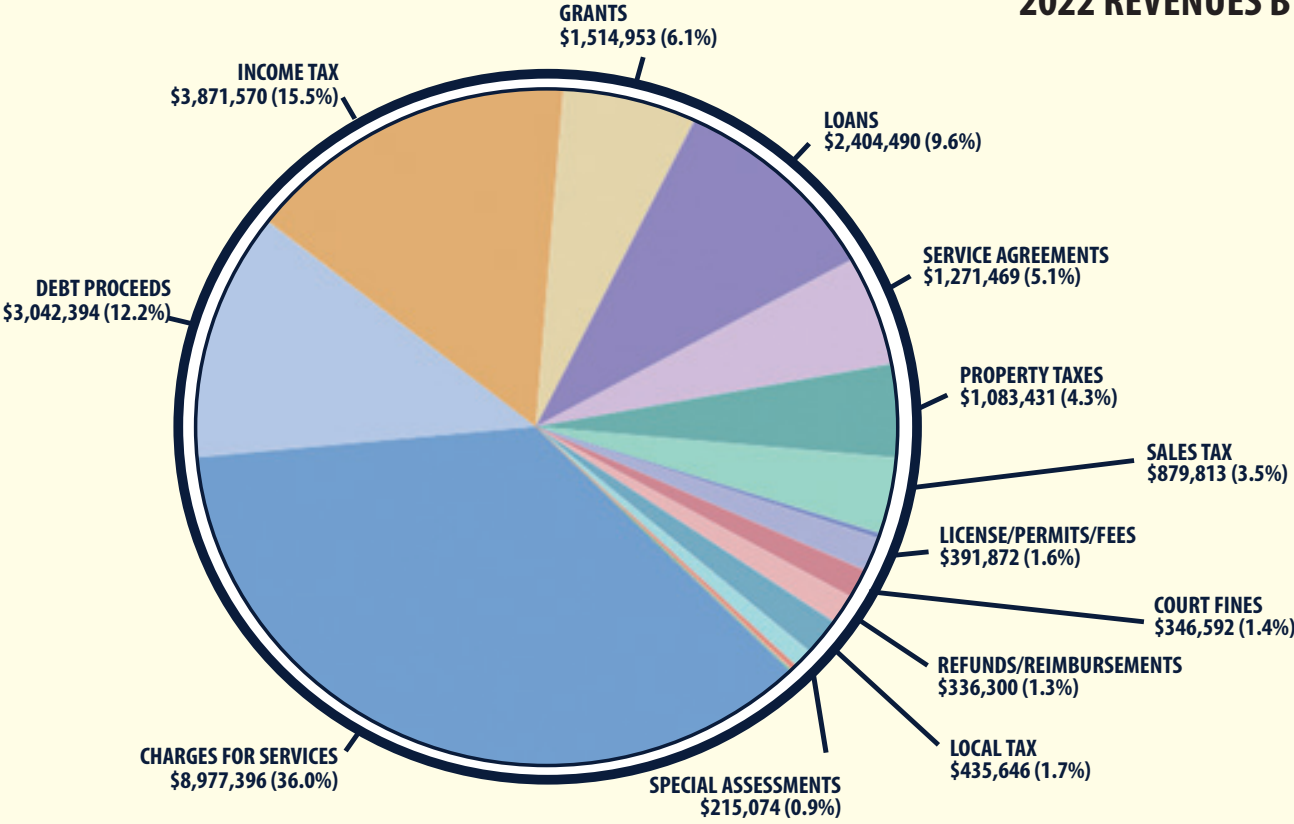


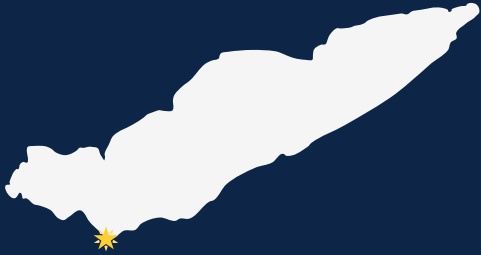
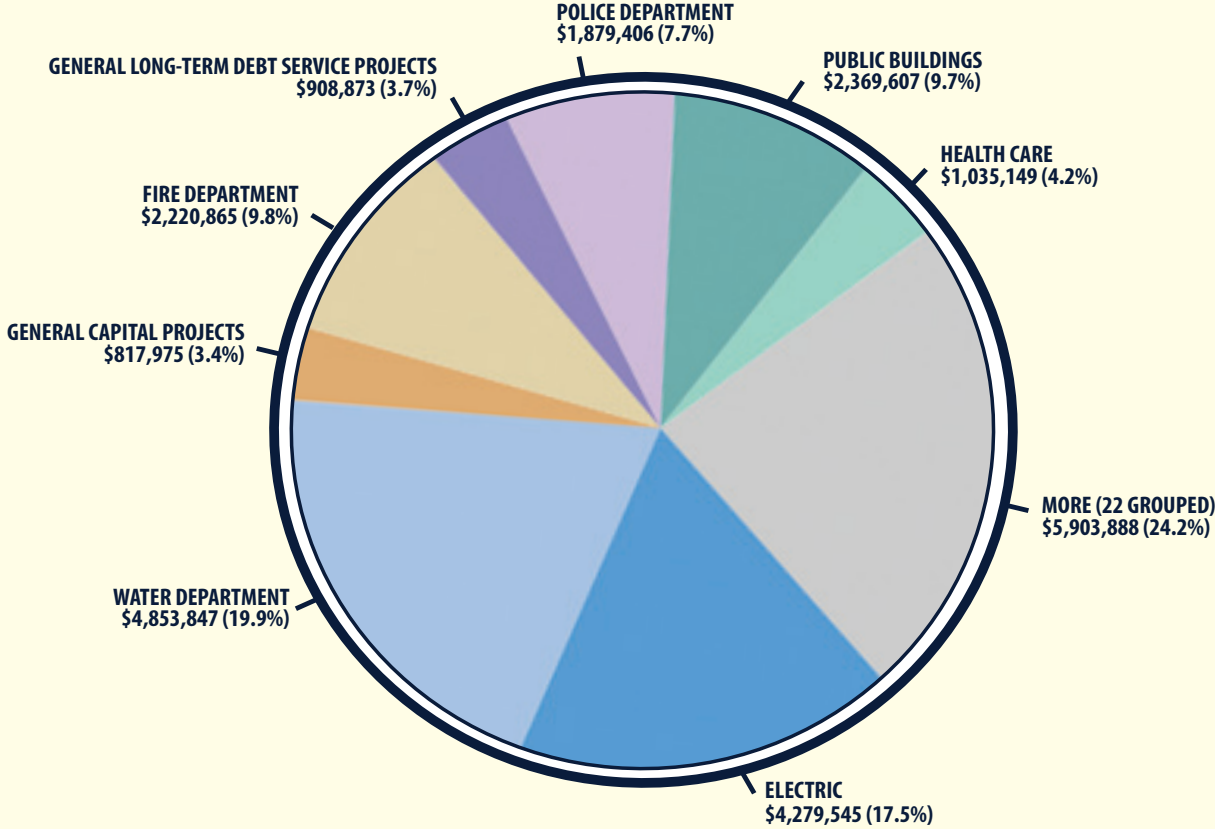
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CONT)

2022 REVENUES BY SOURCE



2022 EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT





A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER

In 2022, Huron continued its forward trajectory – aided by sound financial management that has permitted the City to undertake critical projects. These investments both improve the quality of life in the present for residents and property owners while also ensuring Huron is poised to adapt and remain a desirable place in the future.

This year, the City significantly invested in local street resurfacing, commenced reconstruction of Sawmill Parkway and completed a major expansion at our water plant, thereby enhancing water security for our residents. From a recreational standpoint, the City completed construction on a state-of-the-art fish cleaning station which will open in 2023 and purchased greenspace on Berlin Road in order to expand recreational opportunities for the community. Several planning efforts also commenced including re-imagining our Main Street/Downtown, reconstructing tennis courts at Fabens Park, and selecting a final design for the second phase of Rt. 6 – which will also connect the existing bike path to the Lake Shore Electric Trail.

Many advances have been made on the economic development front. The annexation of Sawmill Creek Resort into Huron is completed, and the facility has been beautifully transformed. Ardagh continued its massive expansion, and major investments were made by both South Shore Marine and Buckeye Sports, to name a few.

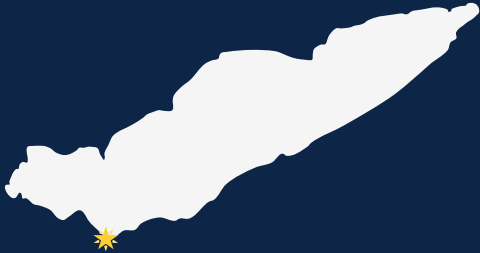
Huron is on the move. We are so appreciative of all the effort and care our City Council, staff, residents, and stakeholders pour into this remarkable City – truly making Huron one of the most celebrated cities on the Great Lakes.


Monty Tapp, Mayor


Matt Lasko, City Manager



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PLANNING, ZONING & BUILDING

The Planning and Zoning Department is comprised of 3 full-time employees, the Planning Director, Administrative Assistant/Permit Technician, and a Zoning Inspector/Assistant Planner.

Responsibilities of the department include:

- **City Planning Projects:** long range physical planning/urban design, community visioning, GIS mapping, surveys, growth trends analysis, land use analysis, outreach and engagement efforts
- **Zoning Permit Applications:** review, approval, collection and deposit of fees.
- **Contractor Registration Applications:** review, approval, collection and deposit of fees, issuance of Certificates.
- **Building Permit Applications:** distribution to the Building Department, collection & deposit of fees, monthly reconciliation of Building Permit Fees for Huron Township.
- **Transient Rental Registration:** research/investigations, noticing, review, inspection, approval, collection and deposit of fees, issuance of Certificates.
- **Code Enforcement:** review, inspection/investigation, noticing, corrective action, preparation and distribution of case files to the City Prosecutor for legal action, invoicing, tax lien documentation preparation to Auditor.
- **Zoning Code Amendments:** review and research of current code to make recommendations for amendments.

- Grant writing specific to transportation/park planning initiatives
- Right of Way permitting/project coordination

*June 2022: Implemented administration of non-zoning permits. Required creation/updates of all applicable applications, review of codes for compliance, website updates, creation of module and criteria required in Zoning Software, creation of permit templates. Code amendments underway for all due to antiquated, duplicative, and/or conflicting language.

Completed code updates for 2022 – stormwater, floodplain, solar panels, urban renewal, conditional use

Ongoing code updates to be completed in 2023 – sign ordinance, fee schedule, condemnation/demolition, zoning code, tree ordinance

Process Updates – Right of Way permit management, applications for preliminary/final plat, business license application, revamp assessment for street tree maintenance and sidewalks (expected completion 2023)

Maps – Transient rental data, updated zoning map, updated transient rental map

2022 Outcomes				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Zoning Permits Issued	137	213	164	159
Building Permits Issued	No Data	185	206	134
Contractor Registrations	154	132	165	180
Transient Rental Registrations	N/A	92	117	165
Code Compliance	67 cases	211 cases	306 cases	252 cases

MAIN STREET PLANNING INITIATIVE

Mid-2022, staff kicked off a Main Street Corridor Planning Study pursuant to Huron’s 2020 Action Plan. Working with their consultant, OHM Advisors, staff plans to make recommendations for physical Main Street enhancements, finalize a future land use map, generate zoning code recommendations that support appropriate development, and program cost estimates with future grant funding opportunities. The final plan is expected to be adopted in mid-2023, and work to be completed by 2025.

The City continued to see record levels of private investment into the community in 2022. Ardagh Metal Packaging, an international leader in production of infinitely recyclable packaging, made major progress on its plant renovations and expansion on Sawmill Parkway. Some construction is still continuing into 2023, but was predominantly completed in 2022. Recent estimates now place the total investment at approximately \$750M and the facility is now home to over 310 employees.

The community also saw the major renovation and reopening of Sawmill Creek Resort. The \$25M+ project spearheaded by Cedar Fair was completed in early summer of 2022 and has transformed the facility into one of Ohio’s premier lodging and conference centers. The project, aided through City of Huron financing in partnership with Huron Township, Huron City Schools and EHOVE Career Center, was officially annexed into the City of Huron in 2022. Additionally, through the placement of tax increment financing on the project, Sawmill Creek Resort will contribute funding over the next 30 years to critical facility and infrastructure upgrades within the City.

Significant other private investments were completed or planned in 2022 as well, including but not limited to:

- (1) **Buckeye Sports** – one of Northeast Ohio’s leading watercraft dealers and servicers, the company completed construction on its second Ohio facility, which is now located at 309 Lake Erie Parkway. The nearly \$10M investment resulted in a new showroom, service center and heated storage facilities.
- (2) **South Shore Marine** – the luxury boat dealer continued investments at its campus at 1611 Sawmill Parkway. The company invested over \$1M in a new approximate 20,000 square foot heated storage facility.
- (3) **Harbor North** – the sailboat dealer and marina operator continued additional investments on top of completion of the USGS facility in 2021. In 2022, the marina owners commenced construction on a new 2,500 square foot harbor master house. The facility will provide major amenities to customers who do business at the facility and is the latest investment in the ongoing transformation of the marina.
- (4) **Firelands Scientific** – the medical cannabis company located at 2300 University Drive East continues to make plans for future investments. Plans have been approved for additional production, warehousing and office space adjacent to its existing facility, with hopes of construction commencement in 2023 or 2024.

Progress continues to be made in the eventual redevelopment of the ConAgra facility. In 2022, the City advanced forward the public financing plan for the necessary infrastructure which includes roadways, utilities, and seawall reconstruction. This plan was made possible through tax increment financing in partnership with Huron City Schools and EHOVE Career Center. Additionally, the site went through an extensive rezoning process to create a new mixed-use zone and cost estimates for the previously mentioned public improvements have been secured. The project site plan is currently being conceptually reviewed by the City.

DEVELOPMENT



PARKS

Berlin Road Property

In July of 2022, 624 Berlin Road was purchased. The approximate 6.5 total acres (3 acres of developable land and 3.5 acres of a man-made stocked lake) was initially considered as a potential location for a service complex. Following a site visit, it was determined the property was a better fit as a passive park. The source of funding for the \$174,500 purchase was American Rescue Plan Funding (federal stimulus). One of the many allowable uses of this funding is for the creation or expansion of recreational facilities. All of the costs associated with demolishing unsafe structures and cleaning up the property were paid for by the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation (ECLRC). In 2023, the space will be reimagined through the development of a masterplan involving community input.

Public Boat Ramp

The state-of-the-art Fish Cleaning Station at the Huron River Boat Ramp was predominantly constructed during 2022. Supply chain issues have delayed the project’s opening until Spring of 2023. The project will be completed with funding from the Wildlife Boater Angler Fund through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project

The Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project preliminaries began in 2022 with assessments and core samples taken. The scope of work was determined and based on design and bidding timelines, the project will most likely be completed in the fall of 2023.

NICKEL PLATE PARK VISITORS

Vehicle Visits	Season Passes
2022 - Over 9,000	2022 - 135
2021 - 10,500	2021 – 149
2020 – 13,000	2020 – 140

RECREATION

Recreational Programing

Over 400 youth participated in the Youth Summer Camps and the Youth Sports Camps in 2022. The 2022 Camp offerings included: Safety Town, Safety Town Extended Camp, Arts & Crafts Camps, four separate Junior Fun Camps, Baseball, Track, Golf, Cheer, Outdoor Soccer, Indoor Soccer, and Basketball Sports Camps. Track, Golf and Cheer Sports Camps set a record number of participants for 2022.

Adult programming for 2022 included: Beach Yoga, Beach Tai Chi at Lake Front Park, and two walking opportunities, Walk your Way to Fitness at Fabens and Walking at Woodlands during the winter months.

Local Baseball/Softball Programs

Over 315 local youth participated in the Huron Baseball Softball Program at Fabens Park.

