

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:30pm on March 8, 2022 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 regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves, Joel Hagy.**

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Assistant Law Director Gary Ebert, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle, City Engineer Russ Critelli, OHM Engineer Larry Fridrich, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the regular Council meetings of January 25, 2022, February 8, 2022 and February 22, 2022, as written.**

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:           Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion was approved.

**Audience Comments**

The Mayor advised any audience members wishing to speak to approach the podium, state their name and address for the record, and they will have 3 minutes to address Council.

Christine Crawford – 718 Taylor Avenue. Ms. Crawford said that she understands that there is more excitement brewing in the City as we have an interest in the parcel at 508 Main Street. First, the City is not in the real estate holding business and that parcel has been available for a while. The City has undergone several cognizant exercises with a master plan specifically targeted for Main Street. Council revisited that plan again last year/2 years ago, and Council was provided with a litmus test when approached with development opportunities. All the while, we have had a resurgence in Main Street. We have had private citizens and businesses (full disclosure – she owns 2 businesses on Main Street). In both the initial Master Plan and in the reboot Council did recently, 500 and 600 blocks have an emphasis on retail and service. Speaking out of both sides of her mouth, she also owns an interest in a residential property in that block, but it is an existing residential property. If the City's interest in 508 Main is solely residential, she urges Council to please take a hard look at that. There is a spark, there is a vibe, and we are getting the walkability on Main Street to help sustain and support retail and service in the 500 and 600 blocks. She appreciates Council's time and consideration and her final thought would be that any developer who is interested in any of the Main Street parcels (because there are a few that could potentially come into play) the first look should be to the Master Plan. Does it fit the vision the City has taken the time and the exercise to prepare.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution 26-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 26-2022 (A RESOLUTION PROVIDING TEMPORARY AUTHORITY, EXPIRING JULY 1, 2022, FOR MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY TO MEET BY MEANS OF TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE) 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, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 26-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said Resolution 26-2022 was brought in response to a recently approved House Bill 51, which reinstituted the ability for public bodies to allow virtual attendance for certain members, and this relates to boards and commissions, as well. This resolution follows the State guidance and extends the ability, locally, for our boards and commissions to hold meetings virtually, if needed. This goes through the end of the June 2022. It doesn't mean that all boards and commissions will desire to go virtual, but they will at least have that option should a member of either a committee or board need to attend the meeting virtually and cast a vote on agenda items.

Mr. Ebert said that a lot of people have been asking for this, and it has now been extended to June 30, 2022.

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 26-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 26-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance No. 2022-15**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-15 (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF SAWMILL PARKWAY, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2.3785 ACRES, AS A PUBLIC STREET, 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: Biddlecombe, Claus, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-15 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance 2022-15 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-15 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said that this ordinance is a follow-up to some notes that were included in a previous Manager's Report. As part of the Sawmill Parkway reconstruction, the EDA funding from the Federal government required a title examination to make sure that the City has the legal right in either ownership or easements to complete the reconstruction. The City does have this ownership/easement, but through that process it was uncovered that the eastern-most approximate 40% of Sawmill Parkway, although owned by the City, was never publicly dedicated like the western portion is. The City is merely looking to publicly dedicate what is about 2.375 acres of Sawmill Parkway. He notes that this did go the Planning Commission at their last meeting, and was approved and recommended to the full body of Council.

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 2022-13. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-15 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance No. 2022-16**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-16 (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF TWO PORTIONS OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 42-02021.000 CONTAINING 0.2848 ACRES OF LAND AS A PUBLIC STREET FOR PURPOSES OF EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING SAWMILL PARKWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAWMILL PARKWAY IMPROVEMENT, 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: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-16 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Hagy to place Ordinance 2022-16 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:** Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-16 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said that this ordinance is also related to the Sawmill Parkway reconstruction. More specifically, this ties back to the vacation and dedication agreements that have been entered into between the City and Ardagh. As mentioned, the City is vacating the easternmost portion of Sawmill Parkway. In return, Ardagh is granting to the City two portions of its existing parking lot, which will allow the City to construct a cul-de-sac at the eastern end of Sawmill Parkway. This is specifically related to two pieces of property that were formerly Ardagh property that are now owned by the City, and that property is now being dedicated as a public street.

