kirkland, Carl Sword, Natalie Loop – yes Daniel Schudel – no)

Setting the agenda:**748292:**

Motion by Brandi Clark, seconded by Sherry Kirkland to add item D under New Business - City Lots bid discussion. CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approval of minutes dated January 7, 2025:**748293:**

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to approve minutes of January 7, 2025 and place on file. CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Reappoint – Will Terrill to the Board of Review:**

Will Terrill's current 3-year appointment to the Board of Review expired last month.

Mr Terrill has requested to be reappointed to the Board for a 3-year term to expire in December 2028.

Mr Terrill meets all the requirements to be reappointed to the Board of Review.

748294:

Motion by Natalie Loop seconded by Carl Sword to **reappoint Will Terrill to the Board of Review for a 3-year term expiring in December 2028.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: Purchase of Utility Truck:

At the October 15th 2024 Council meeting the Council pre-approved the expenditure of \$10,500.00 for the purchase of a used utility truck for DPW. The city lost a bid on a utility truck for by about \$1,500.00.

The Council was notified on January 15th, 2025, that the WWTP pickup truck went out of service due to mechanical failures. We are actively looking again for a used utility truck and believe if the spending limit was increased by \$5,000.00 the city would be in a better position for getting a winning bid for a used utility truck. This would give the city the ability to bid up to \$15,500.00. City staff would inspect the vehicle prior to the purchase.

If the city purchases a used utility truck, one of the DPW pickup trucks would be transferred to WWTP for use.

The Motor Vehicle Fund currently has a balance of \$147,760.43.

748295:

Motion by Natalie Loop seconded by Sherry Loop to **approve the purchase of a used utility truck in the amount of \$15,500.00 or less.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

Approve: Earned Sick Time Policy:

On February 21, 2025, the new Earned Sick Time Act law will take effect. This act requires all employers in the State to allow Part-Time, Temporary, Seasonal and Paid Volunteers to earn sick time.

Summary of the Act:

These employees will earn 1 hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked. Employers can cap the sick time use at 72 hours in a calendar year, but employers cannot cap the accrual of hours earned and must allow carry over year to year. Employers are not required to pay out unused sick time at the end of employment.

We have attached power-point slides from the City’s Labor Attorney that explain the law and how it is applied and a draft of the policy. The Legislature can still make some changes before the February 21st enactment date which may require some changes later. The labor attorney is recommending the city have a policy in place prior to the February 21st date.

748296:

Motion by Brandi Clark seconded by Sherry Kirkland to **approve the Earned Sick Time Policy.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

City Lots - discussion:

At the last meeting Council approved the sale price on each vacant lot. The City ordinances does require to have sealed bids.

748297:

Motion by Natalie Loop seconded by Brandi Clark to **draft a 30 day seal bid notification and follow by a purchase agreement.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills:

Bills to Council
January 21, 2025

Bills to be Approve

X-Cel Heating	\$10,755.00	Boiler at 313 W Main
Total	\$10,755.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

748298:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark **to approve to pay the bills.** CARRIED 6-0 by roll call

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

General Fund	\$1,057,101.50
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$299,164.37
Local Street Fund	\$ 98,998.24
Fire Department Fund	\$ 92,866.16
Recreation Fund	\$ 690.83
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 6,272.42
Ambulance	\$ 35,001.44
Community Center	\$ 35,926.48
Income Tax Fund	\$ 96,589.99
Downtown Development	\$ 42,170.76
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 11,566.44
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 13,443.80
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 83,022.80
Water and Sewer Fund	\$214,547.52
Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$154,164.96
Property Tax Collection	\$ 50,049.93
Payroll Fund	\$ 8,230.20
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,363.51

748299:

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

748300:**Department Head Reports:**

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 2024 HB 5695 Emergency Ground Transportation Bill has passed the House and Senate and has been submitted to the Governor for her signature. If the Governor signs the Bill, the ALS Department will be able to be reimbursed 100% for all Medicaid medical transports. ALS Director Jim Stevens was able to give me an estimate of the revenue that could be received if fully reimbursed. Jim said that it would be about \$80,000.00 increase annually.
- The Wastewater Lift Stations upgrades are online and running. There are a few minor things left to do but for the most part they are complete. Superintendent Josh Mattek and his crew did most of the work and saving the city thousands of dollars.
- The Community Center garbage disposal unit went out of service. The disposal unit is over 10 years old. The original electrical service to the disposal unit must be upgraded for the new disposal. The Department of Aging will be covering part of the cost of the repairs. The cost is estimate \$4,523.44.
- On Wednesday January 15th, Mr Weir met with Lisa DuRussel about the Master Plan update. Lisa has compiled all the data from the public surveys and has started a draft of the plan. We are looking further into much needed improvement on the city zoning map which is a high priority for the Planning Commission.
- Mr Weir has contacted all the current interested parties in the vacant City lots that the Council set sale prices on at the January 7th, Council meeting. Now we will wait and see if the city receives any offers. He is working on a purchase agreement document with the City Attorney to have something prepared if a buyer comes forward.
- The Police Union Contract expires June 30, 2025. Mr Weir has a meeting with the Police Officer Labor Council and Union Member on January 29th to start negotiations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:**ADJOURNMENT:****748301:**

Motion by Sherry Kirkland, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk