

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on August 10, 2021 in Council Chambers at Huron City Hall. 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.

**Roll Call**

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, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy.**

Staff in attendance: City Manager Matt Lasko, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Law Director Todd Schrader, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, City Engineer Russ Critelli, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes regular Council meeting of July 27, 2021 be approved as submitted.**

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

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

**Audience Comments**

- **Jeff Wilson – 919 Superior.** Mr. Wilson said he is not here to complain about the bike lane. He is here to represent his 95-year-old mother-in-law and has a few concerns regarding new construction that has violated the City's codes in ways they are supposed to be doing business as far as how it affects her lot relating to drainage. There is lack of proper ground covering while this has been exposed dirt for over a year. He went to a variance meeting a year ago regarding the building being 9 feet too close to the road. They already had the footers in, but said it's not that big of an issue because their view is to the lake and they have trees planted out that way and were willing to look the other way. They helped enable this project to happen, but since then there has been issue beyond issue. He has been down to address some of these things – initially, the knock-down. The house was covered with asbestos shingles. The day they started the knock-down, he came down to the City and learned that there is no provision in the ordinance regarding this and was told to call the EPA. He said the City is the one that issued the permit to knock it down, and should be the one to stop the work and call the EPA. It's not his job to investigate it, and his report as a citizen was ignored. In 6 hours, the house was gone and all of that cancer stuff is out in our landfill because it wasn't covered. As far as when run-offs, drainages and elevations are changed, it is not a laughing matter when you are the neighbor. He has pictures from the one northeast storm and the clean-up done afterward that included pressure washing

mud off the driveway for a day solid, and that mud was all channeled in because of the big pile of dirt and the way the drainage got changed. There are some issues there and he is hoping that his mother-in-law doesn't have to get an attorney and start going after people – there's needs to be an end on this. There are some cracks in the system that need looked at. Staff has been more than cooperative to get at this, but it has become a nightmare. There needs to be some attention for the next guy that has a neighbor that wants to build – what do we do about EPA issues, hazardous materials, etc. – it's not in there.

- **Richard DeLombard**. Mr. DeLombard lives in Chaska and is here to talk about the bike lanes. These are comments based on the meeting held at McCormick Junior High School. He has a rhetorical question of how many on Council regularly ride in the bicycle lane. In the materials, the stated goal is to improve safety and increase connectivity in the City. In his opinion, he doesn't think that has been done very well or very completely. To summarize what was sent to Matt Lasko and the City Engineer, was an alternative proposal to create wide path, this could be increasing sidewalks widths, along the street on the southside separate from the road as a bicycle, wheelchair, walker, jogger, whatever wide sidewalk, instead of in the road. He is an experienced cyclist and will be in the road because he is traffic and he will take his spot in the lane. He doesn't think an 8-year-old kid should be out in the road, which is what the bike lane does now. What's been created is a dedicated bike lane from Pied Piper to Berardi's, unless they mix a turn lane in for River, and have dedicated a lane from Berlin Road to Valley Ford, unless they put some turn lanes in for the boat ramp and all that. Otherwise, it's basically riding in traffic and there's not much connectivity to the City from Main Street and Main Street down to Berardi's. Otherwise, you're in traffic, and this might be interrupted at River Road per the drawings. You are riding with your children, and a car turns from the driving lane right in front of your child trying to get into Berardi's. That would make him nervous with his kids. A car will have to put on the brakes and wait behind me to make that turn when he rides. When he is riding in that lane and a car passes him with a right turn signal on, he doesn't know if they are going to turn right right in front of him, or on top of him, or if they are going to wait, and he is an experienced cyclist. He asked how the casual cyclists are turning left. How do they turn left to go to Nickel Plate Park? He guesses they will have to stop, turn and look and somehow ride across the lane into that turn lane or something like that. It is very awkward for a casual cyclist because they will be in traffic. The City has done a great job with adding sidewalks – we need wider paths along the south side of the road. He was surprised to find out west of Toft's in Sandusky, they have taken that bike path through Sandusky and out there is a separated 5-6' wide path that parallels Tiffin. Consider this in terms of safety and connectivity.
- **Bryan Edwards – 402 South Street**. He wanted to voice support for the ice/hockey rink out at Fabens Park. He is the crazy dad that built the backyard rink last winter, if you saw that in the newspaper. He wanted to say that he supports this, and his kids had an absolute blast on his rink for the 2-3 months he had it. It would be a great addition to the town. Sandusky's rink was very popular when weather permitted. He is willing to help if anybody needs help with this – he is not an expert with ice rinks, but he has built one and will build it again this winter. He also indicated his support for the bike lane. Having crossed that bridge many, many times in a bike and a car, it's just a new addition to the City to bring us to where people are, whether it's the scooters, bikes, skateboards. Again, is it perfect right now? No, but he thinks it's a great addition to the City and he thinks more and more cities are becoming walkable, bike transit is becoming more popular. He doesn't want to get into answering or commenting to other people, but if he is on the sidewalk and if a car cuts in front of me, I am going to do the same thing if I am in the bike lane. At least the bike lane designates a spot where they are. Yes, it will take a little getting used to just like not have the light in front of Berardi's has taken a little getting used to, but cities like Sandusky and

Cleveland are putting in bike lanes. It just makes your City more welcoming and more people are able to get around, and he thinks it will help to expand and grow the City.

### **Old Business**

#### **Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Claus to untable the motion to approve/amend/disapprove the final striping plan for the US Route 6 bicycle lanes.**

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

There being more than a majority in favor, the matter was removed from the table.

#### **Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the final striping plan for the US Route 6 bicycle lanes.**

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

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

Mayor Artino said that some of the suggestions that were made about a different type of lane set off from the auto lanes was considered previously, and this was the best solution we came with. All of those issues were discussed.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution 44-2021**

**Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 44-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE HURON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO THE PATRICK AND LOUISE MURRAY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING TO BE USED FOR THE FABENS PARK ICE RINK PROGRAM; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UPON AWARD) 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: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 44-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko thanked the Patrick & Louis Murray Charitable Foundation and the Michelle Wightman/Karrie Weiber Charitable Foundation for the opportunity to submit the grants for their consideration.

Mr. Steinwart said the next two resolutions relate to the grass-roots effort of residents like Mr. Edwards who had an idea that they brought to the Parks and Recreation Department. We talked about it among staff, discussed it with our Joint Recreation District at our spring meeting, and proceeded to look for some grant opportunities. These two foundations presented themselves and we have prepared September 1<sup>st</sup> applications. If these grants are awarded, there will be no financial impact on the City for the purchase of the rink, although there may be some costs related to maintaining the rink. The concept is an outdoor kit 60' x 100' to be located at Fabens Park to be near a water source and a flat surface in the parking lot. We also have some lights out there.

Mr. Dike asked if this is a permanent thing. Mr. Steinwart answered that it is temporary and weather-dependent. It is not a refrigerated system. The cost of the kit is \$8,000. The manufacturer has supply available, so if the grants are awarded, they should be good to go by December/January. Mr. Edwards did a home kit and the City is going to take Mr. Edwards up on his offer to help. The rink will be placed on the parking lot, and not on the grass.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 44-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 44-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 45-2021**

**Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 45-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE HURON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO THE MICHELLE WIGHTMAN/KARRIE WIEBER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING TO BE USED FOR THE FABENS PARK ICE RINK PROGRAM; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UPON AWARD) 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: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 45-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 45-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 45-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 46-2021**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 46-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/OLC/SERGEANTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/OLC/PATROL OFFICERS MODIFYING THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF HURON RELATING TO OBSERVATION OF JUNETEENTH AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY) 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 Resolution 46-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he would be addressing the next three resolutions, all of which are very similar. As mentioned two weeks ago in his Manager's Report, we would have to put Memoranda of Understandings, based on there being Collective Bargaining Agreements in place, before Council. The three resolutions relate to the observation of Juneteenth for our patrol officers and sergeants, IAFF and AFSCME. What we will be doing for 2021 is adding an addition 8 hours into their holiday bank for them to use or be paid out as our way of observing Juneteenth in 2021. The expectation is that as we are going through negotiations over the next couple of months with the bargaining units, that it will likely be added to the list of holidays

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 46-2021. 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, Resolution 46-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 47-2021**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 47-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH IAFF LOCAL 4168 MODIFYING ITS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HURON RELATING TO OBSERVATION OF JUNETEENTH AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY) 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: 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 Resolution 47-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 47-2021. 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, Resolution 47-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 48-2021**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 48-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL 2024 MODIFYING ITS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HURON RELATING TO OBSERVATION OF JUNETEENTH AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY) 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 48-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 48-2021. 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 48-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 49-2021**

**Motion by Mayor Artino that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 49-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONDITIONAL VACATION AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN A. WEST, JULIE A. WEST AND MEGAN C. WEST PURSUANT TO THEIR PETITION TO THE CITY OF HURON REQUESTING VACATION OF A PORTION OF KIRKWOOD ROAD) 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: Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 49-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko stated that this is the next step in a series of steps that have been put forth in front of Council. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we introduced a petition to Council from the Wests for the vacation of a portion of Kirkwood Road. The Planning Commission subsequently approved or recommended the vacation on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we held a public hearing on July 27<sup>th</sup>, at which point Council accepted the petition formally for the vacation of a portion of Kirkwood Road. This resolution sets forth the terms of the actual agreement for the vacation. The Vacation Agreement sets forth the zoning districts in which the land would be reverted to on each side. The zoning of the land to the east and west would relate to the portions of Kirkwood Road being vacated. The costs associated with engineering, surveying, schematics, drawings, etc. would be borne by the petitioners. All title work and expenses would be also be borne by the petitioners. The land will be transferred in its AS IS/WHERE IS condition, reducing liabilities of the City upon vacation. If this is approved, we would bring forth to Council an actual ordinance formally vacating that portion of Kirkwood.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 49-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 49-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 50-2021**

**Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 50-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION TO ODNR - DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT FOR APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS (BUOYS) AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S INTENT OF ENFORCEMENT; AND TO SUBMIT A NAVIGATIONAL AIDS GRANT REQUEST TO REPLACE BUOYS AT NICKEL PLATE BEACH, LAKE FRONT PARK BEACH AND THE HURON WATER TREATMENT PLANT BEACH) 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: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 50-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko stated that we are looking to do two things with this resolution. The first has come to fruition out of conversations that have occurred based on resident feedback through the Safety Committee, which would move the boat lane buoys eastward at Nickel Plate Beach. If approved, we would also be able to enforce those new boat lanes. We are not replacing or moving any other buoys except those related to the boat lane. Secondly, we are looking to replace all of the buoys at City-owned properties, as we have come to find out how long it currently takes for ODNR to process applications. Based on some of their staffing issues, we thought it prudent to put in a request for the replacement of all City-owned buoys as well.

Mr. Hagy asked if would have been appropriate to address the buoys on Mudbrook Creek. The Clerk said that is an outstanding application pending an answer, which is expected shortly.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 50-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 50-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance No. 2021-29**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2021-29 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTIONS 1369.98(C) AND 1369.99(A) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON 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 Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2021-29 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Claus to place Ordinance No. 2021-29 as an emergency measure.**

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, Crawford (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2021-29 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said that he will be asking Mr. Schrader to provide some additional detail to Council and the public, but he did want to acknowledge the great and open line of communication we are seeing between Mike Kaufman on the prosecution side, the Law Director and the staff. What is coming to fruition here is that we are formalizing the program by having the ability to have additional enforcement. These proposed



have been put forth to help the City from an enforcement standpoint and ultimately, a prosecution standpoint.

Mr. Schrader stated that in speaking with the staff and talking about enforcement on a variety of topics, not just the transient rentals, it occurred to us that we should sit down with Mike Kaufman in the same room to have a dialog and start taking apart what those questions are, how to ameliorate some of the concerns, interpretation questions, etc. As a result of that meeting, which was very productive, Attorney Kaufman recommended that we change the transient rental ordinance slightly from an enforcement standpoint. We have the 3 calls for service rule, which is still retained, but Attorney Kaufman wanted it to be a little bit more flexible and allow the Building and Zoning Department to make the determination based on the review of police, fire and EMS run reports, of whether there is an imminent threat to safety. In addition, he wanted some clarity on the penalty provision – whether it can be a fine or a maximum imprisonment of 6 months, or both. Attorney Kaufman asked for these particular changes to ensure that we shore things up from an enforcement standpoint. This does not relate to any particular property or properties – we just want to make sure the staff has a firm direction on how enforce the ordinance.

Mayor Artino informed the audience that Mr. Kaufman is the City Prosecutor.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2021-29. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-29 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 51-2021**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 51-2021 (AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 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 Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Resolution 2021-51 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this came very last second to Council, but wanted to thank Council for their quick consideration of his resolution.

Mr. Schrader stated that before 8:30am yesterday, Amelia Leonard from his office received a notice from our outside counsel, Kelley & Ferraro, who is handling the opioid litigation on behalf of the City, to advise that a global settlement has been reached with the State of Ohio and all of its political subdivisions in the

opioid litigation. This has also been reviewed and sanctioned by the Attorney General's Office, as well as the Ohio Municipal League. The settlement is somewhere north of \$804 Million and our outside counsel has strongly recommended that we participate in the settlement. In order to qualify, the catch was that we have to reply no later than this Friday. If this were a recess month, we may have been able to delay the response, but since we are not a recess city we have to act now. We are really lucky that we had the notice yesterday so that we had time to put together the resolution recommended. Outside counsel is highly recommending that we approve. In the materials that were provided, there were some indications of what the payment to the City of Huron could possibly be – somewhere between (estimated figures) \$42,687 or \$60,982, depending on the number of subdivisions that participate and put their notice in timely. It is his understanding that there is some restricted use of these funds. These are not general funds; they are going to be earmarked for use for dependency and amelioration of opioid issues in the City.

The Mayor asked if there was further discussion on the matter. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 51-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 51-2021 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. Lasko spoke on several topics:

- ECEDC. ECEDC held its annual meeting earlier today, and Huron as very, very well represented. This was not just in the room, but also in terms of folks receiving awards for their projects and investments, which deserves acknowledgement. It was a great event at Cedar Point's Lakeside Pavilion – there were over 300 people in attendance. Mr. Lasko recognized resident Spencer Patterson, co-owner of Fancy Me Boutique, who was part of a trio receiving the Young Professional of the Year Award. Spencer was honored for his role as Co-Chair of the Minority Business Empowerment Team. Secondly, Mark Schneiders, CEO and President of Stride Mobility and Safe Harbor Insurance, was joined by his wife in receiving the Entrepreneur of the Year Award for their work successfully growing both of their businesses and deciding to stay in Huron with their investment on Sawmill Parkway, which is slated to be completed in very early September. The building looks absolutely beautiful – they have done a tremendous job. Mike Grayson, who is the local director of Ardagh Manufacturing, was there with his team to accept the award for Erie County's Deal of Year, acknowledging Ardagh's decision to locate their new facility in Huron and make a significant investment for approximately \$400 Million and commit to hire several hundred people at that facility. He congratulated all of the award winners, especially the folks that represented Huron.
- ConAgra. We have started interviews with the three finalists. We conducted two of the three interviews today and had very good conversations in getting an understanding of the firms' visions for the site and their development plans. The third and final interview will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Huron Public Power. The City, along with AMP-T and FirstEnergy, are coordinating a major meter changeout at the City's main transmission point to acknowledge the increased load from the new and anticipated customer base. Our partnership with AMP-T has been instrumental in getting this project done quicky and cost-effectively. Work is anticipated to start the first week of September.
- Railroad Crossings. An email was sent out to all members of the Council, and the Sandusky Register is going to be running a story, regarding the upcoming railroad crossing closures. We are, at least at the moment, satisfied with the schedule being put forth in that there doesn't appear be

mass closures. They are anticipating staggered closures, and we are going to keep a close eye on that. To get into the detail, the tentative closure schedule begins on Wednesday, August 11 for State Route 61, Thursday, August 12 for Berlin Rd., Monday, August 16 for River Road and Main St., and Tuesday, August 17 would be Rye Beach Road. We will continue to keep Council and the public aware of any changes in those closure schedules, because there are a lot of people impacted, including our safety forces. As of now, we are happy with the closure schedule that has been posted.

- Fish Cleaning Station. The City has received an initial draft of a Grant Agreement between the City and ODNR for the installation of the fish cleaning station at the boat launch. We are going to continue to review the document, and we have a conversation scheduled with ODNR later this week to put some finishing touches on that agreement. We hope to approach Council in the near future with a resolution seeking authorization for the application and grant. In the Manager's Report is a link to a great article on Cleveland.com about the fish stations around Lake Erie, and particularly mentioning the Huron location.
- Berlin Road Water Main Replacement. The new mains are installed on all roads, and final service was installed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Milling of the road's surface began on August 4<sup>th</sup> and crews are currently slightly ahead of scheduled, which bodes well for the upcoming school year. We have been very, very pleased with the expediency of that project and hope to bring that in for a landing in the next week or two.
- Island Painting. Street crews quickly painted the islands at Berlin Road and in front of the senior housing facility, at the great recommendation from Council. It makes the visibility of those two islands much better and much safer. Street crews are moving throughout the City painting curbs, and will continue to do that over the next couple of weeks. Mr. Spafford met the street crews out on Standard Street last week, and we have delineated the parking spaces for that parking lot as brought to Council a meeting or two ago. We have ordered the signs, as well.
- Personnel. After interviewing several qualified and motivated candidates, the Huron Fire Department has hired Kegan Lobsinger for the position of full-time firefighter/paramedic, with an anticipated start date of August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will be joining us from Sandusky. We look forward to him joining the Fire Department and wish him luck and he starts with the City in the next few weeks. He will be filling a vacancy created by the departure of Zach Stauder, who recently joined another department recently, and we wish Mr. Stauder all the best in his new role and thank him for his past service to the City and the Fire Department.

