

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

The Mayor called the Council meeting 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, Law Director Todd Schrader (also acting as Council Clerk), Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Service Director Stuart Hamilton, Police Chief Terry Graham, Water Superintendent Jack Evans, and Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Audience Comments

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

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2023-51 (TABLED)

Motion by Mr. Claus to remove Ordinance No. 2023-51 from the table.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll. 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, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2023-51 was removed from the table.

Ordinance No. 2023-51

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-51 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF HURON, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION 505.18 (CHICKENS)) be placed on its third reading.

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

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)

NAYS: Artino (1)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2023-51 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that this ordinance is establishing rules and regulations for the keeping of hens in single and two-family residential zoning districts. As our current ordinance stands, it is only limited to the large lots, usually for an agricultural-type use. This would open that up to the smaller lots throughout the City. He did not want to go through the performance standards, but amendments made since the first reading include incorporating grandfathering language at Mr. Hagy's request. Further amendments made is that the nonconforming enclosures shall be exempt from the permitting process, but must secure a permit upon losing any such legal nonconforming status, and criteria is given for that.

Mr. Claus had a few concerns, and said they would relate to both chickens and bees. He said, "I wanted to get the temperature of the rest of Council, but I have concerns about the nonconforming status not being required to pull a permit. I was under the impression that they would still have to register. I am not trying to create extra work for Planning & Zoning or anything like that, but I think it is difficult for us to either monitor, regulate, inspect, etc., if there is a nonconforming complaint for all of the reasons that were listed. This is a little different to me than a property line change in a zoning where your house was already 2 feet from the property line, so that is going to be nonconforming forever. You can lose the nonconforming status for bees or chickens if you don't maintain your coop properly, if you create a mess, or if there are smells, etc. That is all laid out and that was good. I know Mr. Hagy was involved in requesting this, as well, so I would like the rest of Council's opinion on whether you agree or disagree with me that they should still be registered so that we know that they have hens. Will there be an initial inspection as part of the registration?" Mr. Engle answered that as the proposed ordinance is currently written, whoever came in new would have to secure a permit. If they were to get a call on a nuisance on an existing one, then that would trigger the whole permitting process. They could lose their nonconforming status if it is noncompliance. Mr. Claus continued, "What keeps someone from saying I've been doing this, even if they weren't, if it's 2 years from now, 1-1/2 years from now. If they just say they've been doing it since before we started this registration, but there's no good way of tracking it. I'm not trying to trap anybody. Anybody that would come in for a permit, if they are nonconforming, we are going to say they have a get out of jail free card, you're not in trouble. You just need to register and say I've got chickens so that we know that you have an approved nonconforming use." Mr. Engle wanted to clarify what Mr. Claus is saying. What Mr. Claus is proposing is registration of all, regardless of status. It wouldn't be a permit process, per se, but it would be a registration, similar to transient rentals. Mr. Claus said, "Yes, very similar to transient rentals, and obviously there would be a box internally on your form that says nonconforming..." Mr. Erik said that would probably be a separate form. Mr. Claus continued, "We know that we have an address on Kiwanis Ave. that has chickens."

Mr. Dike said, "Having reviewed it and looked at it, it seems like we are nickel and diming everything we can possibly find, and this is something to where... What brought this about? Is there a real issue in our community with chickens and bees?" Mr. Engle answered that they received several call. Mr. Dike asked, "2, 5, 10?" Mr. Engle said they receive 2 calls on chickens escaping, not nuisance-related. Mr. Dike asked, "So who is going to go out and chase them, Stu?" Mr. Engle answered it would be whoever is out. They have not received any issues as far as any other concern is. Whatever he has laid out, there are not any

other concerns at this point. Simply just that chickens have gotten out and they happened to notice that it's not allowed pursuant to our code based on the large lot requirement. That is what started this whole thing. We have only received 2 calls on that, however, he has received up to 4 calls last year from folks inquiring who want to start raising chickens. That is really what really opened up the discussion. Mr. Dike asked, "Like they want to have a little chicken farm?" Mr. Engle answered that they want to raise chickens at their house, and they want to know what the rules are. He knows of urban farms all over the place; it is not an unheard-of thing having urban chickens. Folks are already doing, so he just figured, why not open it up to the entire City, as far as raising a certain amount of chickens. Mr. Dike added, "I know we are talking about been coming up, so for example, I know there is a property down here on N. Main that has a bunch of bee hives there. How do you handle something like that? Has that been an issue? Have people called on that?" Mr. Engle answered that he has received no calls on bees. Mr. Dike said, "My whole thing is, what is that guy going to have to do, and when he says no, I'm not doing it, what are we going to do to them?" Mr. Engle answered that as it stands now, they can exist as a nonconforming use. The moment you get a nuisance call, then they would have to adhere to what has been laid out as far as what the requirements are. Mr. Dike said, "So then what's the next step if he says he's not doing anything and then we go to the prosecutor and then they take it to the Court?" Mr. Engle answered that is correct. Mr. Dike continued, "... and that is just is a standstill and we go nowhere." Mr. Schrader answered no, we get an order to enforce the law. Mr. Dike asked, "What's going on with that property with the other violations down there, you know. There's a whole different thing where it just doesn't make sense and it seems like we just keep putting all of these things out there and we keep running into the same issues. So that's where I'm kind of like, we are sitting here spending all of this time and effort on this, and for what, so we can have a document?" Mr. Claus said, "So we shouldn't pass any ordinances?" Mr. Dike said, "You can sit here and laugh about it, but look at it." Mr. Artino said, "I agree with Mr. Dike. One of the problems I am having is that we don't enforce some of the other code we have in place now. It feels to me like we're trying to create... it looks like we're doing work. When you start enforcing all of the codes, start adding things like this." Mayor Tapp asked Mr. Schrader, "This is because I don't know. If a homeowners association has by-laws and it says you can't have chickens, then are we responsible for that?" Mr. Schrader answered no, the HOA has to enforce their rules. Those are covenants that run with the land and they are responsible for those." Mr. Claus said, "That would be just like the transient rentals, it works the same way." Mayor Tapp said, "That's what I am kind of getting at, and I have had the discussion and I have been here all my life. I have been here all my life and never had a complaint, and again, Mr. Dike, I am not sure who is going to go and catch these chickens if we get a complaint. There's someone back there shaking his head, no." Mr. Artino added, "That ain't gonna happen." Mayor Tapp said, "This amazes me that we have spent this much time, and again, and this is nothing... because you weren't here...you know, the way it is written up right now, not before, you can only have something within 100' from everybody. Nobody has checked that, nobody has enforced that for years. Now we are going to put something else in there and they aren't going to enforce it, either, so, that's where I'm at."

Mr. Engle said if the City is not going to allow it, he is going to start citing those who have them. Mayor Tapp said, "Why start now? Why didn't we start a year ago?" Mr. Engle said we have to modify the code as it is now, too. If Council doesn't want all of the rest of this, he just needs a recommendation on moving forward with completely eliminating the 100' rule that we already have. Because with those smaller lots, people are still going to raise them and if they get out, he is going to cite them. Mr. Hagy said, "Not for having chickens, but for having a structure too close...". Mr. Engle said that is right. Mayor Tapp said, "I think if people took care of their stuff and kept it clean, you wouldn't get complaints anyways." Mr. Claus said, "But that's what this ordinance allows, the control and sets parameters out..." Mr. Artino said, "Wait

a minute. We have setback codes in place now. What does it matter if it's a chicken coop or a shed?" Mr. Engle answered that the code speaks directly to the keeping of fowl. Mr. Artino said, "You just said, basically we are going to enforce the structure. We don't need this to enforce the structure, we already have that code." Mr. Claus said, "No, no, he said enforce if you have chickens." Mr. Engles said if you have a structure and it is being used to keep chickens, that is something that is not allowed. You essentially need to eliminate either the chicken component or the 100' component. One of them has to give. He was thinking that because folks are inquiring about this, they would open it up to the City to have regulations in place that are above and beyond what we have now just to safeguard ourselves. It's one of those things where if Council doesn't want it, they can certainly pull it. Mayor Tapp said, "We are not going to do... you don't have to do anything until you get a complaint, anyway." Mr. Erik answered that if their new zoning inspector is in place and they want to proactively want to start going after people with chickens, they can do that. It's not a high priority – they are not out to get folks' chickens. Mr. Hagy said, "I am still back at... I just made a comment what you would be enforcing would be the location of the structure, not the fact that there's chickens there." Mr. Engle answered that it would be both. Mr. Hagy said, "Is there an ordinance right now that says you are not allowed to raise chickens on your property?" Mr. Engle said it is not permitted within 100' of any property line. That's what it says. In order to raise chickens, you need a cop, so that's how it goes hand-in-hand. Mr. Hagy said, "No, no, hang on. There's the coop and there's the chickens. Say it's turtles and you have a coop for your turtles and it's within 100'. The problem is with the coop, right? It's not with the turtles, it's with the coop. So we have nothing on the books that says you're not allowed to raise chickens...". Mr. Tapp said, "It says farm animals, I think." Mr. Claus said, "It says farm animals within 100' feet." Mr. Engle said it specifically lists fowl. It's really any farm animal within 100' of the property line. Mr. Claus said, "The current code doesn't refer to the coop, it refers to the animal." Mr. Hagy said, "My only comment is I appreciate the fact that we should have something if it currently says it's illegal. There's plenty of people that are doing it. There are people that are raising chickens and they are in a no man's land or they are in violation of the law, quite frankly, and do we want to go and enforce that? I'm fine with the revisions that were made, it completely satisfied what I was looking for. I have no issue with including you've got to register. That makes sense to me. I do think that, given the fact that we know we have people with chickens in the City limits, and given the fact that currently that is illegal, which is what I am being told, is that correct?" Mr. Claus said, "Yes, once they are within 100' feet of the property line." Mr. Hagy said, "Wait. If your coop is 100' feet away, you can have chickens on your property?" Mr. Claus answered, "100' from the property line." Mayor Tapp added, "Other people's property lines." Mr. Hagy said, "So you can have chickens, but you just said there's a law that says you can't have fowl." Mr. Claus said, "No, no, the law says it has to be 100', but nobody can really be 100' unless you live... within the City limits, there are only probably a dozen lots..." Mr. Artino asked, "Do we have people in violation of that now? How come we didn't... why don't we enforce that? We already have a law." Mr. Engle said that's a great question. Mr. Artino continued, "We already had a law. That's what I'm complaining about. We're not enforcing the codes we have in place." Mr. Engle said that's why they want to open it up. Mr. Claus said, "The two complaints that they had then opened the discussion." Mr. Artino said, "I don't know why we need this. We have a code that addresses the structure." Mr. Claus said, "But it doesn't really allow it, so if we don't want to allow it, that's a different story. That should have been said on the first reading, then." Mr. Artino said, "We're not enforcing the code we have today. Have we hired a code enforcement person yet?" Mr. Engle answered that they have not.

Mayor Tapp asked, "Where are we at as far as moving...". Mr. Schrader said there is a motion pending to place this on its third reading. That motion can move forward to be voted upon, Mark could withdraw the

motion, Mark or anyone else could make a motion to remove these from the agenda... They also talked about registration vs permitting, and he thinks they need to have it clear. Is everybody permitted, or not, subject to grandfathering? Is everybody permitted, or not, and is everybody inspected, or not. If Council tackles those two questions, if this is going to proceed, that gives Mr. Engle guidance. Everybody permitted, or not, subject to grandfathers, and is everybody inspected? Mr. Artino asked, "For the people that are grandfathered in, if they are in violation of the setback, the location of the coop now, are we just going to let them get away with it?" Mr. Claus answered, "That's the legal nonconforming. That's what we had talked about after the first reading." Mr. Artino said, "That's what I'm saying, It's illegal now." Mr. Claus said, "No. It's legal, meaning we're saying it's okay that they are nonconforming because they are grandfathered." Mr. Artino continued, "Instead of enforcing the code, now we are going to say, oh, it's okay." Mr. Claus answered, "No, that was the request of Councilman Hagy in the discussion we had after the first reading. Because we're changing the code, we are grandfathering people that were already doing. There's no hard and fast rule, but someone is saying there are 20 people that have chicken coops in one neighborhood. I don't know if that's the right number or if it's 5, but it's more than 2, even though there's only 2 complaints. There's quite a few more than that."

Mr. Schrader said this ordinance is on its third and final reading, so it's up to Councilman Claus in that he asked for the motion to place it on its third and final reading. That's where we are, right before final adoption.

Motion by Mr. Claus to remove Ordinance No. 2023-51 (Section 505.18 Chickens) from the table and subsequently amend the legislation to require that legal nonconforming status (current holders of chickens) would have to register with the City as legal nonconforming.

Mr. Schrader said they are on the third reading of the Ordinance and cannot amend it right now. Mr. Claus said he was removing it from the agenda. Mr. Schrader said we have already removed it from tabled status, so we have contemplated the third reading. If we are going to consider amending and changing this to add permitting for everybody, subject to nonconforming. He would recommend, on the legal side, that we have a motion to remove this ordinance and any others like it, if you prefer, from the agenda. Then, the charge has been heard by Mr. Engle and staff, and this would be represented with new language and we would start the three readings. This is not the time to start amending, unfortunately.

Mr. Claus asked if that motion would carry for the first five. Mr. Schrader answered that if he makes that motion apply to all 5, then that would be voted upon. The first five ordinances on the agenda are linked to chickens and bees in some way.

Motion by Mr. Claus to remove these ordinances from the agenda and we will start the process over.

Mr. Schrader clarified that Councilman Claus is referring to Ordinances 2023-51, 2023-52, 2023-55, 2023-56 and 2023-57, all to be removed from tabled status and removed from the agenda pending resubmittal.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any questions on that motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Acting Clerk to call the roll on removal from the agenda. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Mr. Artino said, "It would be a lot easier to enforce the code we have in place now instead of what we just went through for the last 3 months. Thank you."

Ordinance No. 2024-7 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Tapp that Ordinance No. 2024-7 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING PARAGRAPH (a) OF SECTION 143.01 (CREATION AND COMPOSITION) OF CHAPTER 143 (FIRE DIVISION) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) 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 waiving the three-reading rule. 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, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-7 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Captain Nash explained that as they go through their roster, sometimes they are up and sometimes they are down on the count. We will get a big influx of firefighters that can be here, and then they get hired full-time. This just gives them a little bit of flexibility if they are not capped at a roster of 40. They can go above it as long as they have enough gear to outfit them. The market is out there. They are leaving as fast as they are coming. There are times when he sits back and holds somebody and by the time he is ready to put them into the roster because we just dropped one, now they are getting another full-time job.

Mr. Lasko brought up that at the last meeting the proposal was to raise the roster cap to 50. Councilman Hagy had asked if it makes sense to pick a higher number. If there is any desire by Council to up that number, he would recommend (and he thinks Mr. Schrader would recommend) to do it here on the second reading vs the third reading. While it seems as though everyone was comfortable with the 50 number, if there is any desire to up that so we don't have to come back... Captain Nash asked if they could leave it at the discretion of the Fire Chief or City administration, he doesn't see them going above 50 just because there's just not enough personnel out there, but if they weren't strapped to a number it may make it easier for flexibility reasons if we did get a big influx or a class just came through and has a bunch of new hires that live in the jurisdictions surrounding the City. That's with Council's approval, to proceed with that. Mayor Tapp said he doesn't have a problem with that because the Fire Department is going to decide on its own if they don't have the gear to outfit them. Captain Nash said if they don't have gear, they are not going to go out and spend \$7,000 on gear for them and just have them leave. Usually, they use the stuff that is left over from the other guys to outfit them. If they don't have anything, then they can't really put them here. Mr. Dike asked if they ever do something like this, does this ever put the Department at risk as far as expenditures go. Captain Nash answered no, because they are spending the same money whether it's a new guy coming in or a current part-timer. It's a little bit of extra training dollars, but as far as guys working, it's the same pay for guys just coming here vs somebody that's been here for a while. Mr. Dike said the one thing with leaving it at the discretion of the City Manager or the Fire Chief, I think it's fair to the Council that you guys should have to come back, even if it's not you guys, but give a reasoning why we need to up this or that. I'm good if you want to do something like 60, but if

50's good, I'm good with whatever. Mr. Hagy said the way it was written, and the reason he brought it up, is right now it's written as you can hire as many as you want. There is no 50 in here. He just wants to make sure everybody understands what he is saying. This says, basically, hire as many as you want. He says maybe they should put a number on it. Captain Nash clarified that this is part-time personnel, this is not full-time hires. They are together, but a full-time hire would have to go through the process and stuff. This is just a part-time firefighter that will pick up a shift or come in for a general tone, such as a working structure fire or something like that. Mr. Hagy asked if there is a cap on full-time vs part-time. Captain Nash answered that they currently have 15. They must have 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant and 3 Firefighters per shift.

Mr. Lasko clarified that there is currently a cap of 40 in the administrative code. The way it's currently written is just that the roster can be whatever the number is to meet the needs of the City. They did talk about putting a number on it at the last meeting, whether it be 50 or 60. The other thing he wanted to clarify, which he is sure Mr. Swaisgood would say, is at the end of day, regardless of what that number is or not, this is always subject to budget restrictions on an annual basis that come before Council in the fall. No matter what the number is, if there was a number it is obviously subject to budget restrictions. As currently written in the amendment, they are getting rid of the 40 cap and just having it state that the roster can be whatever it is to meet the needs of the Department for the City and the Township.

Mr. Artino said he is fine with no limit. They are not the only community that is having this problem. He thinks we should do whatever we have to do to keep the City safe. Captain Nash said the quicker they can grab them, the quicker they are here, because the other departments are trying to pick them up as well.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-8 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2024-8 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING PARAGRAPH (a) OF SECTION 311.02 (PARADES AND ASSEMBLAGES) OF CHAPTER 311 (STREET OBSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL USES) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) 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, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-8 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle stated that this ordinance cleans up some language, as well as adding a requirement for a site plan map for assemblage and parade applications. There is currently no application fee, so that wouldn't change. The map will be included as a means to let staff know where certain people are congregating or what that parade route is. They work in tandem with Huron Parks & Rec for all of these permits. This will help them out from a process standpoint.

Mr. Dike asked if the 5k Series that the community has will need to apply for a permit, are they considered assemblages? Mr. Engle answered yes. They should contact the Zoning Department. Mr. Dike asked what the turnaround is for something like that. Should they do it 3 months in advance? One month in advance? Mr. Engle said that was probably more a question for Mr. Steinwart. It depends on which spaces they are using. They usually turn it around quickly.

Mr. Steinwart added that the Police Chief also reviews parade routes and assemblage locations to determine if there are road closures needed or additional officers will be needed. In addition, we have to make sure we don't already have an event going on.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-9 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2024-9 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 711 (PEDDLERS) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) 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, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-9 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that the amendments made to this ordinance were made to clarify the process used for Peddler's Permits. The City currently does not have a fee, but staff is proposing a \$50 fee for a 6-month timeframe, or \$100 for a calendar year. This is for any for-profit organizations wanting to go door-to-door. They work in tandem with the police, who conduct background checks on the applicants.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-10 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2024-10 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 721 (TAXICABS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON) 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-10 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle stated that in reviewing all these ordinances, there was a section on taxicab registration. This is for anyone operating a taxicab vehicle. The City does not require anything for Uber or Lyft vehicles, so staff feels this is a tad obsolete at this point. There is no knowledge of any permits like this being issues in the past. Staff is recommending that this entire section be repealed.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-11 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that Ordinance No. 2024-11 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 741 (HOME SALES) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-11 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle said amendments to this ordinance relate to a wordsmithing issue staff came upon. They are changing "Home Sale" to "Garage Sale" to clarify what this section entails. They are also proposing to eliminate the fee for this, as well. It is currently \$2. Mr. Claus clarified that this is not the sale of a home, it is a sale at your home.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-12 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Grieves that Ordinance No. 2024-12 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 731 (TEMPORARY STORES) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) 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: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-12 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that with all the interest in food trucks, they are adding that to the definition of temporary store.

Mr. Biddlecombe had a question about this and read through it again after the last meeting. We have events at the Boat Basin where food trucks come in. The one he is most familiar with is River Fest. They pay a fee to be there, and they have the County Health Department do their inspection. How is this going to affect something like that? Mr. Engle said they would require a permit from the City, as well. Mr. Biddlecombe said there is going to be a second layer of permit that is going to be required just to have food trucks at things.... Mr. Engle said they would require everything they are getting from the Health Department, as well. That's just the gist of it. They have lumped it together with temporary stores just because they don't have anything else on the books for that. They found this was the easiest way to do that. Whatever requirements at the County level they need, they need our approval as well.

Mr. Claus wanted to follow up on what Mr. Biddlecombe said. The guys that are only there for one day, or short events like River Fest, should we consider a more permanent license (more than 1-4 days)? If we are having someone go through this process... they have to do the Health Department thing, no matter what, and the Parks & Rec and River Fest organizations already require that. I am all for having the legislation for the more permanent versions because that could increase, or is likely to. Mr. Engle said the City can always waive the need for a permit if it's coupled with an event. Mr. Biddlecombe agreed, saying if it is an event hosted by Parks & Rec, you would be affecting everything that happens at the Boat Basin in the summer. Mr. Hagy asked, when they pay that fee for River Fest, does that go to the River Fest Committee or to the City? Mr. Biddlecombe answered that it goes to the Committee. Mr. Claus said River Fest is charging them to be there to make money, not for a registration. Mr. Artino asked if this is a one-time fee for the year. Mr. Engle answered that is up to 120 days, and then they would have to reapply. Mr. Claus thinks they should consider some sort of language that if it falls under Parks & Rec or River Fest, it would be exempt from the City's registration. He thinks that's pretty fair. Mr. Hagy asked if this applies whether the truck is on a private party versus public property. Mr. Engle answered that they don't specify the type of property, so it would apply to both. Mr. Biddlecombe said he is worried about scaring away these businesses. Mr. Steinwart said that although he hasn't read it fully, it would hinder how they do some things. For example, for the eclipse event, for the two vendors that come all the time, it might be worth it, but for the "one and done" vendors, it might not be. They already have a contract with them, they are collecting a fee. They have to provide their insurance and the Health Department inspection. Parks & Rec collects the fee, whether it be a flat fee or percentage. This would make it more difficult for their department to go out and find food vendors and would be stuck with the food vendors already in our community. They wouldn't have a chance to go outside and try new ones, because they wouldn't want to pay both fees. Mr. Hagy said that's why he asked the question about River Fest, because they are already paying the City, they shouldn't have to do it again. That defies common sense. There should be language in there for that. If they are paying Parks & Rec at Fabens, they shouldn't have to also pay the City for a permit. Mr. Claus said the process and timing is going to be an issue because you've got these events where they are quickly in and out, and you are going to be hamstrung by a limited number of people. The intent of the legislation was more for people who want to keep the food trucks there all summer; that's really what precipitated the discussion, not because there are food trucks at River Fest.

Mr. Engle said he appreciates all of them working this out. This is a chapter that wasn't historically Zoning's. Mr. Biddlecombe added that with River Fest, they already require the vendors to have the City named as additional insureds. They have the core group that is more local, but the cheese guy comes from Wisconsin. Is he going to want to file for a City permit also, just to come here once a year?

Mr. Lasko said that he is hearing potentially two exclusions, being either the number of days (10 or 20 calendar days), or if it's some type of City-sponsored or sanctioned event/festival. Mr. Claus added that they have to be careful with the word "city" because River Fest would be a separate 501(c)(3). Mr. Schrader asked if you have to pull a permit already, then this is not a duplication, but if don't have to pull a permit for your event with the City, then you do have to. Clarification was made that it would be a "contract" and not necessarily a "permit." Anybody that has a contract or a permit from the City is exempt from enforcement of this Chapter. Mr. Artino said he doesn't even know why they are doing this. Mr. Claus answered that there is someone has a food truck that is here all summer, and the code doesn't even address it. River Fest is a 501(c)(3) and they apply for a permit to use the Boat Basin for the weekend. That, technically, would be a city-sanctioned event because they are renting the facility.

Mr. Artino said there is one person that is keeping a stand open somewhere all summer long, so a person isn't allowed to have a food stand in the City limits? Mr. Claus said they are currently covered under temporary stores. It doesn't even say that they have Health Department approval – that is the language being added that specifically lists food trucks and then requires certain criteria. Mr. Engle said, as things come up, they want to address them. Mr. Claus said the issue really is with the other small events. They don't need to keep debating it, they should just let staff come up with some language that would cover those couple scenarios. Mr. Biddlecome said there are other food trucks that have set up in various parking lots at different times, too. That would cover that instance to make sure that somebody doesn't have sanitary conditions. At the same time, we don't want to hurt the other events that have already taken care of that. Mr. Artino said if it's sitting on private property, that business would be liable that allowed it. There's a place on the corner that had a food truck for a while, and he would say that business that allowed them to be there would be liable if something happened. Mr. Claus brought up Cameo's Pizza guy – he would sometimes be in someone's parking lot. They have their Health Department permit, but how does that work? Mr. Engle answered that based on the current language, they would have to register if they are actively selling something. Mr. Claus said their registration would be good for 120 days, so even if they are in and out of a spot within the City, they would be covered. Mr. Dike asked if you are having a private party and have a food truck, do they have to get a permit? Mr. Lasko said that because food trucks are becoming really popular, they want to promote them not just for small events, but also for longer durations. With that said, our code is silent as to food trucks. We have been licensing them under temporary stores. We just want to acknowledge food trucks' inclusion as a temporary store. The point is very well taken that there should be some carved out exclusions in certain instances. Mayor Tapp said he thinks Mr. Steinwart can sit down with staff to talk about the events that go on and hash it out. Mr. Steinwart says Erik doesn't have the background of how they have dealt with food trucks in the past; they have always been exempt during City events.

Ordinance No. 2024-13 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2024-13 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 1323 (CONTRACTORS) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-13 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that anytime anyone does any work, they require them to register with the City (in the background, Mr. Artino is hear saying, "This is going to be a discussion, too."). This ordinance clarifies what they would be requiring for this. They are including an insurance coverage for \$1 Million (originally \$300,000). This amount is pretty standard. Since he has started with the City, he has seen nothing less than that amount. For ROW permits, they are proposing a cap of \$250 (\$100 per trade, but capped at \$250). If you are going for four trades, as it stands now, they could charge \$400. The new language proposes a cap of \$250 no matter how many trades you are applying for, as well as incorporating a surety bond amount for the minimum amount of \$10,000, or as decided by staff, depending on the scope of work. They recognize that some smaller contractors may not be able to get a surety bond for \$10,000, so they want to work with folks and secure a proper amount there. That opens the discussion up in a codified manner.

Mayor Tapp said he has received an email... he doesn't believe we need to be higher than surrounding communities. Mr. Engle answered that, generally speaking, Amherst doesn't cap it. If you are going in for 5 trades, you pay \$500. Mayor Tapp said Sandusky and Perkins cap at \$200, so he would like to see that. Mr. Claus said he would agree with that. He thinks the cap is legitimate and doesn't think there are lots of contractors that have more than 2 trades they are applying for. They should probably be consistent with Vermilion, Perkins, and other local communities. Mr. Biddlecombe said that if you are building a house, a lot of that would be subcontractors. Mr. Claus said a general contractor would be 1 trade. Electricians and HVAC would be separate.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2024-14

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-14 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,150,000 TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING EXISTING STREETS IN THE CITY INCLUDING THOSE WITHIN OLD HOMESTEAD I, OLD HOMESTEAD II AND CHASKA BEACH NEIGHBORHOODS BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, PAVING, GRADING, DRAINING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING, AS NECESSARY, CURBS, CATCH BASINS AND RELATED DRAINAGE FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, ALL AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, 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 suspending the three-reading rule. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-14 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Claus to place Ordinance No. 2024-14 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-14 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Swaisgood stated that this ordinance will allow the City to issue bonds not to exceed \$2.15 Million for the construction costs for the street improvements in Old Homestead and Chaska Beach neighborhoods. It is expected to be a tax-exempt bond with a competitive interest rate between 3.5% and 4.5% and will be paid back over 15 years. The bonds are anticipated to be exempt from the City's direct debt limit, which will not impact its debt capacity. These bonds are expected to be priced in May. This was presented to the Finance Commission in the 2024 budget meetings. The Debt Service Fund will account for the repayment of these bonds over the next 15 years using income tax revenue from the General Fund.

Mr. Hagy asked why these bonds are tax-exempt. Mr. Swaisgood answered that, in theory, the City is not using property taxes to pay for this. They are exempt from the direct debt limit but are not exempt from the indirect debt limit. They are more restricted on the direct debt limit side of things, Because the City is using income tax revenue to pay back the debt and not property tax revenue, they are going to be exempt from their direct debt limits.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-14. 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, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-14 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2024-15

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-15 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.01, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.02, TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE, REGARDING BANNING PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF BERLIN ROAD BETWEEN US 6 (CLEVELAND ROAD) AND TIFFIN AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO; 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 suspending the three-reading rule. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-15 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Artino to place Ordinance No. 2024-15 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-15 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the City received a request for a change on Berlin Road north for parking. The original request was to make one side of the street for parking and no parking on the other side. That was taken to the Safety Committee, which met and discussed, with the resident's input, that because that road is only 19' wide, allowing parking on one side restricted the road too much to larger vehicles down there such as emergency vehicles. The Safety Committee decided to make Berlin Road no parking on both sides. There is a no parking sign on Berlin Road – they are just updating the map to make it no parking on both sides to keep it clear. The Safety Committee asked to, in the future, look at widening that road to allow parking. Another issue they had is the worry that Berlin Road would become overflow parking ("free" parking) for Nickel Plate Beach.

Regarding the resident's ask to restrict parking to one side, Mr. Hagy asked what the resident's reaction was to banning parking on both sides. Mr. Hamilton answered that the resident that came to the meeting was in favor of banning parking on both sides.

Mr. Dike asked what no parking means. Does that mean on either side of the concrete that's there, because he knows people pull off into the grass area to park? What designates no parking, into the grass, or onto the pavement? Mr. Hamilton answered that when it comes to the Traffic Book, no parking on the road means no parking on the road. If you park outside of the road, that becomes a code enforcement issue.

Mr. Claus asked if the situation is they don't currently allow parking on both sides, but it just wasn't official? Chief Graham answered that because there are no curbs, they could be half-on-half-off. They are just making it official.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-15. 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, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-15 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2024-16

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-16 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.01, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.02, TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE, REGARDING INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) STOP SIGNS ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH WHEELER DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, MAKING THAT INTERSECTION A 3-WAY STOP; 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-16 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance No. 2024-16 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-16 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton said the Safety Committee also addressed this issue at their recent meeting. They had requests/complaints about traffic going around that bend on Riverside. Staff went out, drove it and looked at it. It is a tight bend, and the line of sight is not good going around there. There is a stop sign on Wheeler Dr. already and there are a lot of driveways and children are playing within that bend on Riverside. Staff recommended to the Safety Committee that two additional stop signs be added to make it a 3-way stop. The Safety Committee voted on it and agreed with staff's recommendation. Mr. Biddlecombe advised that there is where the bus stop is back there, too. He lives back in that neighborhood and walks that a lot. It

is a pretty blind intersection when you are walking. He has seen cars fly around the curve and thinks it makes sense if they had a request from a family with kids. Mayor Tapp acknowledged that was the case.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any additional questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-16. 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, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-16 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 21-2024

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 21-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES RELATING TO THE HURON WATERFRONT PARKS PLAN PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$67,000.00) 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 waiving the three-reading rule. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than five votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 21-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that this resolution would authorize OHM Advisors to move forward with the City's Waterfront Parks planning initiative. They received 50/50 split grant from the CMAG through ODNR. They are going to address anything from public outreach to multi-use corridor connectivity, streetscape enhancements, park amenities, and shore habitat restoration, as well as recommendations with an emphasis on future funding sources. This came in under budget at \$67,000 (\$70,000 was budgeted).

Mr. Dike asked if at the end of this they are hoping to have a master plan and ideas on different ways to get grants. Mr. Engle answered that is correct. Mr. Dike asked if there is one that is more a priority as the others, as far as which park goes. Mr. Engle said this is more of a wholistic vision. He would say they want to attack the Showboat property first. It will all come down to what everything's going to cost and when certain grant funding opens up. Ultimately, the goal would be to focus back on the Main Street side of things and then work their way westward. Regarding Main Street beach, Mr. Dike asked if the City can do stuff out there since it looks like it is right next to the spoils site. Mr. Lasko answered that the area just north of the parking lot can be activated for public use because the public is already going on the pier. The plan is going to address everything, but as is typical with any conceptual plan, they would probably have a prioritization from a phasing standpoint similar to what was just done on Main Street Corridor with starting on S. Main Street. He thinks they will come up with some type of prioritization from public

feedback, Planning Commission feedback and Council feedback. Ultimately, they want to come up with a better vision for how they better activate the Showboat property that also ensures adequate parking, circulation and how to better activate some of that green space. How do we further connect all of those public spaces. We know that we have a growing public beach behind a water plant that the public uses, but there's really no safe way to get to them. How does the City address some of those issues through this plan, as well? Connectivity, some public enhancements, shoreline restoration, come up with a prioritization and then some preliminary cost estimates/grants that may be obtainable.

Mr. Hagy said that he is struggling with this because this is for planning purposes. How is it deconflicted with the Vision 2020 update that they just paid a different consultant to do. Some of the stuff that staff is specifically talking about such as the beach and the Showboat property were a part of that, as well. Are we getting a second opinion on a vision? Mr. Engle answered that they are getting more to the nitty-gritty. He thinks there is overarching, general consensus as to how the space should be used, but this plan is going to get into the true land use of it and what that will look like. He envisions things getting spec'd for a pavilion, or something like that – getting into the physical realm, so to speak, of how these things get designed. Mr. Lasko added that, in his mind, one of the big things they achieved through the Vision 2020 Update was a go-or-no-go in terms of the end-use of the Showboat property, for example. Does that stay public, or do we explore some privatization of it. Through that process, the general consensus was to keep that public, but better activated. That takes it to the next step of, how do we better activate it while still ensuring adequate parking, how do we enhance the circulation around that site, and what are specific amenities we can add to the property? This would be similar to what they did for the Berlin Road Park, where they talked about fishing docks and pavilions. It gets to that level. It's the next step to, "We want to retain this as public space."

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. 21-2024. 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. 21-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 36-2024

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 36-2024 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITYWIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY-RELATED ORDINANCES, THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE) 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 36-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle stated that this is a routine Resolution of Necessity and allows the City to enforce all property-related issues throughout the City. Is the first step in allowing them to assess anyone, should that need arise, to be placed on their tax duplicate for 2025.

