

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Vice-Mayor called the meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on April 13, 2021 at Huron City Hall. The Vice-Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Vice-Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

The Vice-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, Joe Dike, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy**. Member absent: **Sam Artino**.

Motion by Mr. Dike to excuse the absence of Sam Artino from the Council meeting.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and Mayor Artino was excused from the meeting.

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Interim City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Law Director Todd Schrader, Russ Critelli, City Engineer and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes of the public hearing and regular Council meeting of March 23, 2021 be approved as presented.

The Vice-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: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Audience Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Resolution 20-2021

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 20-2021 (A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PATIO DINING AREAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading.

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

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

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 20-2021 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Motion by Ms. Crawford to place Resolution 20-2021 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, Resolution 20-2021 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said this resolution is similar to one that appeared before Council last year as relates to outdoor dining. We are still in the midst of a pandemic and although some restrictions have been lifted, some still remain in place. This will allow a permitting process so that dining establishments can expand their outdoor dining areas into either private property or the public right-of-way. This would stay in place until October 31, 2021. Attached to the legislation is a list of the requirements that would be considered in the review process. We would consider a site plan submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department, and ultimately a permit approved or disapproved based on that outdoor seating plan. We are looking for a way to help our local businesses as they are still struggling with space restrictions by allowing them to expand those outdoor dining options.

Ms. Crawford asked how many businesses took advantage of this last year. Mr. Spafford said he believes two did.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 20-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 20-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 21-2021

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 21-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP (CHIP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON, ERIE COUNTY, THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, AND THE CITY OF

VERMILION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO FOR CHIP PROGRAM FUNDING) be placed upon its first reading.

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

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

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 21-2021 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that this is follow-up legislation to something that was in the Manager's Report last meeting, as relates to the CHIP program. This program is administered by the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, but is applied for by Erie County on behalf of the cities of Sandusky, Huron and Vermilion. The City of Huron is part of that collaboration, and is generally provided about \$300,000 during a 3-year funding cycle to assist homeowners and renters with everything from exterior home repair to tenant-based rental assistance for low- and moderate-income householders. This resolution requests authorization to continue to be part of that collaboration for the next funding cycle (2022-2024). Erie County would be the applicant on behalf of the collaboration and if approved, there would be another \$300,000 earmarked for residents and tenants of the City of Huron.

Mr. Tapp said that it was discussed at the legislative agenda review meeting that we are going to get this out so more people know about this. There were only two applications last year, and Mr. Lasko reported that of the \$300,000 for the last funding cycle, \$230,000 remains to be allocated to Huron. Those funds are supposed to be expended by the end of the year, although with the delays due to COVID, that funding cycle is likely to be extended. The administration is trying to get the word out more aggressively – we did an insert in the last water bill, and we have already had a potential applicant reach out with a request to do some major home repairs. We are trying to find ways to get the word out.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 21-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 21-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 22-2021

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 22-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF UPGRADED UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE AND PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED THERETO AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$36,500.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

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

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

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 22-2021 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood said the quote attached this legislation is from Software Solutions Incorporated, which is the City's current financial management software and utility management software. The quote is an upgrade from the current software, which is eGov, implemented nearly 25 years ago. This is big ticket item of \$36,500 was included in the 2021 budget, and will be allocated among the Water Fund, Electric Fund and the Garbage Fund, since those are utilities billed out of that system. Although the cost is substantial, the long-term savings includes a streamlined process (we currently have a 3-step manual process), integrating our payment processing software, the receipting process and the work order process with water distribution. This will eliminate many data entry errors inherent with the current process, and also, this would allow the City to go to monthly billing, as discussed with Erie County representatives last year. The monthly billing make take some time to implement. The current software eGov is becoming more costly to maintain – we currently house a serve that is probably 25 years old that can be eliminated with implementation of this new software. eGov as been taxing the City's network, as well. They did not entertain other quotes, because of the expected cost to implement a new system and knowing that this probably wouldn't be a smooth process. Any other system being integrated with the IP was highly unlikely.