Mr. Dike asked is there a certain length the yellow is painted on a curb at a stop sign. Mr. Critelli said there are standards. Mr. Dike said he was wondering if that could be longer because in neighborhoods it is hard to see the stop sign when vehicles are parked too close to the sign. This should be looked at in the neighborhoods because if you have a tall 350 truck, you are unable to see the sign.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Artino thanked the citizens of our community – he knows the bike lane was controversial, but the staff, our engineering firm, our Law Director, safety forces and Council have all been involved in this discussion. This discussion has been ongoing for 6-7 months now, or longer, and we opened the opportunities for discussion from our citizens. We used our newsletters, included information in our water bills, and created the hotline. All of your comments and concerns were taken into consideration. He knows that the vote went quickly tonight, but this was not a decision that was made tonight. This is a decision that took quite a while to come to. He really appreciates all of the hard work and the involvement of the citizens of this community. We will monitor the process as it goes on, and we will make any needed adjustments.

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

- **Mr. Claus** - In light of the recent news that the legalization of marijuana may be on the ballot in Ohio again, Mr. Claus made the following motion:

### **Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Claus to direct the City Manager and Law Director to research and prepare legislation that would allow the City of Huron to restrict any recreational marijuana operations from operating within the City, including but not limited to, cultivation facilities, processing facilities or dispensaries of recreational marijuana, and further restricting the existing medical marijuana facilities from being licensed to cultivate, process or dispense recreational marijuana.**

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion the motion. Mr. Claus said this motion asks the City Manager and the Law Director to research. Mr. Hagy said that he thought back when Firelands Scientific first came in, and there was a lot of angst over that, that there was legislation passed at that time for future. Ms. Crawford said she believes there was, particularly relating to signage and she thought any other facility (she thought we were capped). Mayor Artino said that maybe it only related to medical marijuana. Mayor Artino said the motion is to research and report back to Council

The Mayor asked if there was 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: Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

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

- **Mr. Tapp** – Mr. Tapp thanked Mr. Wilson, Mr. DeLombard and Mr. Edwards for coming tonight. He told Mr. Wilson that we would get his issues addressed by Mr. Lasko and Zoning. Like the Mayor said, this whole bike lane was something that has been going on for a long time. Personally, until recently he wasn't sure until we went through engineering, the law department, and safety services. As a former members of safety services, that is what he is looking at. I wished he could say this thing is going to be perfect, but one of the biggest issues is that it's a change and sometimes that's hard to swallow. It's hard to accept, but it's something we are all going to have to get used to. He thinks it is a great asset to the City. He could be wrong, but he hopes things work out. We did get a lot of feedback, and did not take that lightly. We got a lot of good feedback and he applauded the people who came to the public hearing.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Welcome to Firefighter Lobsinger, and also thank you to everyone who showed up today to voice their concerns.
- **Mr. Hardy** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Dike** – Nothing.
- **Ms. Crawford** – Ms. Crawford extended her gratitude to Mr. Lasko, who serves on ECEDC, which is quite a group. It was really exciting to represent the City of Huron at the ECEDC annual meeting at Cedar Point and have 2-1/3 of the award recipients be from our city. The Ardagh project is the largest

investment in Erie County for the last year, and in speaking with them afterwards to congratulate them, this will be their largest facility. They are very excited about being here. What Stride Mobility is doing – they have a Grand Opening Open House in September, to which we have all received invitations. Based on what I've heard about that facility, she strongly urged all of Council to attend. There is an excitement in this City, and it is contagious and it is remarkable. There are so many things yet to come for us, but the fire is fanned and there are a lot of wonderful things happening.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Adjournment**


**Motion by Mr. Tapp to adjourn the meeting.**

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 more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of August 10, 2021 adjourned at 7:21pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 14 SEP 2021

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