

HUDSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AT 6 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HUDSON, IOWA

Open Meeting/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

The City Council of Hudson, Iowa met in regular session, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 525 Jefferson, Hudson, Iowa at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 24, 2025. The council, as well as the public, if they choose, can attend the meeting via Zoom (with live video or audio-only). Those present at the meeting were the following council members who answered roll call Wyatt, Reisetter, Seawel, Koch, Lawson (Zoom). Absent: None. Staff/Board present: Chrissi Wiersma- City Administrator/City Clerk, Heather Prendergast – City Attorney, Daniel Banks – Hudson Police Chief, Jared Sadler – Assistant Fire Chief, Gary Jochumsen – Fire Chief, Jamal Currica – Hudson Police Officer, Dan Gates – Public Works Employee, Deb Larson – Library Board Chair, Michelle Chilcote – Deputy City Clerk. Others in attendance virtually: Troy Delagardelle – 133 Whitetail, Sarah Holbach – 4042 W Schrock Rd, Travis & Maria Hartman – 209 Beverly, Stefanie Ellison – 503 Main St, Berry Derringer, Jerry William – 204 Main St; Tina Petersen – 208 Cedar, KWWL, several others. Others in attendance: Dennis Holbach – 422 1st St, Leayn & Jim Holmes – 229 Grouse, Ernie Holmes – 245 Washington, Andy Holbach – 4042 W. Shrock Rd, Becky & Rod Shock – 128 4th St, Matt Holmes – 408 Primrose, Anna Muzzy – 215 Waterloo Road, Mike Holmes – 108 Pleasant, Brielle Eddy- 137 6th St, Megan Holbach – 506 E Eldora, Justin Petersen – 9228 Lincoln Road, Danielle McCulley- 109 Elm, Ken & Tara Kane – 5570 Watters Road, Jerry Volker – 203 1st Street, Troy Downey – 127 Eldora, Chester Gallery – 153 S Washington St, Jesse Rhoades – 514 E Eldora, George Wessel – 415 Primrose, John Weaver – 203 2nd St, Dan Brobst – 115 Carmela.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Wyatt to amend the agenda to add a public statement for approval by the Council after the consent agenda and the discussion and potential action for an additional audit to be performed by the State Auditor item to Item A under General Government. Motioned by Wyatt seconded by Seawel to approve the amending the agenda as indicated. Roll Call: AYES: Wyatt, Seawel, Koch, Lawson, Reisetter. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0

Consent Agenda

Motioned by Wyatt seconded by Reisetter to Approve Minutes of February 3, 2025, Council Work Session; February 10, 2025, Regular Session; February 10, 2025, Council Work Session; February 10, 2025 Special Session; Accept November 2024 and December 2024 Bank Statement Reconciliations. Motion carried 5:0.

. Motion by Reisetter and seconded by Wyatt to request the Mayor read the the public statement proposed. Roll Call: AYES: Reisetter, Wyatt, Seawel, Koch, Lawson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0. Mayor Bunz then read the public statement.

Mayor's Comments or Commendations

Mayor Bunz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Citizens' Requests & Oral Presentation

Matt Holmes – 408 Primrose – submitted a petition with signatures to submit a request to the State Auditor's Office to do an additional audit. The petition is attached to the minutes.

Danielle McCulley – Hudson Herald- asked what the \$350,000 is being used for. City Attorney Prendergast explained that this is short term borrowing for all expenses. The money will be paid back when the city receives the property tax payments in April.

John Weaver – 203 2nd St – He asked that there be no funding cut from the library because it is a public service that serves the kids in the community.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

None

Public Hearing

None

General Government

Councilperson Wyatt has contacted the State's Auditor's office to request a second audit. She spoke with Sonya Heitshusen. The State's Auditor's Office gave Wyatt two options. The first option is to request a reaudit of FY23. There would be no cost to the city and would be paid for by the Auditor's Office. The second option is to hire the State Auditor's Office to do a full audit for FY24 in addition to the current audit. Wyatt has already requested a reaudit of FY23. The city's current auditor recommends a reaudit of FY23. There was a discussion on hiring another CPA firm to do a full audit. The city council and city attorney discussed possible deeper dives and what an auditor could be looking for. Motion by Seawel and seconded by Lawson to direct the mayor to contact CPA firms for details regarding cost and timing for an additional audit.. Roll Call: AYES: Seawel, Lawson, Wyatt, Reisetter, Koch. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Wyatt seconded by Reisetter to approve the third reading of **ORDINANCE 918** an ordinance amending the Hudson City Code, 2017, Chapter 9 Water Rates, Section 92.02 Rates for Service. Roll Call: AYES: Wyatt, Reisetter, Lawson, Seawel, Koch. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Seawel seconded by Wyatt to approve the third reading of **ORDINANCE 919** an ordinance amending the Hudson City Code, 2017, Chapter 99 Sewer Rate Charges, Section 99.01 Sewer Service Charges Required. Roll Call: AYES: Seawel, Wyatt, Koch, Reisetter, Lawson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Reisetter seconded by Lawson to approve the third reading of **ORDINANCE 920** an ordinance to amend the Hudson City Code, 2017 Chapter 106, Collection of Solid Waste, Amending the following language: Collection Fees. Roll Call: AYES: Reisetter, Lawson, Wyatt, Seawel, Koch. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Wyatt seconded by Seawel to approve the second reading of **ORDINANCE 921** an ordinance amending Chapter 65, Stop or Yield Required, Section 65.02 by the Hudson City Code, 2017 by Adding Stop Sign Number 46. Roll Call: AYES: Wyatt, Seawel, Lawson, Reisetter, Koch. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Reisetter seconded by Wyatt to table **RESOLUTION 3325** a resolution for approval of Payment Request #10 regarding the City Hall/Community Center Update Project until the next council meeting. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Reisetter seconded by Seawel to approve **RESOLUTION 3326** a resolution setting a public hearing for FY26 Proposed Property Tax Dollars for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 (Public Hearing on March 24, 2025). Roll Call: AYES: Reisetter, Seawel, Koch, Wyatt, Lawson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Wyatt seconded by Koch to approve **RESOLUTION 3327** a resolution for approval of Road Closures for the Hive Salon and Meadery and Federal Pub Event. Roll Call: AYES: Wyatt, Koch, Seawel, Reisetter, Lawson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5:0.

A special council meeting and budget work session was set for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Information Items

Mayor Bunz stated there were informational items in the council packet for review. She then reminded everyone of the next regular council meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Reisetter seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Motion carried 5:0.

Submitted by Chrissi Wiersma
City Administrator/City Clerk


Gail Bunz, Mayor

2-27-25
Date of signature

ATTEST:


Chrissi Wiersma, City Administrator/City Clerk, MPA/CMC/IaCMFO

3/3/25
Date of signature

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025

	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
GENERAL	143619.25	75486.45	-1538715.56
ROAD USE TAX	25708.55	0	55983.88
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	966.60	0	81650.81
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	0	0	185755.78
TIF	25571.06	0	-16220.41
DEBT SERVICE	934.83	0	209073.31
WATER	43429.13	22211.61	262263.32
SEWER	35061.29	9603.50	992644.38
ELECTRIC	0	124818.51	-44520.38
STORMWATER	27284.77	0	58172.37

02/21/2025

Subject: Urgent: Financial Crisis in Hudson

I wanted to bring to your attention a serious financial situation unfolding in the City of Hudson.

According to reports, the city appears to be nearly broke, with rumors circulating that only \$10,000 remains in all its accounts, with no reserves. Is this true, and how did this happen?

On 02/20/2025 the city council voted on a \$350,000 loan, for what reason?

Additionally, Hudson is reportedly facing a staggering \$1.6 million shortfall for the FY26 budget.

Given these alarming figures, it's becoming increasingly apparent that corruption, collusion, or severe financial mismanagement may be at play. This situation demands transparency and accountability, and I believe the public has the right to know what's happening with taxpayer dollars.

I urge you to sign this petition to present to the city of Hudson and allow us to audit the Cities financials with Rob Sands office. Taxpayers have been kept in the dark too long about what has been going on behind the scenes, and we need to shed light on the potential financial crisis in Hudson.

NAME & ADDRESS

 108 Pleasant Dr	 941 Park Drive
 408 Pennrose Dr	 926 Dale Drive
 229 Grease	 926 Dale Drive
 513 Washington St.	 34075 215th St
 513 Washington St.	 215 W 100 St

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Matthew Chapman 941 DALE DR. HUDSON, IA	Angela Young W. Schrock R. / Hudson
105 Griffith	Amanda Baldinero 94 Partridge Lane
Robert Fuller 111 Sonny Cir.	Sarah Holbach 1042 W. Schrock Rd
107 Adli	Jane Dean 105 Partridge Ln.
103 Hall St.	William Hester 105 Revere Ln
Michael & Jennifer 117 Oak ST.	Jim Hether 303 Thelma St.
Dennis Holbach 422 1st St Hudson	503 Wesson
Ken Klenk 303 Pleasant Ln	Michelle Hester 503 Wesson Ave
Duan Hargens 419 1st St	Callie Dahlke 304 Jefferson St Hudson
Chuck Anderson 206 Thelma St	Az P. He 335 5th St. Hudson, IA
Ernest Holmes 215 Washington	401 Rosebay Lane Hudson, IA 50643
Melody Holbach 422 1st St.	Dawn Hargens 215 Country View Dr., Hudson IA 50643
Kristin Hargens 419 1st St	Lara Welch 103 Pleasant Dr. Hudson, IA 50643
209 Beverly Blvd	Carisa Reuter 221 Washington St
Open Stoner 107 Ardiss St.	Bret Reuter 221 Washington St

Hudson Residents ONLY

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Brian ^{122 Michelle Dr} Briantson	HHH HHPH
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Jeff Slade	222 213 Eldora Rd Hudson
117 Eldora Rd Hudson, IA 50643	Nichole Wheelock 109 Pleasant Dr Hudson IA
MARK EVERS	Paul Cross
328 JEFFERSON ST	122 Main St Hudson
JERRY VOLKER	122 122
203 FIRST ST. HUDSON	600 E. ELORA RD
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163 Hall St. Hudson	Amy Thacker 600 E. ELORA RD.
Bruce Jensen	Eric Weber
Nutra Jelt 515 5th	109 Whitetail Rd
Megan Holbach	Dana Weber
506 E. Eldora Rd.	109 Whitetail Rd DL
David Drazaga	Tracy Delgado
309 Sunnylane	133 Whitetail Ridge
Randy Degener	Rachel Delgado
105 Celeste St.	137 Whitetail Ridge
MICHAEL ELLISON	For Do
309 1/2 WASHINGTON ST	512 Warren Ave
Nick Peterson	Nick Parker
208 Cedar	416 Washington St.
Tina Petersen	Amber Kuntz
208 Cedar	322 S. Washington St. Apt 30

Don't want to sign this, but I <u>would</u> like coverage Herald on a regular basis.	of city of Hudson issues in the Hudson Herald on a regular basis. 
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Darrel Pedersen 108 4 th St Hudson, Ia	
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Bob Sergeant 226 County View HUDSON IA	
Adrienne Derriger-Rutter 309 Ardis Street Hudson IA 50643	
Chad Rutter 309 Ardis Street Hudson IA 50643	
Lucas Holbach 506 E Eldora Rd Hudson	
Mike Cartney 95 Parkside Ln	
Don Takle 511 E Eldora Rd	
Stacey Takle 511 E Eldora Rd	

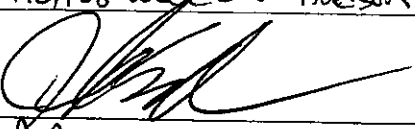
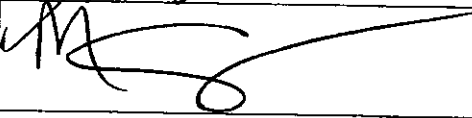
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Kristy Pfeiffer 131 Washington Hudson	
Dan Huffman 4032 S. Hudson Rd	
David 124 Whitetail Rd	
Holly Robert 212 Washington St	
Neil Clifton 326 Washington St	
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Ranee Pauls 118 5th St Hudson	
Shawn Sundie 101 Pirate St.	
Stoychoff's 464 3rd St, Hudson, IA	
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<i>Damika Pinner</i> 104 Jefferson Kim Holmes 215 Washington St	<i>Sheryl</i> 116 Bonnie
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<i>Art By</i> 322 main <i>Sala</i>	<i>Sara Vinyard</i> 100 Pheasant Ln

210 Pheasant Ln Ben Bower?	114 Sunny Lane Lynette Leper
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Cody Rutledge (Hudson Automotive) 110/108 West St. Hudson.	James Williams 216 Sunset
	Bill Williams 216 Sunset
	Jenna Pelt 209 SUNSET
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315 Washington	Susan Graham PRIMROSE DR.
Kelly Beward 315 Washington	SUE DUFEL 452 PRIMROSE DR.
Zelkiah Beward 315 Washington St	Donnell 452 PRIMROSE DR.
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Sonia Springer Steve Bearbower 314 Pheasant Dr.	Michelle Couchman 426 Primrose Dr.
Kelly K. 202 Sunny Lane	Merrell Couchman 426 Primrose Dr.
Daniel King 202 Sunny Ln	Art B. Pelt 409 ROSBAY AVE
Francis Leper 114 Sunny Lane	Art Caldwell III 403 Primrose Hudson, IA
	Howard Walton 226 Waterloo, Rd Hudson, IA

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1st floor 2064	
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Montina Cato	104 Michelle Dr
Roberto Cato	104 Michelle Dr

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Joel Taylor	E. Eldora Rd
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Jim M	204 5th
Jenna Young	215 Country View Dr
Mark Willard	97 Partridge Ln
Jim	105 Pheasant Ln
Miranda Cornish	105 Pheasant Hudson
Jon Willard	97 Partridge Ln.
Scott Vandenberg	206 Thelma
Kayla Benky	325 School St
Stefanie Ellison	503 main St.
Tom Jackson	503 Main St
Tru Tru	117 Kebern
KR Rhodes	418 Main Street

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Brad Hansen	8617 Lincoln Rd
Charlotte Hansen	8617 Lincoln Rd
Jesse Rhodes	514 E ELDORA RD.
Katie Ann Rhoad	514 E ELDORA RD
Shawn L Oldenburg	121 Oak St
Tony Oldenburg	121 Oak St.
Mary Cule	93 Partridge Ln
Don Cule	93 Partridge Ln
Traci Thurek	407 Rosebay Ln
Charlie Thurek	407 Rosebay Ln
Sharon Cory	401 Thelma St.
Jeff Cory	401 Thelma St
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Karen S. Brewer	111 Carmela DR.

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Cheryl Easwell	405 Beverly Blvd.
Shirley Easwell	113 (x) Ave
Elsie Hansen	143 Griffith St
Carson T. Jones	112 Rebecca Rd.
Michael W. J.	7765 S Hudson RD
John T. J.	7765 S Hudson
John B. J.	109 Carmela Dr.