

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
December 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

748256:

The organizational meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Brandi Clark, Lisa Enerson, Sherry Kirkland, Rick Moreno, Daniel Schudel,
Natalie Loop and Carl Sword

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Greg Hillegas, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Barb Ireland – Hudson
Post Gazette, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2024:****748257:**

Motion by Rick Moreno, seconded by Natalie Loop to **approve the minutes of November 19, 2024, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

READING OF CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan read the Election Results Report of the November 5, 2024.

Natalie Loop received 576 votes

Greg Hillegas received 441 votes

Brandi Clark as the write in and she received 23 votes

Unknown write in's were 23 votes

Total of votes cast were 1,063

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oaths of Office to Incumbents Natalie Loop and Brandi Clark along with new Council Member Greg Hillegas.

Meeting adjourned Sine Die

CITY OF HUDSON
121 N. CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
December 3, 2024 Immediately Following the Organizational Meeting

748258:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Daniel Schudel at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Lisa Enerson, Brandi Clark, Sherry Kirkland, Natalie Loop, Greg Hillegas,
Daniel Schudel and Carl Sword
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Schudel, Rick Moreno, DPW Superintendent Jay Best, Barb Ireland – Hudson
Post Gazette, City Manager Charles Weir and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Election of Mayor:**

At this time City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan announced the start of the mayoral election process, and asked if there were any Council members who did not wish to be considered for Mayor. Everyone but Daniel Schudel raised their hand.

748259:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop to **unanimously re-elect Daniel Schudel as the Mayor for the year 2024-2025**. CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem:

The election of the Mayor Pro-Tem occurred with the same election process as for Mayor and the City Clerk asked for any Council members who did not wish to be considered for Mayor Pro Tem. Lisa Enerson, Natalie Loop and Carl Sword raised their hands.

Sherry Kirkland received 7 votes

748260:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **re-elect Sherry Kirkland as the Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2024-2025**. CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Oath of Office to Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem:

City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan administered the Oath of Office to Daniel Schudel as Mayor and Sherry Kirkland as Mayor Pro Tem.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS:**Rules of Procedure:**

Every year the Council reviews and adopts its Rules of Procedure. A copy of the Rules of Procedure for 2024-2025 for Council's review for adoption was attached.

748261:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adopt the Hudson City Council Rules of Procedure for 2024-2025 as presented.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Code of Conduct:

Every year the Council reviews and adopts its Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct for the Hudson City Council for 2024-2025 was attached.

748262:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **adopt the Hudson City Council Code of Conduct for 2024-2025 as presented.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Resolution: Rick Moreno:

Rick Moreno has served on the City of Hudson Council from November 2012 to December 3, 2024.

Therefore, Mr Weir has recommended that Council adopts the resolution for Rick Moreno, officially commending him for his loyal efforts and dedicated service to the City of Hudson

748263:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adopt the proclamation acknowledging Rick Moreno, commending him for his years of dedicated service to the City of Hudson.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: 2025 MDOT Annual Performance Resolution for Local Government:

Adopting the resolution will allow the City to continue to receive MDOT approval for the different parades along the trunkline throughout the year.

Government agencies must apply annually, prior to February, for the on-line permit application.

748264:

Motion by Carl Sword, seconded by Natalie Loop to **adopt the resolution "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within State Trunkline Right of Way" for the calendar year 2025.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Approve: Council and Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2025:

The Council members were given the proposed meeting dates for the Council and Planning Commission. These dates must be approved by Council and published in a paper of general circulation. The regular City Council meetings are usually at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and the regular Planning Commission meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

748265:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **approve the 2025 Council and Planning Commission meeting dates.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bills to Council
December 3, 2024

Bills to be Approve

	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Bills to be Confirmed

Blas Tek	\$7,906.00	WTP Maintenance
Total	\$7,906.00	

Bills:**748266:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark to **pay the bills**. CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Account Balances & Check Register:**Account Balances:**

General Fund	\$ 1,169,789.21
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 0.00
Major Street Fund	\$264,138.11
Local Street Fund	\$ 88,710.28
Fire Department Fund	\$103,380.04
Recreation Fund	\$ 685.59
Cemetery Foundation	\$ 7,242.51
Ambulance	\$ 63,448.50
Community Center	\$ 36,805.40
Income Tax Fund	\$ 64,001.28
Downtown Development	\$ 42,170.76
Thompson Museum Fund	\$ 0.00
Library Fund	\$ 0.00
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Museum Fund	\$ 11,728.51
Industrial Park Fund	\$ 13,282.16
2021 Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 92,756.49
Water and Sewer Fund	\$157,130.10

Motor Veh and Equip Fund	\$136,853.44
Property Tax Collection	\$ 13,724.59
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,394.13
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 17,233.37

748267:

Motion by Natalie Loop, seconded by Brandi Clark to **accept the account balances & check register and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

Department Head Reports:**748268:**

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Natalie Loop to **accept the department head reports and place on file.** CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The Housing Solution Conference Mr Weir attended in Tecumseh on November 13th was educational and informative. Due to the housing shortages and the high price of new construction being unaffordable for most people, many municipalities and townships are changing their building ordinances and zoning allowing for smaller homes or multi units in their residential districts. This is something that the Planning Commission and the City Council will need to consider soon and with the updating of the City Master Plan.
- Mr Weir has reached out to the Michigan Municipal League for a quote for the City property and liability insurance to compare it to our current insurance carrier Nickel & Saph. He knows the city several years ago had MML for insurance but changed for a reason unknown to him. He suspects affordability. The MML is currently the city's Workman's Comp carrier. Based on the MML quote and the renewal proposal numbers from Nickel & Saph, it will help determine what option will be more economically beneficial for the city for the FY 2025-2026 budget.
- Speaking of insurance, He requests an update on the status of the (2) slip and fall claims filed this year. He has been advised that one of the cases has been closed with no liability to the City, and the other case the City has not been officially named in the suit at this point.
- Dangerous Structure Updates:
 1. 138 LaFayette Street: There is a Pre-Trail scheduled for January 27, 2025. The property owner has an attorney for the hearing. (Property owner attorney and the City will discuss a resolution for the clean-up).
 2. 210 West Street: The Court has set the matter for the Entry of Judgement for December 30, 2024. (The city will receive a Court Order to clean-up the property).
 3. 109 Mechanic Street: Mr Weir spoke with the owner, and he advised that he was hoping to be farther along on the cleanup, but his company work schedule has slowed the progress down. He advised that he intends to have it cleaned up by the end of January.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Craft Show this Saturday the 7th of December 10 am – 4 pm
City Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 7:00 pm
City Christmas Forest Trees Lighting will be at 8:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

748269:

Motion by Lisa Enerson, seconded by Brandi Clark to **adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Daniel Schudel, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk