

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

The Mayor called the regular meeting of City Council to order at 6:30pm. 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: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves and Joel Hagy.**

Staff in attendance: City Manager Matt Lasko, Assistant Law Director Gary Ebert, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Planning and Zoning Director Erik Engle, Police Chief Terry Graham and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council work session of May 23, 2023, as written.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor asked 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 more than a majority in favor of the motion, the minutes of the Council work session of May 23, 2023 were adopted.

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 26, 2023, as written.

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

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (6)
ABSTAIN: Hagy (1)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of the motion, the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 26, 2023 were adopted.

Proclamation

Mayor Tapp read his Mayor's Proclamation commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Huron Police Department, as follows:

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Huron City Council is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of Huron Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 150 years of fire protection to the citizens of the City of Huron and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Huron Fire Company was established on July 30, 1873 by an ordinance adopted by the Village of Huron Council; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, over a thousand men and women have served the citizens of the City of Huron, as well as neighboring communities;

WHEREAS, fire departments are an integral part of community protection service, and during the past 150 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the City of Huron have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, with a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Huron Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 150 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the brave firefighters of the Huron Fire Department are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Huron Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, this City Council cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their community, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by our firefighters; and

WHEREAS, this auspicious occasion will be celebrated with an Open House on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 1pm to 3pm, with the dedication of Station #2 taking place at 1:30pm.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Huron, Ohio does hereby proudly commemorate the Huron Fire Department's 150th Anniversary of service to our community and expresses its appreciation for the important work that the Huron Fire Department does on behalf of our citizens.

(Applause)

Mayor Tapp presented the Proclamation to Captain Kurt Schafer, and photos were taken.

Audience Comments

The Mayor directed members of the audience having comments to approach the podium, state their name and address Council, and advised that they would have 3 minutes to make their comments.

Mike Riggle – 224 Williams Street, Apt. K – I am happy that the library sidewalks were fixed, but I am still concerned with the one over by Jim's Pizza Box near Bogart Road. When will that be fixed?

Mayor Tapp advised Mr. Riggle that Mr. Hamilton will get back with him.

Old Business**Ordinance No. 2023-30 (third and final reading)**

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-30 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 1139.03(b) (PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE [RELATING TO DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OR CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON THE ZONING MAP])) be placed on its third and final reading.

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)

There being more than a majority in favor of the motion, Ordinance No. 2023-30 was placed on its third and final reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that this Ordinance contemplates a minor procedure change. Essentially, they are proposing elimination of councilmatic action prior to any rezoning case. This will result in new rezoning cases being presented first to the Planning Commission for their recommendation, and then it will come to Council for consideration. SSEG did a nice job in researching some other codes, and what they are proposing is what the majority of communities are currently doing.

Mr. Claus commented that he wanted to make clear for the audience and citizens that they are just saving up to 2-4 weeks on the process. The matter will ultimately come back to Council for review and, typically, 3 readings and final approval. Rather than Council voting to send it to Planning Commission, it will automatically go to Planning Commission for their recommendation.

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

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

There being more than a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2023-30 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect in accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron.

Ordinance No. 2023-34 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2023-34 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HURON TO REFLECT THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 182.32 +/- ACRES OF

LAND OWNED BY SAWMILL CREEK LLC, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CLEVELAND ROAD, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 39-01076.029, 39-01076.004, 39-01076.000, 39-01076.005, 39-00553.000, 39-00827.000, 39-00859.000, 39-00864.000, 39-00864.001, 39-01076.001, 39-01076.017 & 39-01076.003 FROM THE CURRENT R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS)) be placed on its second reading.

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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of the motion, Ordinance No. 2023-34 was placed on its second reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that Sawmill Creek LLC's rezoning application submitted in July requests all 12 parcels be rezoned from R-1 to B-3. Per the annexation rules in the City's code, the zoning at the time of the annexation reverted back to R-1, in which case none of their uses conformed to that district. Working with them, staff determined that a B-3 would be more suitable for their existing uses as of now and for any further expansions going forward. At the August 16th meeting of Planning Commission, they recommended approval of that rezoning to Council.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

New Business

Resolution No. 65-2023

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 65-2023 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE FUNDING AWARD FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM RELATED TO THE LAKE FRONT PARK BEACH – COASTAL PLANNING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00)) be placed on its first reading.