Mr. Claus asked if the new software would be cloud-based. Mr. Swaisgood said that it is cloud-based, similar to our current financial system – we will be able to access it anywhere. Mr. Claus asked what the timeframe is for implementation of the new system. Mr. Swaisgood said we would be on the schedule to have this fully implemented by the first quarter of next year, with training completed this year.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 22-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 22-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 23-2021

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 23-2021 (A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017-9, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 28, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION FROM OHM ADVISORS FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES RELATING TO THE U.S. ROUTE 6 CORRIDOR PROJECT 1, ERI-6-17.52 IN AN INCREASED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$23,995.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

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

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

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 23-2021 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Spafford said this a modification to the original design contract authorized back in 2017 with OHM Advisors for the Phase 1 of the Route 6 Project. The change order is broken into two tasks. The first task acknowledges the work relating to temporary traffic control modifications put in place last fall once we began the “trial period” for the road diet process. The second task is the additional closeout engineering fees to put together the final transportation plan and working the logistics through to get it approved by ODOT. Council is now focused in studying the data and traffic patterns as we move into summer. The over all project cost increase is \$23,995 for both tasks, some of which has already been performed, and some of which will be work anticipated as part of the finalization of the engineering.

Mr. Hagy asked if this contract amendment includes doing the new striping. Mr. Spafford said that the striping is part of the original construction project. He anticipates that the final striping may come with an additional cost if Council determines that they would like additional colors, more striping, etc. to make it a better, safer project. The final striping wasn’t done last fall because we were still working on crosswalks in November. If that final striping had been applied at that time, it would have come off in a few weeks because it would not have had time to cure before the cold weather set in.

Mr. Tapp asked about the renderings OHM is working on regarding road diet final striping. Mr. Spafford said the rendering would give cross-section views of what a pedestrian/vehicle/bicyclist’s view would look like, as well as normal overhead renderings. Mr. Critelli said we are at least a couple of weeks out from seeing those. These renderings will be helpful for the public outreach portion of this to satisfy ODOT. We want to be sure that this is well-received.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 23-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 23-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2021-11

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2021-11 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-34, ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 2020, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AND AN INCREASE IN ESTIMATED RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading.

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

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

There being a majority of votes in favor, Ordinance 2021-11 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Hagy to place Ordinance 2021-11 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, Ordinance 2021-11 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Swaisgood said this ordinance includes appropriation measures and an increased in estimated resources. On the supplemental appropriations side, there is an increase of \$50,000 for Building and Zoning, mainly due to building fees. There is a similar increase of the 15% administrative fee added on by the City for total increased estimated resources of \$57,500. In the budget season last year, we did not know about the expansion of the Ardagh facility, which is the primary source of the increase in building permit receipts. That \$50,000 will be paid to Huron Township.

The appropriation measure includes Parks and Recreation Funds 208 and 209. Those funds were closed out at the end of 2020, and we created Fund 207. There was one payroll that rolled over from the end of the year that hit in 2021, so those expenses were paid out of the old funds. We must appropriately budget for those funds by allocating those amounts to those funds, and then closing Funds 208 and 209 once and for all. The other appropriation measure in the Economic Development Fund and Electric Fund are related to the sale of the substation assets and the recent bond issuance. On March 30th we issued \$1.5 Million in electric revenue bonds for the remaining debt on the substation. That came in at a 20-year callable bond at 3.23%, which is a very competitive rate or 20 years. That is being budgeted out of Fund 654 to pay off the \$3.5 Million dollars, and the increase in estimated resources recognizes the lease payment that came in from the sale of the substation and the bond proceeds coming in from the \$1.5 Million bond. The net overall impact is a negative number, which is due to already budgeting the \$2.1 Million that came in from the AMP-T sale. The overall impact is positive.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2021-11. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-11 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2021-13

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2021-13 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BERLIN ROAD WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading.

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

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

There being a majority of votes in favor, Ordinance 2021-13 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Dike to place Ordinance 2021-13 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, Ordinance 2021-13 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said this ordinance is in relation to the Berlin Road Waterline Project, which is anticipated to be around \$1.3 Million in total project costs. The City will receive \$450,000 from OPWC, and this ordinance relates to the application and eventual acceptance of a loan from OWDA of just over \$900,000. This would allow the City to be able to borrow money at a below-market interest rate anticipated to be somewhere between 1.35% and 1.85%. The loan repayments are budgeted in the 10-year budget that has been presented to Council, with payments expected to start in 2022.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2021-13. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-13 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Lasko spoke on the following topics:

- Economic Development/Ardagh – Site work has commenced at the Ardagh facility. They have started to do significant clearing on their 70 acres and some significant reconstruction to their parking lots. We are working with them regarding potential expansion of that site and as previously mentioned, some sort of request of tax abatement assistance in association with that potential expansion is expected, and will be brought before Council in the coming weeks.
- Conagra – We anticipate releasing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and development proposals in the next week or two. To help the City get the word out and cast a much wider net, we are going to partner with the Montrose Group out of Columbus. They are an economic development agency that works with a lot of private developers operating in the mixed-use space. As much as we do have some good connections in the Toledo market and the Cleveland market, he believes we want to cast that net more broadly to the Columbus, Akron/Canton and Cincinnati markets. We hope to release that to the public with the help of Montrose Group to solicit competitive proposals for that site.
- Sawmill Parkway Reconstruction – We submitted our final response back to EDA last week. We got a letter of further clarification in which they were seeking additional documents and responses

from the City as relate to the project, which is a good sign. Nothing is guaranteed, but we have made that final submission to EDA and hope to hear back from them in the next 2 or 3 weeks to finalize the financing for that project.

- Berlin Road Waterline Project – We talked about the application to OWDA tonight. Bids have been received by the City and are being reviewed. We hope to bring to Council the lowest and best bid sometime in May, assuming the application for loan financing is approved for that project. We should get rolling on that project sometime in late May/early June.
- Erie County Pump Station and Force Main Project – This project is ongoing on Cleveland Rd. and Route 6, which is tentatively scheduled from a construction standpoint to be finished in late April (construction only). Following completion of construction, the County's team will come in and do restoration as relates to any disturbed grass areas, sidewalks, aprons, roadways. As relates to the City's Route 6 Phase 1 Project, we still need to do the punch list walkthrough. Because of the County's project we wanted to delay that punch list walkthrough to make sure we are capturing anything caused by the County, in addition to anything our project may have outstanding.
- Zoning Code – Our new Planning & Zoning Manager, Erik Engle, will start on Monday, April 19th. He will be joining us from Georgia, although he has local roots (as does his wife). He will oversee code, planning, etc. and will report directly to Mike Spafford. We are very happy to bring in this additional reinforcement, especially with someone of Erik's caliber. We hope to bring Erik to the next Council meeting to make introductions.
- Parks and Recreation – Doug and his team are working with the Law Director on agreements with Paddle Shack and Scooter Ding Ding. Paddle Shack is a local company that leases the storage building at Nickel Plate Beach for rental of beach-related gear. Scooter Ding Ding, which will be a new agreement, is a scooter business looking to have a presence in the Huron Boat Basin and at Nickel Plate Beach. He thinks this will be a fun additional for people to take advantage of during the summer months.
- Fish Cleaning Station – We are still working on engineering and are in conversations with ODNR officials on an agreement that will come before Council shortly. The next step on our end will be working with the Erie County Sewer District to determine how to handle the waste from that facility. All indications look like the State of Ohio is going to be able to fund that project for construction sometime in 2022. There are more details to come on that.
- Safety Town – The City has started taking reservations for Safety Town. It is divided into two sessions this year – the first session is already filled, and the second session has limited availability. Children entering both Kindergarten and 1st grade are eligible to register due to the program being canceled last due to the pandemic. Safety Town will be held at Shawnee Elementary School from June 14-17 and June 21-24.
- Water Shut-Off Moratorium – The water shut-off moratorium expired on March 31, 2021. After sending third notices and tagging doors, we are down to 39 accounts that remain delinquent (down from 114). This totals just over \$8,000 in delinquencies, and is just under 2% of total billed. Most of these accounts are reoccurring delinquencies. Based on that, it is staff's recommendation that the moratorium not be extended.
- Water Plant Tube Settlers – We are nearing completion of engineering for the tube settler project. Once completed, we will advertise for bids for that construction project. That should happen in the next several weeks.
- Rye Beach Water Tower – Necessary repairs will be taken care of the first week of May.
- Council Strategic Planning/Visioning Session. On April 17th from 9am to 12pm, Council will meet with representatives from City Architecture in the Captain's Room at the Huron Yacht Club.
- Planning Commission/Design Review Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 28th at 5:00pm in Council Chambers.

Ms. Crawford commented that the new report format looks great.

