

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Huron City Hall. The Mayor called for a moment of silence. Mr. Dike asked everyone to keep Sheila Ehrhardt's family in their thoughts and prayers. 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 for the regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Joe Dike and Joel Hagy**. Member Absent: **Trey Hardy**.

**Motion by Ms. Crawford to excuse Mr. Hardy from the meeting, saying she anticipates his late arrival due to a work conflict.**

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

Staff participating in the meeting: Interim City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, City Engineer Doug Green, Law Director Todd Schrader, Assistant Law Director Gary Ebert and Executive Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Also present: Russ Critelli of OHM Advisors.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the minutes of the Council work session and regular meetings of August 25, 2020, and the special meetings of August 31, 2020, September 1, 2020 and September 2, 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, Hagy, Crawford (6)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

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

**Audience Comments**

The Mayor asked the Clerk of Council to read comments delivered or e-mailed to her by residents.

None.

**Old Business**

Legal Discussion re: Showboat

Mr. Schrader reported that ODNR filed an answer on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. One potential heir named as a defendant has asked for an extension of time to file an answer, and that answer will be due on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Legal Discussion re: ConAgra Land Swap/Easement

Mr. Schrader said that this matter is addressed later on this evening's agenda.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance No. 2020-17**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that Ordinance 2020-17 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF SALE OF A PORTION OF HURON PUBLIC POWER SUBSTATION TRANSMISSION ASSETS, OWNED BY THE CITY OF HURON, LOCATED ON PPN. 42-00120.00 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY TO AMP TRANSMISSION, LLC) be placed upon its first reading.**

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Spafford provided background information pertaining to Ordinance 2020-17. There was a lot of due diligence work that went into this, and he is excited to officially start the legislative process. This is a potential project in partnership with AMP Transmission LLC ("AMP-T") that started last fall into early spring of this year. The concept, at a high level, is an opportunity to sell what is considered the transmission portion of substation assets of Huron Public Power. If you think about the substation itself, it can be broken into two pieces: the transmission side of things where the power actually comes in, and the distribution side where the transformers step it down to make it usable for end users. The City will be selling the transmission portion to AMP-T, which is the newly created transmission portion of AMP Ohio to offset the long-term capital responsibilities of the City, and also the long-term operations and maintenance of the transmission asset itself. One of the major benefits to the City is partnering with AMP-T, which is a non-profit that exists basically to service Huron Public Power and other municipal public power agencies across the State. AMP-T would be building a redundant service line, which will offer a secondary back-up service line into the transmission side of things. This does not affect Huron Public Power's operations, whatsoever. Huron Public Power remains the distribution utility and we will maintain all of our customer base just the same as everything is set up right now. Other than the sale of the actual assets, this doesn't affect our actual operations. We will still purchase power in the same manner and our rates to all of our customers are all still in effect. Included in the legislation is the financial summary. This is probably the fifth or sixth time we have talked about this in various public meetings. For the benefit of the public, contained within the legislative summary is the financial analysis we put together for the joint work session of Council and the Finance Committee back in June. The anticipated purchase price of the asset is based on straight line depreciation, which is calculated monthly. The final price will be whatever that value is on the closing date, but is estimated at around \$2.1-\$2.2 Million. Once the purchase has been completed, AMP-T will be able to modify our metering, which is currently past Huron Public Power's initial capacity with FirstEnergy, which is capped at 36MW. AMP-T will upgrade it at their own cost so that future expansions of Huron Public Power don't run into regulatory issues.

Mr. Hagy asked what the current status of the HPP was. Mr. Spafford said the note is still \$3.5 Million. The City has been making interest-only payment in the first year. It is a low interest note that is still taxable because it is largely backed on non-tax revenues. We kept it that way because the interest rates on short-term notes are pretty substantial. To give HPP the opportunity to build some of those initial cash reserves we kept it in notes. We are likely looking at making a principal payment next year. Mr. Claus asked if the purchase price will be applied to pay down the note. Mr. Spafford said that is ultimately up to Council – that would be staff's recommendation. We can use those funds however we see fit. The easiest, most straightforward choice would be to make a principal payment on the note itself, and then refinance the

balance. Depending on how low interest rates are, you could use those funds for other capital projects. Mr. Artino asked if we want to have a public session. Mr. Spafford said that he recommends having someone from AMP-T make a presentation at the next meeting, by video or otherwise. Mayor Artino asked if a motion was needed for a public hearing. Mr. Spafford said there could be a public hearing or just under regular discussion, that is up to Council. Mr. Claus said that it should be under regular discussion, to which the other members of Council agreed. Mr. Tapp asked Mr. Spafford to discuss the City's options if something happens. Mr. Spafford said there is a clause in the contract for a lease-back option. AMP-T makes their money through capital cost recovery. They are able to charge a certain sur-tax on the capital investment across every KWH that goes over the lines across the entire transmission area. To be able to do that, they have to get certain approval, which takes time. In the event AMP-T is unable to get approval, the City has the ability to purchase the asset back at whatever the net book value is at that time, which is December 31, 2025. The last negotiation piece is how much time the City will have in terms of ability to respond. The initial draft is 20 days; we asked for closer to 3 months to allow time to fully vet it through Council to determine what the strategy would be. The City is able to purchase that asset back in the event it would be in our best interest. Depending on who is in the market to purchase those assets, Mr. Spafford recommends that it be something that is strongly considered.

Mayor Artino asked if there were any other questions for Mr. Spafford.

**NOTE: Mr. Hardy arrived at the meeting at 6:37pm.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-22**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2020-22 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TAX LEVIES FOR THE CITY OF HURON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND CERTIFYING SAID LEVIES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) 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: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance 2020-22 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that Ordinance 2020-22 be placed as an emergency measure.**

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

**YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2020-22 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Swaisgood provided background information pertaining to Ordinance 2020-22. This is a statutory annual requirement under the ORC. Council previously passed the 2021 Tax Budget. From there, the Budget Commission puts together the 2021 tax rates to be certified by Council. They provide an estimate of what they believe property tax revenue will look like in 2021 based on 2019 full valuation. Per the Tax

Budget, the total revenue planned to be received in 2021 is pretty close to what we received in 2020, which is a good sign. The local government fund allocated from the State is expected to decrease. We now received around \$115,000-\$120,000; according to their budget projections, we might receive up to \$103,000, which is most likely due to COVID-19. The legislation certifies the rates.

Mr. Hagy asked if the State fund is encumbered, or does it go to the General Fund. Mr. Swaisgood answered that it goes to the General Fund.

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 Ordinance 2020-22. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2020-22 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance No. 2020-23**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2020-23 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PERMIT THE EXCHANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 0.8447 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED LAND FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.7210 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND GRANT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON APPROXIMATELY 0.71 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED LAND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading as an emergency measure.**

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: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance 2020-23 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Tapp that Ordinance 2020-23 be placed as an emergency measure.**

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

**YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2020-23 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Spafford provided background information pertaining to Ordinance 2020-23. The premise behind this is we are swapping 2 pieces of land on the ConAgra site to create what the proposed development site for the City and dedicating the private access road. The City's site will be everything north of the existing

roadway, and the State will own everything south of the roadway. The street will have to be named at some point. The transaction has been approved by the Planning Commission, as well.

Mr. Claus asked if the easement property along the river would still belong to the City. Mr. Spafford said the property would belong to the City, and would allow public access to the river. Ms. Crawford said that the whole conversation dealt with maintaining public access. Mr. Spafford confirmed that the conservation easement is what creates the public access.

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 Ordinance 2020-23. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:**           **Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2020-23 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 2020-59**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2020-59 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN EDA CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR POTENTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE SAWMILL PARKWAY PROJECT) 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, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (7)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 2020-59 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Spafford provided background information pertaining to Resolution No. 2020-59. Adoption of this resolution will officially start the grant process by authorizing the City Manager to apply for the EDA CARES Act grant program. On average the capital infrastructure projects being considered have been between \$1-3 Million or up to an 80/20 max, whichever pans out first. The budget on this project is roughly \$2 Million. Subsequent to this, we are also working with Jobs Ohio and OPWC. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis, and it is a collaborative process. They provide feedback as you go until you officially submit your final application. Our target is to get a rough draft to them by September 11<sup>th</sup> of the narrative and some of the initial economic data, with an end target date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. OPWC we usually hear back around the holidays, and with Jobs Ohio, it is dependent on what happens with the IAC facility and/or Lewco.

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 2020-59. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:**           **Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (7)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-59 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

### **City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Spafford discussed the following topics:

- **COVID-19 Monthly Report.** Included in the monthly COVID-19 report for August is a budget of where we are to date and some proposed modifications and expenditures relative to CARES Act funding. As of today, we have received a first wave of about \$145,000, a second wave of \$70,000 and we may be receiving another distribution of approximately \$245,000, bringing the distribution to the City of just under \$500,000. There is some discussion that the guidelines for use of the funds may be used, with the hope that the funds may be used to replace reductions in revenue. Funds have been expended for PPE, emergency supplies, etc., technological needs, service upgrades, and personnel costs. There are a couple different options that will be discussed with Council at the next work session, including the possibility of offering economic assistance to small businesses through a small business grant program. Assuming we have all of our operational needs met, that could be open for discussion.
- **Services Contract with City of Sandusky.** The services contract for our fire department vehicles has been terminated. We are working internally on a couple of concepts, and will present those options at a future work session. The leading option would be in-house service, which we had in place as recently as 2011. He has had a discussion with Superintendent Muratori about collaboration on a regional effort, as well.
- **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area ("DORA").** The Administration worked with Walter Haverfield last fall to put together a summarization of the parameters on how to create a DORA. We had the initial discussion tonight with the Safety Committee. There is a lot of economic development impact, but there are also some public safety concerns in terms of cleanliness and additional enforcement. The overall feedback from the Safety Committee was positive, but he wanted to bring it before Council for discussion. He suggested that we use the winter to vet it out and have a goal of having it in place by next summer. A city of our size is allowed to have a DORA but there has to be at least 4 permitted establishments within the district, and can contain 150 contiguous acres. To use the benefit of a DORA, you have to use a designated cup with branding on it and then you also have to purchase the cup and the drink at an establishment within the DORA area. City Council has full control of setting the parameters, such as hours of operation, control over the location, days of the week it is in effect, etc. The entire district is marked with signage and hours of operation are posted. Regarding the DORA, Mr. Spafford said the area would include the Main Street corridor from the boat basin to the railroad tracks on Main Street. Ms. Crawford said the boat basin is in the initial proposal. Once you have your cup, you cannot go back to your boat or your car and refill on your own. It is open container, but you cannot refill it with your own beverage. We would be the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> community in northwest Ohio. Port Clinton has had a DORA for a little over year – theirs is the largest. They have seen a huge increase in economic development with non-alcoholic establishments. People are window shopping and spending time outdoors. Perrysburg Council voted theirs in in July, but it hasn't been activated yet, and Tiffin and Toledo both have DORAs. It is not COVID specific – she thinks you are going to see more and more communities and establishments that want to cater to the outside-type seating and outside-type activities. Mr. Spafford said it would provide the opportunity to go into the bar, grab a drink and hang out in the bar for a little bit, and maybe up Main Street to a shop or two. The DORA can be turned off and on; for example, maybe it's just Memorial Day through Labor Day. Mr. Hagy asked how the area would be marked. Mr. Spafford said would be marked with branded signs. Port Clinton calls theirs a "MORA" to bring attention to Main Street.