22nd Annual Dawg Daze Tournament

The 22nd Annual Dawg Daze Tournament took place in August. The weekend event is a girls fast-pitch softball tournament bringing in 50 teams from Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

RECREATION (cont.)

Fall Ball Tournaments

Four consecutive weeks of Fall Ball Tournaments took place in August and September with fifteen baseball teams playing on Saturdays and twenty softball teams playing on Sundays. The Fall Ball Tournament play represents over 700 youth.

EVENTS

Annual Community Events

The Huron Parks & Recreation Department was host to the City-Wide Garage Sale, Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Fest, Winter Fest, Farmer’s Market, and the return of the City-Wide Clean-Up Event. Over 30 plus volunteers showed up to help clean up the green spaces of Huron. This advertised event spurred individual neighborhoods to get involved and clean up their common areas.

MAINTENANCE

- In the fall of 2022, Lake Front Park, Fabens Park and Oklahoma Park playgrounds received 200 cubic yards of playground mulch combined.
- Lake Front Park – shoreline protection was added to both the east and the west banks of the park. These areas have been compromised by high water levels.
- An Outdoor Real-Ice Skating Rink was purchased and introduced to the Huron community. Ice skaters of all abilities had 18 days of open ice in 2022 at Fabens Park. An ice skate loaner program was launched largely due to a generous donation from the Columbus Blue Jackets.

MARINA

The 2022 Event Schedule at the Huron Boat Basin returned to pre-pandemic live entertainment with fourteen consecutive weekend events of Boppin’ on the Basin, five Wednesday evenings of Movies by the River, and five Sunday afternoons of Arts at the Amphitheater.

Facility Capital Improvements

After 22 years of public service, the wharf building underwent some major capital improvements including a new roof, exterior paint, electrical work, rebuilding of the landscape retaining wall, and new landscaping all around the building.

Dockage

The Boat Basin Marina remained full for Seasonal Boaters in 2022, totaling 70 filled slips. The extended good weather this past fall helped to increase the transient dockage to a record-breaking 785 stays in 2022.

2022 DOCKAGE

Seasonal Dockage	Transient Visits
2022 - 70 boats	2022 - 785 stays
2021 – 70 boats	2021 – 700 stays
2020 – 68 boats	2020 – 420 stays



STREETS & ENGINEERING

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Crack Seal Program

The Street Department used 3,500 lbs. of crack seal material for sealing roadway repairs/patch areas. The Department also crack sealed, Orangewood Rd., Mills St., Huron St., Main St. around catch basins/manholes, and 1/2 of Jim Campbell Blvd.

Milling/Blacktop Street Repairs

Milling and blacktop repair included: Elmwood Rd., Bogart Rd., Rte. 6, Adams Ave., By the Shores Dr., Huron St., Williams St., Lincoln Ave., and Waterworks Dr.

Curb/Concrete Road Repairs

Curb and Concrete road repairs included: Adams Ave., Williams St., Canterbury Dr., By the Shores Dr., Berlin Rd., Main St., and Cleveland Rd. W.

City Annual Paving/Road Repair Program

In May, the City went out to bid for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program. The \$500,000 budget was set aside for street resurfacing of Gumwood Rd., Bruns St., Rose Ave., Woodside Ave., Stowe St., Vine St., Williams St., (between Cleveland Rd. W and Standard St.), Also including curb replacement on Rose Ave., Woodside Ave., and Williams St.

Striping of City Streets Including Crosswalks/Stop Bars

All road striping starting on Main Street continued though all of the Old Plat, south to the city limits, west to the city limits, and River Rd.

Leaf Collection Programs

The City currently offers 2 Leaf Collection Methods. Residents can utilize either method or a combination of both.

Method 1: Weekly Monday curbside pickup in paper bag or cans marked yard waste.

Method 2: Leaves raked to the curb and picked up with the Leaf Truck. This year the collection began on Monday, Oct. 24th and was completed on Monday, Dec. 12th. Rotation started on the east side of town to the west side of town. Four complete trips were made, for a total of 74 ½ truckloads equaling 1,862.5 cubic yards of leaves.

Street Sweeping

The City Street sweeping was done from mid-March to the end of October. The city swept up 63 truckloads equaling 380 cubic yards of material.