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 2022-16. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-16 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 31-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 31-2022 (A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT BY THE STATE OF OHIO TO IMPAIR, IMPEDE, OR RESTRICT THE CITY'S HOME-RULE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH AND REGULATE SHORT-TERM TRANSIENT RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON) 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, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 31-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he wouldn't go into too much detail because there has been a lot of information circulated around this particular resolution, but did want to note that this is related to House Bill 563, which has been introduced. In essence HB 563 would restrict local jurisdictions from being able to govern or manage all things related to short-term rental. Huron is a community over the last 24 months that has put in great deal of time, energy and public outreach into developing our transient rental ordinance. He thinks the outcome of that is a great product that protects the integrity of the community and protects the people living in, visiting and living next to, these houses. He noted that (not shockingly), that we have received a

lot of support and feedback from other jurisdictions that are also in opposition to this House Bill, including Perkins Township, Vermilion, Sandusky, the entire Ottawa County region, and also our tourism bureau, Lake Erie Shores & Islands. Candidly, he has not heard anyone locally that is in support of this proposed bill, but he thinks it is important for Council to formally take action to be able to let our legislators know. He believes there is a lot of sentiment that agrees with that.

Mayor Tapp said that Mr. Ebert has researched some case law. Mr. Ebert said that he researched case law regarding home rule in situations like this. He will send a copy so that Council members will have some backup support if there is opposition.

Mr. Hagy asked if we can be sure that our representatives, Gavarone and Swearingen, receive a copy of the resolution with an invitation to come and speak to this body. Being Huron residents, he would expect that they would be very interested in what our Council is up to, even though they haven't demonstrated that interest, to date. Mr. Lasko said that he would work through Ms. Welkener to provide a copy of the signed resolution to our state representatives, along with invitations to come to speak before this body.

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 31-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 31-2022 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:

- **Buckeye Sports Tax Abatement Request** – The City has received a tax abatement request from Buckeye Sports. This is a company that is planning to locate on Lake Erie Parkway across from Goodwill Industries. He noted that this is a unique request in that this project and property is not in a Community Reinvestment Area, much like those projects on Sawmill Parkway or in Huron Corporate Park. What that means is that, technically, the negotiating authority rests with Erie County. The Erie County Board of Commissions has the authority to delegate negotiating authority to the City, but it would take an act of their Board of Commissioners. They are meeting tomorrow morning to determine if they are going to delegate the negotiating authority to the City of Huron for this particular project. Once we determine that, we can enter into negotiations with the company about potential tax incentives. Whether it is this project or future projects, the City's intent moving forward is always to try to ensure that Huron Schools and EHOVE Career Center remain whole with their future real estate taxes on these projects. We are excited to have their investment in the community. From a construction standpoint, it is about a \$4 Million investment on the Parkway, and a great company to have in Huron. This will be their second Ohio location. He will keep Council updated in terms of where those negotiating authorities land in the next 24 hours.
- **South Shore Marine Tax Abatement Request** – The City has received a tax abatement request from South Shore Marine, which was also mentioned in his last Management Report. This business is located in a Community Reinvestment Area, being on Sawmill Parkway. The City will begin that review and negotiations with the company over the upcoming weeks.

- Two Rivers – We had a great meeting with a great group interested in reviving the Two Rivers project down by Huron Lagoons Marina. We met with their representatives and anticipate submission of a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) to the City and to the Planning Commission for review. The previous PUD that was approved has since expired, so we will have to restart that process over to explore what their options and plans are for that development. We expect something over the next couple of weeks, which will start with the Planning Commission.
- Tax Incentive Review Council – On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the City participated in the annual Tax Incentive Review Council meeting held at Erie County offices. The purpose of the meeting was to review annual reports from companies who have previously received tax abatement from the City. Companies must report on job creation, payroll and capital investment numbers to ensure compliance with the agreements. The Huron TIRC recommended continuation of all abatements that were in place. Those formal recommendations and meeting minutes will be presented to Council on March 22, 2022 for consideration in advance of the March 31, 2022 deadline that we have to file with the Ohio Development Services Agency.
- Cleveland Road/Rye Beach Road Corridor Improvements – We are envisioning a work session on March 22, 2022 that will be primarily comprised of a presentation by OHM Advisors as it relates to the planned and proposed improvement to the Rye Beach Corridor and to the Cleveland Road Corridor heading all the way to Sandusky. There is a lot of interest and momentum with potential Federal and State funding that is being applied for by ODOT Central Office and ODOT District 3 related to that corridor. We understand that it has been a couple of years since the initial plan was created (2019 or so), so we think it is important to get in front of Council and the community to review those plans and update where the status of that project may be. He envisions shortly thereafter there being a request of this body for, minimally, letters of support and financial commitments from the local level that will be part of the project funding. Partners from Erie County, Sandusky, Huron Township and Perkins Township will be participating locally, from a contribution standpoint. Before we get to that point, he thinks it is important that we all understand the project and revisit what is being planned.
- Safe Routes to School Applications – Mr. Lasko extended a big thank you to the folks at OHM and the City's Planning Department (Erik Engle, specifically, who is not here this evening), but we did officially submit two applications to the Ohio Department of Transportation for their Safe Routes to School funding. These applications are for Berlin Road from Cleveland Road south to the railroad tracks, and Cleveland Road East from Gateway Blvd. all the way to Huron Green. We will keep Council and the community aware of those funding announcements, but there was a lot of hard work and heavy lifting by OHM and our Planning Department.
- ERPC-MCO Application – The City formally submitted an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission MPO for additional funding for the sidewalks project on Cleveland Road East from Gateway Blvd. to Huron Green, which was due by February 25<sup>th</sup>. We have found out that there is a total of 5 applications seeking about \$400,000 total, of which there is \$280,000 available. We are hopeful that our funding request will be accepted, particularly since it is a joint submission with Huron Township. We should know by the end of the month where that funding application lands.
- Street Resurfacing – In partnership with OHM, the City has \$500,000 set aside for local street resurfacing this year. That is going to be based on the 2020 Pavement Condition Report (PCR). We anticipate over the next couple of days having a list of recommendations, based on condition, to

present to Council for the paving program for this year. This will lead up to what will be a multi-year multi-million dollar street repaving and reconstruction program for 2023 through 2025.

- COVID Restrictions – Mr. Lasko said that in previous year the City has provided the ability for existing bars, restaurants and retailers to be able to go into the public right-of-way to expand outdoor dining and retail options. He believes that, given that we are not fully out of the pandemic and in some instances the State has even reimplemented certain COVID restrictions, he would recommend to Council to do that program for one more year. If we do present this to Council, he recommends that an existing leaseholder with the City (Thee Fisherman's Wharf) have their rent abated for 2022. They would still have to pull a permit, but would not be required to pay rent. We will be making that recommendation to Council at the next meeting.
- Local Preference – At the Council work session scheduled for March 22, 2022, staff would like to spend 20-30 minutes on the local preference ordinance that has been discussed over the last couple of weeks. Mr. Schrader will be leading the discussion to look over some options that other cities have as relates to local preference for awarding contracts and purchasing supplies. They have done some really great research.
- Water Tower Logo Replacement – We have been working with Laker Erie Shores & Islands regarding replacement of the logo on the Rye Beach water tower now that they have gone through the rebranding process. In addition to redoing the logo, they are going to paint the entire top of the water tower, as well. The stem with the HURON painted on it will not be touched, and it is still in great condition. That must go before the Planning Commission for consideration this month. The City is looking forward to this partnership in getting this critical work done as they go through their rebranding process.
- School Resource Officer – The City, the Township and the School District entered into an agreement in 2019 for 3 years, in which the City would designate one of its officers as a School Resource Officer. This agreement calls for each entity to pay 1/3 of the total salary and benefits for the position. The initial term of that agreement expires this summer. The agreement does allow for a 2-year automatic renewal, unless any party desires to non-renew, which must be made in writing to the City by April 1, 2022. We notified the School District and Township of the City's intent to continue that agreement for another 2 years, and asked for those parties to please reach out to us if they do not desire to continue the arrangement – we are certainly hopeful that they do. We are happy to partner with the Schools and the Township on that important service.
- Upcoming Meetings – Board of Building and Zoning Appeals (3/14 @ 6:30pm in Council Chambers); City County Work Session (3/22 @ 5:30pm in Council Chambers); City Council Meeting (3/22 @ 6:30pm in Council Chambers); Planning Commission (3/23 @ 5:00pm in Council Chambers).

Mr. Biddlecombe asked the amount of abatement Buckeye Sports is asking for. Mr. Lasko answered that they have requested a 10-year 75% abatement which, per Ohio statute, can be granted by a local authority without going to the school district. However, in terms of our sensitivity to where the school district is, we want to make sure that, to the best of our ability, we try to keep those educational institutions whole.

Mr. Hagy wanted to clarify the not charging rent for use of public property because the business in question was not open. Therefore, we didn't have a situation where some paid and some didn't. Mr. Lasko confirmed that is correct.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Tapp said that the outdoor dining topic will be brought up at the next work session. Mr. Tapp asked if there are any unused abatements. Mr. Lasko asked if he was talking about the case where someone has been granted an abatement, but does not build their building. He said that is the reason behind the existence Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). Every year, Huron is represented by a group of 7 individuals that review annual abatement reports that are required from everyone that has been granted an abatement. Upon that review, the committee can recommend to continue the abatements, amend the abatement or terminate the abatement, for whatever reason – they haven't started construction, or maybe someone hasn't even come close to meeting their payroll and job creation numbers. It is rare, but at least there is a mechanism in which you can terminate an abatement for someone who has not used it or has not met the obligations. Mr. Tapp asked if there is a timeframe to start construction. Mr. Lasko answered that all tax abatement agreements that he has ever seen include timelines to start and finish construction. With that said, there are times when those agreements may need to be amended for whatever reason, be it supply chain issues or other issues that delay or extend construction. Mr. Biddlecombe asked how many abatements are currently in existence in the City. Mr. Lasko answered that he believes there are 8-10 active abatements, in addition to tax increment financing districts in place, as well, such as the Rye Beach TIF. Most of the active abatements are located on Sawmill Parkway or in Huron Corporate Park. Mr. Claus asked if a property is sold, is the abatement transferable to the new owner. Mr. Lasko answered that the abatements are not transferable. There would have to be a new application by a new applicant. Mr. Artino said that there is a lot of new money that has been coming in and is planned to come in that will go toward the schools. Mr. Lasko agreed, and used Ardagh as an example of a non-schools abatement. In years past, there have been abatements (Stride Mobility, for example) in which the schools were impacted, but again, one of the things we try to commit to them that we will try our best in negotiations to make no impact on the schools. If we are at a point in negotiations where a company is truly having an impossible time locating here without it, then we would have those conversations with the school district. If we can get there without that, that is our commitment to the districts.