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: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 65-2023 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle said that in late 2022, they submitted an application to the Coastal Management Assistance Grant (CMAG) program administered through ODNR and NOAA. This was for funds pertaining to coastal planning projects. They are looking at all of their coastal park spaces. They are proposing to explore public access options, near shore habitat restoration efforts, and connectivity. They will also be looking at park amenities, anything from land use associated with that, and waterfront restorations efforts. They want to put together a master plan for that. They pitched it to CMAG, and the ultimately accepted that. They were

awarded the \$35,000 in grant funding. There is a 1:1 match, with \$35,000 would come out of the City's capital improvement fund for that plan. The RFQ is ready to be submitted. They would like to thank the Office of Coastal Management for their support of this effort, and they look forward to working with them.

Mayor Tapp asks if this is for design. Mr. Engle answered that it is design, near-shore habitat restoration... it is everywhere and anywhere in between. It originally started as a focus on Lake Front Park, but they wanted to look at it from a wholistic perspective, which includes considering what the Showboat property would look like, as well as the spoils site – how all of those connect. The boundaries are from Showboat to the public works beach.

Mr. Claus asked of Nickel Plate Beach would be tied into that, as well. Mr. Engle answered that Nickel Plate was left out of the scope for this particular round, but for future submissions, that would definitely be part of the scope. This project would cover from the Huron River west.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 65-2023. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 65-2023 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 66-2023

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 66-2023 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REVIZE LLC, AKA REVIZE SOFTWARE SYSTEMS ("REVIZE"), FOR DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW WEBSITE FOR THE CITY OF HURON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$44,600.00)) be placed on its first reading.

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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 66-2023 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that in 2022, they created a small team to start looking at replacing the website. They put a lot of hours in looking at other government websites out there, all of the private websites out there, and came up with a potential list of 8 different companies. They sat through some Power Point hell for 8 rounds, and they came up with a final 3 to do a deep dive into. They took 4 hours on each one of the finalists to review functionality, how long does it take, how easy is it to work with, and Revize came out unanimously on top. The timeframe will probably be 6-8 months by the time they get everything done –

all of the wording revised, all of the functionality brought up. \$44,600 is for all implementation costs, plus the first year of the service. Every year after that, it will be \$7,069 each year just to keep the website up. This website will be more of a web application than a website. It will have a lot more functionality, a lot more interactive than what we have right now.

Mr. Hagy asked if the \$44,600 is all-in/everything. Mr. Hamilton answered, 100%, all in. Mr. Hagy said that he would hope that they really focus on community engagement, whether it's pushing out information or the ability to receive information.

Mr. Biddlecombe emphasized that it needs to be user-friendly. The first few times he used our current website, he could barely find anything. Now he has learned it, so he can get through there pretty well, but anybody who is trying to find something and doesn't regularly go there would have a hard time. Mr. Hamilton agreed, stating that it is full of government-speak.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 66-2023. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 66-2023 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 67-2023

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 67-2023 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND 91/100 DOLLARS (\$154,148.91); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND 91/100 (\$154,148.91) AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM, SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL) be placed on its first reading.

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: Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 67-2023 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Captain Schafer said that this will be their third year making an attempt for this Federal grant. This grant requests funds to replace outdated and damaged bunker gear, and also to obtain a fit tester. NFPA sets standard lifespans on the gear they wear, which they are getting toward the end of. Also, NFPA mandates

that their gear is fit tested every year, meaning your mask has to be physically tested every year to be sure nothing is getting in. Currently, they have to hire that out, but if they had their own fit tester, they could do that themselves, which would eventually save quite a bit of money. Those are the two items on this grant.

Mayor Tapp asked about the current condition of the bunker gear. Captain Schafer answered that most of them need to be replaced. They have about 40 members. NFPA requires replacement every 10 years. Theirs are either past that date or really close. They try to follow those standards.

Mr. Hagy asked what bunker gear is. Captain Schafer answered that bunker gear consists of their coat, hats and helmets. They only allow them to wear them in service for so long. Those standards change all the time. Mr. Hagy asked if they are doing anything different this time that may increase their changes. Captain Schafer answered that they have a grant writer to help them out, this is their expertise. They combined this grant with the air compressor last time, and they are not included that time. They have submitted with other things in the past. This year, they are only going for this, so they are hopeful that maybe that will be the trick. They have prove need financially. There are other fire departments that are probably deemed to be a higher need.

Mayor Tapp asked what they will do when they are past the 10 years. Mr. Schafer answered that they would then have to purchase the gear themselves. Out of the 40 sets, maybe 4 are expired – they will purchase those 4. It gets them ahead of the game if they can replace them all. Mr. Schafer said there is a 5% match. Mayor Tapp said it's expensive, but it saves lives.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 67-2023. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 67-2023 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 68-2023

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 68-2023 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) FOR ROCK SALT PURCHASED THROUGH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, INC. AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ERIE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING BULK DEICING ROCK SALT TO THE CITY OF HURON AND VARIOUS OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THROUGHOUT ERIE COUNTY DURING THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR) be placed on its first reading.

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 68-2023 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this resolution is a yearly authorization for expenditure for rock salt. The Erie County Commissioners go out and mass-buy to help the other entities out by trying to keep the price down. There is an approximately 2% increase in the cost per ton. Although this does authorize the full amount, they typically use around \$26,000 worth of rock sale. They don't expect to this number, but they are budgeting conservatively. The increase isn't as much as they expected it to be, so they are actually quite happy with that.

Mr. Hagy asked if the City salts outside of the City limits, is that why that wording is in there. Mr. Hamilton said that when the County goes out and bids, the total amount is for several municipalities, villages, etc. They just buy their portion; they commit to how much they want to buy.

Mayor Tapp commented that he thinks the City has been under that budget for a couple of years. Mr. Swaisgood answered that over the past 5 years, they have been well under that budget. It does spike – one year they did \$45,000-\$46,000, and some years they are under \$20,000 – it just depends on how the winter goes.

Mr. Biddlecome commented that with the amount of inflation we have on everything else, 2% isn't too bad.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 68-2023. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 68-2023 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2023-36

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance No. 2023-36 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-69, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 27, 2022, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES) be placed on its first reading.

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: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance No. 2023-36 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood explained that this Ordinance is a request for supplemental appropriations. These are necessary in two different funds, with the first being the Marine Patrol Grant Fund, which will pay for additional fuel expenses and overtime wages throughout the year of 2023. There is sufficient cash in the Marine Patrol Grant Fund to pay for these additional expenses. The second item is additional appropriations in the Sawmill Creek TIF Fund in the amount of \$105,000. \$55,000 of that increase is related to the demolition costs at Oster's Mobile Home Park, which is going to be reimbursed by the Land Bank this year, so that will be a net cost of zero. The additional \$50,000 is needed for relocation efforts, that is on top of the \$75,000 already budgeted. The reason for the increases is to get to the cash amount in the TIF, so they are conservatively budgeting for this year to be able to pay for these costs as they come along.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-36. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2023-36 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately in accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron.

Ordinance No. 2023-37

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance No. 2023-37 (AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance No. 2023-37 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Dike to place Ordinance No. 2023-37 as an emergency measure.

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: Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2023-37 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko stated that this is their quarterly request of Council to accept replacement pages for the Codified Ordinances. They are trying to do it more frequently throughout the calendar year. These are prepared by the Water Drane Company on behalf of the City. This will replace pages from local changes we have made to our Codified Ordinance, and also changes at the State level to the Traffic Code and the General Offenses Code, if any. This will bring us current through the end of August this year. They may do one more before the end of the year.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-37. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2023-37 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately in accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron.

City Manager's Discussion

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

Oster's Mobile Home Park Update – We continue to see tremendous results in partnership with all of the organizations that we are working with. At this date, we are at 20 of the 27 households that have physically relocated from the park. That includes 4 trailers that have been moved, as well, to various locations. They have 3 more trailers to move, as well, which will be happening in the upcoming weeks. Of those 7, there are only 3 households that are still in need of identifying housing which, candidly, is a tremendous number, as they have heard issues with affordability, issues with occupancy levels within the County, but we continue to see tremendous results for these families and individuals to locate adequate housing and affordable housing, as well. As mentioned at our last meeting, we did commence demolition activity on the vacant units at the site. More specifically, we began tearing down those units that are owned by the City, that are owned by Oster's Mobile Home Park, LLC, or those that are owned by Robert P. Day, individually, who is the owner of the site behind the LLC. To date, we have demolished 7 mobile homes onsite, and we have another 5 pending that I anticipate will be completed this week or next. We also have contracted out the asbestos survey work for the single-family residence in the middle of the park, which will be needed prior to the bidding for the ultimate demolition of that structure.

Zoning Code and Planning Updates – As Mr. Engle mentioned, we did receive \$35,000 from ODNR's Coast Management Assistance Grant program. They anticipate soliciting Requests for Qualifications from architectural design firms to lead the City, in partnership with the Planning Department, to start a

community-engaged process to develop those conceptual plans for those sites from Showboat westward to the Water Treatment Plant.

Parks and Recreation – For folks that have not been out there year, the tennis courts really do look tremendous. The fencing has been installed, the nets have been assembled and installed, and the courts have been striped. Area grading and seeding is complete, and a punch list walk-through is scheduled for tomorrow, I believe. The courts look absolutely beautiful. Also at Fabens Park, the crack sealing and seal coating is substantially complete – I know there are still a few areas that are flagged off. We are excited to see that improvement, as well.

Finance Department – Reminder that we will start 2024 budget meetings here in the next few weeks. There will be 5 consecutive Monday meetings, which start on October 23rd and will go through November 20th. All of those meetings will be held at 4pm in the Council Chambers.

Personnel Update – I wish he was here this evening, but he wanted to acknowledge Captain Mike Hohler of the Huron Fire Department, who completed 30 years of service with the City earlier this month. Mike was hired by the City on October 1, 1993. He has served in a tremendous capacity in all his years with the City, and behalf of the residents and business owners throughout the community and in the Township. Mike, congratulation if you are out there watching or listening. We certainly appreciate you for all of your service to this community.

Agreements – Two agreements have been signed administratively through the City Manager's Office. These are specific to Oster's Mobile Home Park. We have entered into License Agreements with the sellers of that site to (1) permit the City to demolish vacant mobile homes that we own onsite, even though we do not own the real estate, and (2) to allow the City to demolish those units that are owned by Robert P. Day or Oster's Mobile Home Park LLC, even though we do not own the property. There is no financial impact to the City for entering into those agreements.

Upcoming Meetings – Special Planning Commission meeting tomorrow, October 11th at 5:30pm, which will be used to review potential changes to various types of legislation – it's more of a work session than an actual Planning Commission meetings – meeting will be held in Council Chambers; the regular Planning Commission meeting is on Wednesday, October 18th at 5pm in the Council Chambers; the first Finance Committee Budget Meeting is Monday, October 23rd at 4pm in the Council Chambers; the second City Council meeting of the month is on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers; there will be a Records Commission meeting on Thursday, October 26th at 9am in the main conference room; and the second Financial Committee Budget Meeting is Monday, October 30th at 4pm in the Council Chambers.

That concludes my remarks. I am happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Hagy said at the last meeting, they talked about an extension for the folks moving out of Oster's. Did we ever do that? Mr. Lasko answered that at the last meeting, Council authorized the 2nd Amendment to the Purchase Agreement, which accomplished two things: (1) it exercised what we all the First Vacation Period. In the underlying original Agreement, there was an 8-month vacation period for folks to relocate from the site. We did build in three 60-day extensions to that vacation period. We did exercise that first vacation period, which goes through January 29th, give or take a day, of next year. The caveat with that is, however, that doesn't necessarily allow everyone that amount of time. You do have to be engaged in

proactively looking for housing units either yourself, or with our partner agencies. Also, that does not prohibit the Landlord from evicting folks for unlawful activities, etc. There are some caveats to us exercising that first vacation period.

Mr. Claus asked if the Special Planning Commission meeting is at 5pm or 5:30pm tomorrow. Mr. Engle answered that it will start at 5:30pm.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

I am ecstatic about the progress at Oster's over the last several months. The staff, in partnership with associations that are helping find new housing. There are people that are ecstatic about their new homes and their new housing. We are very honored to have Mr. Lasko and those companies working with these people, and we are getting everything taken care of.

I would like to congratulate Captain Hohler. I was actually on the fire department when we hired Captain Hohler. I believe he was our youngest full-time firefighter at 19. Congratulations on 30 years. The Fire Department Station 2 dedication will be held this Saturday at 1:30pm. Everybody is welcome.

I would like to wish a speedy recovery to our Building Official, John Zimmerman. He had some surgery today.