Mr. Claus asked if the CARES Act funds still have to be spent by the end of the year. Mr. Spafford confirmed that the funds have to be encumbered by October 15<sup>th</sup> and expended by the end of the year. Mr. Claus commented that those deadlines would make it difficult to use the funds for small business assistance.

Mr. Hagy asked if B-2 zoning modification is related to the property by the boat basin. Mr. Spafford said the genesis came from that request, but the modification would affect all B-2 parcels, which is a very small geographic area located primarily around the boat basin. The Planning Commission is meeting tomorrow and will make a recommendation regarding the modification, with Council meeting immediately thereafter to review the recommendation.

Mr. Spafford said that the Safety Committee held a pretty extensive meeting just prior to this meeting. One of the items discussed is the potential to reduce the lanes on Route 6 from the existing layout to a single lane in each direction, a dedicated center turn lane, and bike lanes in both directions. You would have a 6' bike lane in either direction, a 3' buffer lane that protects that bike lane from the traffic lane. We have to keep in mind obtaining public input, while it is a little late in the process to be having these conversations.

Ms. Crawford asked Mr. Critelli to repeat the things he told the Safety Committee. Mr. Critelli said the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") has determined that road diets are part of the safety program. This is a condition that has been carried out in many locations, and the situation here in Huron is applicable. This was part of the original suggested design along with the elimination of the signal at Berlin Road, which would leave 3 lanes at that intersection instead of 4. Ms. Crawford said the FHWA has determined that they see reduced speeds in areas that have undergone the road diet from 3-5mph and enhanced safety of the intersection. One of the major topics of conversation at the Safety Committee meeting was the island to the west of the Berlin Road intersection, particularly the turning radius for large vehicles like the fire truck, semis, etc. It is an enhanced safety for pedestrian crossings in this process. There are some real safety reasons for doing the road diet. The pushback she thinks we are going to feel is fear over those pedestrian crossings with not only taking out the light, but then doing the road diet. There is data out there supporting the safety built into the project. Asked by Mr. Hagy what the recommendation of the Safety Committee was, Ms. Crawford said they recommend that it be brought to Council and pursue it and have a public meeting at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. She had a brief conversation with our videographer that there is a way we can stream it live and open it for comments that Terri could see and read. He is able to take that public portion of the meeting and post it to the City's YouTube or link it to our website or Facebook page and get input from the community. We need to move sooner rather than later, since the project is underway.

Another topic discussed at Safety Committee was that the road diet has already someone in place with the outer lanes being under construction. We are noticing that folks are using that as a bicycle lane, and people that potentially objected before have now witnessed firsthand that reducing both directions to one lane is not that big of an inconvenience, coupled with showing that we have some supportable data in other areas where this has occurred. It is the Safety Committee's recommendation that Council review this further, have a public hearing about it on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and go from there.

Mr. Claus said that the bike lane stops west of Berlin Road on B and then it goes a little bit further on option A (draft drawings provided to Council are attached as Exhibit "A"), and he asked if that is the primary difference. Mr. Critelli said Option B depicts how it is being designed now on the west side of Berlin Road. Option A shows the reconfiguration we would have to make to the east side of Berlin Road to introduce the bike lane. The center pedestrian refuge island is included in the present design, and there has to be some buffer around the pedestrian. They are revisiting that design to be sure vehicles can get around safely while still protecting pedestrians. Mayor Artino asked that the new drawings include both the new island configuration and the bike lanes. Bike lanes will not be picked up until you reach the west side of Berlin Road. Asked if the bike lane could proceed east of Berlin Road, Mr. Critelli explained that it can't go that far due to space constraints and the concrete median already in place.

Mr. Claus asked when Council would have to make a decision in order to get the striping done. Mr. Critelli said the contractor is aware of the possibility of the change. Mr. Green said that the intermediate course is due to be put down the week of that meeting, so we still have time to get the striping completed by mid-October. Temporary striping is a possibility, as well, as a trial for the public to see how it would work. Mr. Dike said he likes the idea of putting up temporary cones so that individuals in the community can try it out. Mr. Dike asked if the administration to send e-mails out to homeowners' associations to obtain feedback. He is concerned about the visibility at Huron Street and asked if that could be changed. Mr. Tapp said that the Safety Committee had some discussion regarding that, including school signs. Mr. Dike said that in front of St. Peters Church, it seems there could be a problem with a left turn lane, bike lane, center land and right turn. As a business owner, there were some individuals from the neighborhood that reached out when we first had these discussions a couple years ago.

