THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 via Webex teleconference. The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: **Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Joe Dike, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy.** Member absent: **Christine Crawford.**

Motion by Mr. Tapp to excuse Christine Crawford's attendance from meeting. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the matter. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Claus (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

Also participating in the Webex teleconference: Interim City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, City Engineer Doug Green, Chief of Police Robert Lippert and Executive Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Claus that the minutes of the regular meetings of March 31, 2020 and April 14, 2020 be approved as printed and received. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

Old Business

ConAgra Land Swap/Easement
The Mayor said this was already discussed in the Work Session, so this item will be skipped.

New Business

Resolution 2020-27
Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 2020-27 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT, FOR A MARINE PATROL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE HURON POLICE HARBOR PATROL PROGRAM IN THE

CITY OF HURON IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 61/100 DOLLARS ($29,872.61)) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Hardy, Hagy, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 2020-27 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Spafford explained this is annual funding through the State for the Huron Harbor Patrol for the summer program. The grant is in a not to exceed amount and is based on cost allocation/activity in the program. It is a successful program and we are thankful for the grant opportunity. Mr. Hagy asked if there are any rumblings about grants being cut due to COVID-19 crisis and the budget cuts by the State. Mr. Spafford said that there has been no indication of any cuts, but that could be a possibility and one that we are monitoring closely. Mr. Claus asked that funding is based upon usage and asked if only half the time is used, would they still pay 75% of the time. Mr. Swaisgood said that the City receives the funds up front and then produces a budget report of how the funds were used, including the City's match. There has been no problem in the past getting to that number. Mr. Claus asked if the Patrol will be docked at the boat basin, at $1,000 for the dock, and should that be revisited to pay ourselves the $1,000 instead of paying someone else. Mr. Spafford said he would follow up with Council on that rationale. Chief Lippert said Holiday Harbor offered to dock so they don't have to move the boat on weekends. Holiday Harbor winterizes and stores the boat, they store the trailer there, and parking is better.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-27. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Hardy, Hagy, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-27 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Mayor Artino said that he and Mr. Spafford received an e-mail from the Huron Chamber of Commerce requesting the City make its annual contribution of $2,500.00.

Motion by Joel Hagy authorizing the annual contribution of $2,500.00 to the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Mr. Spafford thanked Amy Roldan for all of her efforts in this well-run organization. The Mayor stated that this is a time when our contribution can really help. The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Hagy, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hardy(5)**
NAYS: **None (0)**
RECUSE: **Dike (1)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Spafford said he had nothing other than what was discussed in the work session, other than he has had meetings with the Parks and recreation Department to discuss the programming for the summer, most notably Safety Town. They will be working on recommendations for review prior to the next meeting, such as summary camps, sports camps and fall ball. We are on the periphery of discussions regarding summer festivals. Rotary is also having their discussions, too.

Mr. Claus asked Mr. Spafford for an update on the NPB safety program. Mr. Spafford said that the safety plan discussed at the Safety Committee last week was put together using the KS Report guidelines, which are largely based on weather conditions that are most likely to lead to dangerous swimming conditions at the beach. It is a manual flag system that will be put up in certain circumstances and situations. In addition to that, the City of working with Vasu Communications on a first-of-its-kind continual warning system, which involves installation of an anemometer continuous system that will be tied into an automatic warning system. That system is programmed to issue local visual and voice alarms It has communication abilities to send text messages, and will also alert police and fire departments once that alarm is tripped. We are putting that plan documentation together, all of which is being done in conjunction with updating the City's website that will house a lot of information about rip currents and those types of things. It will also have a live feed webcam on that actual weather monitoring system that will be able to give a visual of what the current wave action is at the beach. Mr. Spafford said that we are in the process of getting swim buoys in place for the designated swim area.

Mr. Tapp asked if there has been any discussion with the State or local authorities regarding opening the beaches. Mr. Spafford said there have been internal conversations with Parks and Recreation and we are moving forward so that we are prepared. Mr. Hardy said it is a social distancing question that hasn't been completely addressed yet. The Health Department is looking for federal guidance, which guidance should be coming out through the Governor's office. If it doesn't, the Health Department will make sure that it gives the proper guidance that we can share with Huron and all the other municipalities in the county that have beach access. Mr. Tapp said he is not sure when this information will come out with regard to the beaches, and the private associations are waiting to see what the City does to make their decisions. Mr. Hardy said that he would pose the question tomorrow to see if we can get guidance sooner rather than later. Mr. Artino thanked Mr. Hardy for his input.

Mayor's Discussion

Nothing.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Hagy – Kudos to the staff and the Mayor putting the newsletter together, and a shout out to Barnes Nursery for donation of the tree for Dr. Dreffer's memorial at Fabens Park.

- Mr. Tapp – Thank you to staff and safety services, and Trey for Health Department issues. He hopes that we can get back to normalcy soon.

- Mr. Dike – nothing.
- Mr. Hardy – Information line number for the Health Department is 567-867-3243
- Mr. Claus – Everybody stay safe, and thanked Mr. Spafford and staff for all of their hard work keeping the City going.

Executive Session

The Mayor said there will be an executive session, and that there may be action taken afterwards.

Motion by Mr. Hardy to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hardy to invite Mr. Chojnacki to join the executive session.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the motion passed.

Council moved into executive session at 6:55pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:16pm.

Motion by Mr. Tapp to create a standing committee for the recruitment and appointment of a City Manager.

YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Claus (6)
NAYS: None (0)

Mr. Chojnacki said that the Mayor has the authority to appoint two members of Council to the committee. The Mayor appointed himself, Mr. Hardy and Mr. Dike to the Huron City Manager Search Committee. Mayor Artino asked if should talk about the civilians. Mr. Chojnacki said that the appropriate thing to do at this time is to let the members of the standing committee confirm the civilians they want to have on the committee, get their agreement to participate, and thereafter when the committee meets they can formally join the committee at that time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Tapp to adjourn the meeting.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Claus (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of April 28, 2020 adjourned at 7:19pm.

Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 26 MAY 2020

Upon approval by the City Council, the official written summary of the meeting minutes will become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio recording, excluding executive sessions, in accordance with Section 121.01(III) of the Administrative Code.