For the Good of the Order

William Biddlecombe – I will piggyback off of what Mr. Lasko was saying with some upcoming meetings. We do have a very exciting one coming up on October 16th. That's right, the Scott Cemetery Board will be having our quarterly meeting on Monday at 6:30pm at the Huron Township Building. The School Board will also be meeting on Monday, October 16th at 6pm at the High School. I would always like to thank our staff for their hard work, and congratulations to Captain Hohler on his 30th anniversary. This Thursday, October 12th from 5pm to 8pm, if you purchase ice cream at the Toft's on 250, 20% of those proceeds will get donated to Huron Ladies Tennis Program. Members of the team will be doing the scooping that night, as well. I am looking forward to the 150th Celebration at Station 2, but also on Saturday, a big reminder that the Huron Pumpkin Festival is October 14th at the Huron Boat Basin. That goes from 11am to 5pm, and the Pumpkin Drop is at 2:30pm. For those who keep asking, Trick-or-Treating is scheduled for October 31st from 5-7pm, rain or shine. If you live in the Huron Heights neighborhood, their Trick-or-Treating will be on the same day, but from 6-8pm. Fall sports are winding down, but Girls Soccer are headed to Sectionals vs Woodmore on October 19th at 6pm. We do have a couple remaining home games. The Boys Soccer is October 12th, and Volleyball on October 14th. For the first time since 2011, the Tigers had a convincing win in Bellevue (37-18), giving Coach Sam Hohler his first win against the Redmen, and then on Friday, the Tigers dominated the Vermilion Sailors (56-0), ensuring that the Win Oar remains in Huron for another year, as it has been since 1966. This week, the Tigers host the Clyde Flyers for the first time since the 2020 playoffs at 7pm, following a trip to Edison on October 20th at 7pm for the final game of the regular season, and presumably, the deciding game for the SBC Bay Division Championship. Please come out and support all of our local events, programs and student athletes, and Go Tigers!

Sam Artino – I also would like to congratulate Captain Hohler on his 30 years, and I would also like to congratulate the Huron Fire Department on their 150 years of service to this community. I have had the

opportunity to use their services a couple of time, and I always knew I was in good hands (not over the 150 years, just the last few).

Mark Claus – I want to say congratulations to Captain Schafer and the whole Fire Department. 150 years is amazing, as everyone said. Congratulations to Captain Hohler on his 30 years of service. To Mr. Lasko, his team, and all of the member agencies, for all of their hard work. We are really coming into the final... hopefully, we can bring this home pretty quickly and finish these last few folks, and get them placed and everybody happy and health.

Joe Dike – I would also like to give my condolences to the Hoffman family. I am very sorry for that. The Keda Fishing Tournament was a great event. I did not participate, but my son did and he had an awesome time. Thanks to everybody for their efforts. I know Mr. Grieves played a big part in that, so great job, Matt. I also want to congratulate Captain Hohler. I had a lot of great memories with him in high school. I can't believe it's already been 30 years. Congratulations. Also, it is pretty awesome to know that we are a part of a community that has a 150-year-old fire department. I'm sorry I'm not going to be able to attend your events this weekend – I have to go out of town for work, but I do know that's going to be a top-notch event. I know Chris Folger has been doing a lot of planning for that, so I hope everything is the best for that. I also know that on Sunday, they are going to do a dedication for Mary Kay Schlessman at 12:30pm. I won't be able to attend that, but I want to wish everyone the best there, and sorry for that again. Lastly, there's a house that is right on Cleveland Road. I tell you what, that's a beautiful house they're building there on Cleveland Road East. I don't know who owns it, but they are doing a nice job, so I just wanted to give them my congrats.

Matt Grieves – On thing, I just want to give my condolences to the Hoffman family. Cory graduated a few years ahead of me, and losing a son at that age is a horrible thing. Prayers to all of the Hoffman family here in Huron. Special thanks to Parks & Rec, they did an amazing job helping out at the Keda Fishing Derby, and everything they did this summer with the parks and the grounds. Thank you.

Joel Hagy – Just a couple of things... Doug, the tennis courts look great, it looks really nice. Thank you for leading that up. Congratulations to the Fire Department – saving lives for over 150 years, that's not a bad tagline. Congratulations to Captain Hohler. He was telling everyone he was 9 when he joined. That's all I have.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Claus to move into executive session for consideration of the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with R.C. 505.10, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, and the second session would be to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation, and to invite Mr. Lasko, Mr. Ebert and Mr. Hamilton.

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 action following the two executive sessions was unlikely.

There being five or more votes in favor of the motion, the motion passed and Council moved into executive session at 7:17pm.

Return to Regular Meeting

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:07pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of October 10, 2023 was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Adopted: 28 NOV 2023


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council