Catch Basin/Man Hole/Storm Line/City Ditch Maintenance

Jet/camera 3,150 ft. of storm line, repair/replaced 34 ft. of storm line, repair/replaced 10 catch basins/manholes, and dug out Nickel Plate and West Dr. ditches as needed.

Warren Slag Property

Approximately 42 acres of vacant land along River Road was purchased by the City for \$450,000 in November of 2022. The land is the future home of the Service Complex. The process of seeking funding to offset costs associated with infrastructure work is underway.

FIRE

• The Huron Fire Department exceeded 2,000 hours in departmental education and training.

For 2022, the Fire Department received 1,992 calls for both EMS and fire-related emergencies. A breakdown of the types of all incidents is as follows:

- **Medical Rescue - 87%**
- **Good Intent – 4%**
- **False Alarms – 3%**
- **Fires – 2%**
- **Service Calls – 3%**
- **Hazard Spills/Leaks – 1%**

• Of the 1,992 total calls for service:

- **1,103 (or 55%) were in the City of Huron**
- **752 (or 38%) were in Huron Township**
- **96 (or 4.8%) were mutual aid calls in adjacent communities**

• The Fire Department purchased a VodaSafe Inc. AquaEye unit to enhance their ability to search and rescue/recover victims in the waters of Huron and Huron Township.

POLICE

• The Huron Police Department participated in over fourteen (14) local events to promote positive community relations with residents of all ages. Events ranged from Safety Town and Touch-a-Truck, to Operation Santa's Sleigh at the Ohio Veterans Home, DARE/SRO Program, and Future Friday in Huron Schools.

• The Police Department added one (1) new full-time officer in 2022, creating a total of thirteen (13) full-time officers and three (3) part-time officers.

• The Police Department applied for and received funding for a Body-Worn Camera Program to be fully implemented in 2023.

• All officers completed twenty-four (24) hours of state mandated Continuing Professional Training, mandatory Annual Firearms Training and two (2) additional officers of the force completed and are now certified as Marine Patrol Officers.

• Late in 2022, Huron Police Officers identified costs associated to begin a K-9 unit to better serve the community. Fundraising efforts will take place in 2023.

STATISTICS	2019	2020	2021	2022
Incident Reports	1,756	1,525	1,591	1,595
Service Calls	8,320	6,994	6,627	5,951
Traffic Crashes	68	53	63	57
Private Property Crashes	39	25	37	28
Criminal Arrests	364	247	254	254
Traffic Citations	722	188	483	436
Traffic Warnings	923	333	1,490	1,109
Parking Citations	27	13	18	28

FIRE & POLICE



WATER

Water Filtration Plant Project Completed

The \$3.15M Water Filtration Plant Project was completed in 2022. Improvements include: the addition of a 9,000 sq. ft. sedimentation building, basin modifications, and tube settler installation resulting in an increase in production from 3.4 million gallons per day to 5.8 million gallons per day.

Water Rate Study

In October of 2022, a water rate study was completed. It had been 14 years since the last increase, many capital projects have been undertaken and general maintenance of the system costs have increased. It was determined to increase water rates across all internal customers at a rate of 5% a year for ten (10) years with a commitment to comprehensively review the rates every three (3) years to determine future rates.

South Main Street Watermain Replacement

Late in 2022, Huron City Council accepted the proposal to begin exploration of the South Main Street Watermain Replacement Program. This is an asset management-based program involving replacement of aged underground infrastructure resulting in a number of failures. Funding applications are being sought with the anticipation of the project going out to bid in early 2023.