Mr. Claus asked if the 39 delinquencies is fewer than the same time last year. Mr. Swaisgood said that the City would typically shut off 9 or 10, but the doors have only been tagged without threat of shutoff. That number is now down to 35 as of today. It is more than usual, but he feels that is because there has been no threat of shutoff. Anyone that called in was offered a payment plan, but nobody has taken advantage of that option. Mr. Lasko said that even if those 39 accounts didn't pay, they wouldn't be shut off until late May or early June.

Mr. Dike asked what the latest transient rental registration count is. Mr. Lasko said that we are currently at 307. Mr. Claus said that he thought there would be more. Mr. Lasko said that we are getting a lot of phone calls from people trying to understand the process and what the cap means. Mr. Spafford said 3 have dropped off the registration list (they decided not to renew), so the actual gain in registrations is 7.

Vice-Mayor's Discussion

Vice-Mayor Tapp read a statement from Mayor Artino:

At the Council meeting on March 23rd, I referred to a group of emails and stated that the bulk of those were against transient rentals. The correct information is that the group of emails were mostly supportive of transient rentals and many were from rental property owners. For some time, we have had citizens from several neighborhoods express concerns about transient rentals. The concerns for the safety and security of their person and property are why the Council decided to look into this issue. As a representative of our citizens and business owners, I cannot think of anything more important than the safety of our citizens, business owners, and their property. Thank you – Sam Artino

Vice-Mayor Tapp extended his appreciation to the staff, the committees, our legal counsel and our Council members for all of their hard work.

For the Good of the Order

- **Ms. Crawford** – The Huron Joint Recreation District had a meeting last week. The proposed fish cleaning station at the boat ramp is extremely exciting. It will be funded by the State of Ohio. They want to place 2 within the State, and Huron is one of them. When the ramp was put in, there were negotiations regarding how the City and State would work together. With the age of the ramp, it is just now getting to the point where it needs some maintenance/service. There are some issues with the lighting and the high water has done some damage to the riprap at that property. The Parks Department is unbelievably pleased with that relationship. The State is stepping up by replacing the lights (and not just changing the bulbs), and they have plans to go ahead and reinforce that wall. With regard to the marina, they are getting bookings and seasonal dockage is almost full. They are hiring, which is great news. Tournaments at Fabens Park online enrollments are almost full. We are seeing some revenue and Parks programs really picking up after having an off year in 2020. The 2021 Addendum to the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Visitors Guide features the City of Huron prominently on the inside of the back cover. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the City for their support of that, and everyone who participated on that page. We are all very sad to hear about cancellation of River Fest, but personal feelings aside, try to put yourselves in that committee's shoes and planning in these uncertain times. Planning of that kind of an event is enormous. She knows that they did not arrive at that decision easily. Thank you to the Huron Fire Department – they are always there for us, but they got 2 fires in the last 2 weeks. These guys are trained for this and she sleeps better knowing we have them.
- **Mr. Claus** – We are getting ready for summer. Parks and Recreation staff are getting ready – things are starting to come around and it will be upon us quickly
- **Mr. Hagy** – Nothing.

- **Mr. Hardy** – Provided a COVID update from the Health Department. Unfortunately, the State was trending at an average of 120-130 cases per 100,000 people at the end of February. At the end of March, we are back up to 180 cases per 100,000 – we are going the wrong way. We have seen a drop-off in the amount of people registering for vaccinations. Their message is that we are not out of the woods yes, and if you haven't gotten the vaccine, there are lots of opportunities. They have a clinic with openings this Friday, and they are doing a joint clinic with the hospital next Thursday at Cedar Point Sports Force. If anyone wants to get registered, they can go to www.coviderieohio.com. There is a link there that takes you to the registration page, and we can get you vaccinated within the week.
- **Mr. Dike** – Extended his condolences to the Wayne Majoy family – he is sorry for their loss. Over the past several weeks, there has been a lot of good things happened with Ardagh, which is must bigger that it seemed. He hopes for a smooth transition for them going through all of the zoning and planning, etc.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Claus to enter into executive session to confer with legal counsel regarding pending and/or imminent court action, and to invite Matt Lasko, Todd Schrader, and Jeff Moeller to attend.

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

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

With five or more in favor, the motion passed and Council moved into executive session at 7:13pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:55pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Claus to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Vice-Mayor declared the meeting of April 13, 2021 adjourned at 7:55pm.


 Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 27 APR 2021

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