Regarding the DORA, Mr. Spafford said the area would include the Main Street corridor from the boat basin to the railroad tracks on Main Street. Ms. Crawford said the boat basin is in the initial proposal. Once you have your cup, you cannot go back to your boat or your car and refill on your own. It is open container, but you can not refill it with your own beverage. We would be the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> community in northwest Ohio. Port Clinton has had a DORA for a little over year – theirs is the largest. They have seen a huge increase in economic development with non-alcoholic establishments. People are window shopping and spending time outdoors. Perrysburg Council voted theirs in in July, but it hasn't been activated yet, and Tiffin and Toledo both have DORAs. It is not COVID specific – she thinks you are going to see more and more communities and establishments that want to cater to the outside-type seating and outside-type activities. Mr. Spafford said it would provide the opportunity to go into the bar, grab a drink and hang out in the bar for a little bit, and maybe up Main Street to a shop or two.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

The Mayor thanked the Interim City Manager and his staff, and the Law Director and his firm for their hard work finishing up the land exchange at the ConAgra that has been going off and on for many years. That will help us market that property and move it along – that has always been a sticking point.

### **For the Good of the Order**

- **Ms. Crawford** – Huron lost one of its greatest cheerleaders yesterday evening at about 6:30pm. Thanked Mr. Dike for acknowledging the Ehrhardt family. Sheila Ehrhardt was the longtime Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and she had the privilege of working with her for almost 13 years. She always came down on the side of the City, whether it be small businesses, parks, staff and administration. She was always a champion for our community. She has been missed since she retired and she will be even more greatly missed now. Please keep her family, the Gockstetter and Funderwhite families in your prayers. Foster Funeral Home is handling the arrangements and visitation will be Saturday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Remember her fondly, please. Regarding the Safety Committee meeting, we are moving forward with a couple ODNR grant applications – Mudbrook Creek (buoy placement only) and Chaska Beach buoys. Those are a couple of projects that have been on the Safety Committee's agenda off and on for a few years. Mayor Artino said that he has reached out to Ms. Roldan and asked her to talk to her Board about a proclamation.
- **Mr. Claus** – Condolences to the Ehrhardt family. Thanks to the Safety Committee and OHM for jumping on this safety and bike lane information.

- **Mr. Dike** – Condolences to the Ehrhardt family. Sheila was very good to him and his family when they first started their business. She will be dearly missed. Thanks for everything and may you rest in peace.
- **Mr. Hardy** – Condolences to the Ehrhardt family.
- **Mr. Tapp** – Condolences to the Ehrhardt family. She will be truly missed. Kudos to everyone working hard on all of these committees trying to get stuff done.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Conveyed his condolences to Sheila and her family. Asked if we can get the Utilities Committee going with the sale of assets to AMP-T and other stuff going on. He asked what we need to do to move that forward. Mr. Spafford said he has no shortage of agenda topics and said that a meeting is desired by the administration. They haven't yet nailed down other community members for the committee. The Clerk will set a date for the next meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation and terms and conditions of employment with current and prospective employees, and to invite Mr. Schrader, Mr. Ebert and Mr. Spafford to attend.**

The Mayor said there may or may not be action taken after the executive session. 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: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Council moved into executive session at 7:25pm.

#### **Return to Regular Session**

Council returned to regular session at 8:08pm.

**Motion by Mr. Hardy to extend the Interim City Manager Mike Spafford's contract through October 31, 2020.**

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: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

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

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy 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: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of August 25, 2020 adjourned at 8::09pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 13 OCT 2020

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