Mayor Tapp said that he spoke with Mr. Zimmerman earlier today, who advised that Sawmill Creek is still planning to be open by May 6<sup>th</sup>. They have hundreds of workers out there trying to meet that date. That's a good thing, and they want to open up by the time Cedar Point does.

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

- **Mr. Biddlecombe** – The School Board had their Superintendent focus group meeting last night, and it was pretty well attended. There were several sessions – he went to the final session of the evening. He learned that they have 7 candidates. They started interviewing tonight and will go into tomorrow, and on March 22<sup>nd</sup> they plan to interview the ones they have whittled down to. He congratulated Huron wrestlers Elijah Perkins – Sectional Champ, Keegan Wooten – Runner-Up, and Braylon Williams, Ashton Purdue and Karill Jurinski shared all shared Third Place. They are all heading on to Districts. Congratulations to the concert band on their superior rating at their last competition, and to the high school choir for getting a 1 at their last competition. Congratulations to the Huron Boys Basketball team for their District Championship. They are moving on the State Sweet 16 for the Division II Tournament, and they will play Thursday at 8:00pm against St. Mary's Memorial in the regional semifinal at Bowling Green University. There are no home games coming up. Go Tigers!
- **Mr. Artino** – He thinks this is an exciting time for this City. There are a lot of new businesses that have come into town, with more still to come. As he alluded to earlier, that represents a lot of new money for the City and schools. He really appreciates everything that the City administration has done to help foster that environment to help attract those businesses, and asked them to keep up the good work. He thinks this is a great time for the City.



- **Mr. Claus** – Nothing further.
- **Mr. Dike** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Grieves** – Nothing further.
- **Mr. Hagy** – He wanted to go on the record at clarifying this House Bill 563. Several months ago – maybe a year ago – this body passed a resolution stating their opposition to another bill before the State that would bar cities from having their own municipal broadband. As Ronald Reagan famously said to Jimmy Carter, “Well, here we go again.” The State is trying to tell us what we can and cannot to, regardless of what we, as a body (and several people worked very, very hard on this), the administration, and most importantly, the residents of our city, wanted from a transient rental legislation perspective. With no consultation, and in the dead of night, and a refusal from our representatives who are residents of this City – they want to try to sneak this one by. He doesn’t want to let it slip by – he wants us to care. Huron, Sandusky and Vermilion should be able to dictate how transient rentals are handled in their town. He challenged and politely invited both of our representative to come to this body and tell him why he is wrong. Tell him why this body is wrong – that they know better than we do.

#### **Executive Session**

**Motion by Mr. Claus to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, and to invite Mr. Lasko and Mr. Ebert.**

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

Mayor Tapp said that Council would return to regular session to consider additional legislation.

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the motion passed and Council moved into executive session at 7:05pm.

#### **Return to Regular Session – New Business Continued**

Council returned to regular session at 7:16pm.

#### **Resolution 27-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 27-2022 (A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFF M. HALL AS FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF HURON) 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 27-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that as much as we are truly saddened to see Mr. Swaisgood leave us, we feel very fortunate to be able to make an offer and to present to this Council the appointment of Jeff Hall, who in addition to being very well credentialed, comes very highly recommended from a lot of folks that all of us know – such as Sudsina & Associates and Rick Jeffrey, who have spoken very highly of Mr. Hall. We are excited to have him be part of our team, and just one week after his start date, our Service Director, Stu Hamilton, will be starting. We are excited to get up to full capacity, so to speak.

Mr. Hagy welcomed Mr. Hall to the City.

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 27-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:**           **Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 27-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

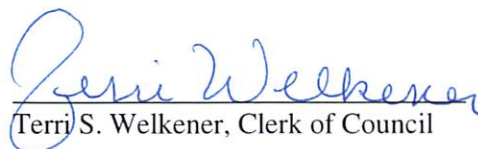
### **Adjournment**

#### **Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to adjourn the meeting.**

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:**           **Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of March 8, 2022 adjourned at 7:19pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 12 APR 2022

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