Responsibilities of the department include:

- Updates and revisions were made to the Huron water contingency, asset management, risk and resiliency, and emergency response plans to ensure a potable water supply flows uninterrupted 24/7/365
- Maintaining wholesale water relationship with Erie County to continue and expand service to: Huron Township, Berlin Heights, Berlin Township, Milan, Milan Township, Vermilion Township, and Perkins Township
- Installation of (5) new Rotork valve actuators on the backwash supply lines to the five gravity filters
- Implementation of the SCADA system operator awareness alarm for safety purposes of the plant and staff.
- The annual exercise of cleaning and inspecting the plant intake crib, ridding it of debris and zebra mussels
- Cleaned and inspected all 5 sedimentation basins
- Installation of approximately 1,000 Neptune automated meter reading radios as the entire system is transitioning from Zenner based transmitters to Neptune based. Total number of meters in the system is approximately 3,600 with the balance projected for completion in 2023
- Water main breaks repaired – we experienced the following emergency water main repairs in 2022
 - 6" Water Main, joint leak, Silvern Street – 2/8/22
 - 8" Water Main, valve bolt failures, Buckeye Road – 6/10/22
 - 8" Water Main, valve bolt failures, Woodside Avenue – 7/25/22
 - 4" Water Main, cracked main, Huron Street – 10/12/22
 - 8" Water Main, hole in main, South Main Street – 11/9/22

MUNICIPAL COURT

The mission of the Huron Municipal Court is to provide a fair, impartial, and efficient resolution of the matters brought before it, without unnecessary delay, in a courteous manner. In total held 100 regular court sessions with 3,696 total cases scheduled.

Filed:

- 2,155 traffic cases filed
- 370 criminal cases filed
- 202 civil cases filed

Resolved:

- 2,286 traffic cases resolved
- 432 criminal cases resolved
- 370 civil cases resolved

LAW

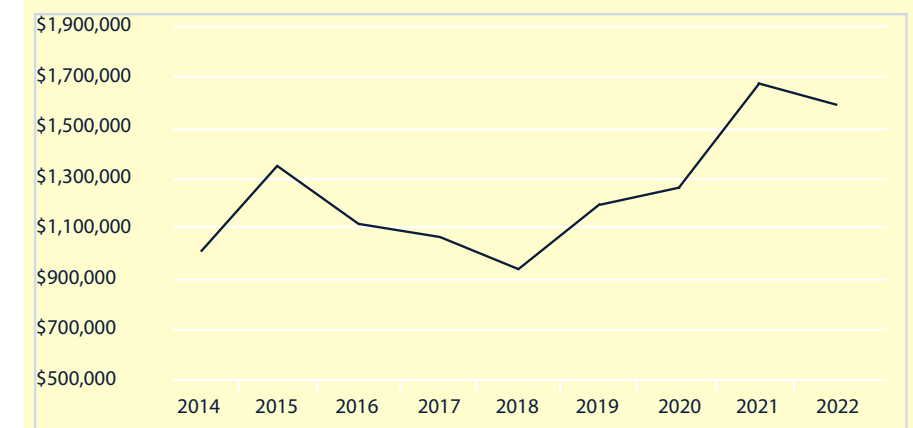
- Prepared nearly 175 pieces of legislation and proclamations for consideration by Huron City Council
- Researched and proposed updates to several of the Codified Ordinances related to dedications of Sawmill Parkway and Ardagh lands, fireworks, economic development, urban renewal, local preference matters, video service provider matters, and refinement of City Manager authority and activities
- Actively participated in successful grant application process for \$2.0M grant involving improvements to Sawmill Parkway and other asset acquisitions on behalf of the City.

FINANCE

The City's Finance Department supports the operations of all departments and Council. Services provided to these departments and the public include accounts payable, payroll, utility billing, budget preparation and financial reporting. In addition, the Finance Department assists Council and the City Manager to secure funding, while managing the City's debt capacity and investment portfolio.

The City utilizes 49 separate funds to account for the activity of various services, such as Fire, Police, Service, Water and Electric. The General Fund is an unrestricted Fund and critical to the City's essential operations, such as Police and Fire. The City must maintain a General Fund reserve greater than 15% of annual expenditures. The General Fund Reserve of the City has maintained a balance of 18% to 32% from 2017 through 2022. The City maintains these reserve balances to ensure essential services are not affected from unanticipated emergencies and economic downturns.

GENERAL FUND RESERVE BALANCE



The City's income tax revenue accounts for approximately 67% of General Fund income. Income Tax growth year over year is pivotal due to the City's reliance on this revenue source. 2022 income tax revenue was 15% higher than 2021.