Mr. Dike asked if they couldn't already do that, say if somebody didn't pay for their grass. Mr. Engle answered that, historically speaking, that is what they were doing. However, just as a means to better notify the public, they are starting to take these Resolutions of Necessity before Council as a way to formally go through a process. Mr. Schrader could probably speak more to this. Mr. Schrader said that when it comes to sidewalks and trees, the Ohio Revised Code is pretty specific in terms of the order in which things have to be done before they can get to things getting put on the tax duplicate. This is the very first step, straight out of the Ohio Revised Code, that says before we do anything, we've got to notify the public that they are coming to do the inspections, and this will trigger later actions, whether it be trees, sidewalks, etc. They have done it so the path is done for everything. They have to go through this process to secure their rights when the time comes to submit to the Auditor.

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. 36-2024. 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. 36-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 37-2024

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 37-2024 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF SIDEWALK-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO SIDEWALKS) 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 37-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle said that he doesn't have anything to add and appreciated Mr. Schrader's help with the assessment process and making sure they are in line with the ORC. Mr. Dike said that after being on Council for 10 years... this is all zoning stuff, correct? Mr. Schrader said, yes, code enforcement. Do they have that many issues with all this stuff? Mr. Schrader said that as long as he has been involved as Law Director, sidewalks were first where they wanted to make sure that everything they are doing in terms of sidewalks was being done correctly. After Council approves the Resolution of Necessity and staff goes out and does inspections, they can't go forward until they have estimates on a linear foot basis of how much sidewalks are going to cost to be replaced (that gets spread over several residents). There are specific criteria that must be followed. They were looking to make sure that they are doing this in compliance with Ohio law, and it then made sense to be sure that the same procedures are followed for trees and other things to be sure that they are totally compliant. I may have been done as a policy matter in the past, but now it is codified. This is to ensure that they are absolutely compliant with Ohio law. Mr. Engle added that the City's zoning code hasn't been updated in 30 years. There are some sections from 2012, but they only speak to fees, which is 10+ years. That's why they are auditing the code. He appreciates all of Mr. Schrader's help with getting them compliance with the ORC.

Mr. Artino said we send this out every year to review our codified ordinances. Mr. Schrader asked if he is speaking of Walter Drane that when new ordinances are passed, they help the City to assemble their code/ordinance book and keep them up to date. If we pass new stuff, the old stuff is repealed and the new stuff takes its place. Walter Drane then paginates it and puts it in the right spot. Mr. Lasko said Walter Drane also catches Ohio Revised Code updates for traffic stuff the City will be notified on. A lot of the non-assessment stuff they are talking about right now that was done at the beginning of the meeting – that is stuff that they wouldn't tell us because it's not that there's anything wrong with it per the ORC, it's just something the City hasn't done locally. They will capture stuff done at the State level. Mr. Artino said that he thought that's what was happening, because the City has used them as long as he has been on Council. Mr. Schrader agreed that they capture things that come out at the State level, but sometimes they miss. There was one that Ms. Rocco caught in a criminal matter. It's not Walter Drane's responsibility – we have crafted sidewalks to be consistent, and they did the same to the tree ordinance. They were not required to; it was done on purpose so that staff knows how to handle this every time it is done.

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. 37-2024. 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. 37-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 38-2024

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 38-2024 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF TREE-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO TREES) 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 38-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle said he had nothing further.

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. 38-2024. 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. 38-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 39-2024

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 39-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR PROFESSIONAL STREETScape DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREETScape AND WAYFINDING ENHANCEMENTS ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND XX/100 (\$223,700.00)) 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 39-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this resolution relates to a proposal from OHM Advisors. Erik and his team carried out the Main Street Vision Plan, which ran through a thorough process of the vision for laying out the future for Main Street. This is the first step in this process, when they start looking at S. Main Street from US-6 down to Bogart Rd. This proposal will take that plan, work with staff, and come up with a vision of how they are going to start implementing this – what it will look like, what it will feel, work with

stakeholders – and come back with something they can actually take it out to bid. With engineers' estimates, they will understand the cost, and this will be the springboard to start doing S. Main Street. They expect this process to be done in the Spring of 2025. At that point they will go out to bid and then they can move on to construction.

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. 39-2024. 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. 39-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 40-2024

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 40-2024 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1234 MARINA DRIVE, HURON, OH 44839 (ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PPN: 42-00035.000) IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW; ORDERING THE REPAIR OF SAID VIOLATIONS; ORDERING CERTIFICATION OF THE EXPENSES AND LABOR COSTS INCURRED TO THE ERIE COUNTY, OHIO AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE AS A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND; 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 40-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton stated that in October of last year, they got a report of stormwater backing up down Marina Drive. It was backing up to the point to where it was entering a resident's house. They investigated the situation, looking at the culverts under driveways and all other things that carry the water down that road into the storm system. It was discovered that at some point the end of the driveway at this property was replaced. When it was replaced, the culvert that allowed the stormwater to carry one flowing down the road was not replaced at that time. The City issued a Letter of Violation in October, and he talked to the owner. The owner said they were going to get their own quotes to carry out the work themselves at that time. The work was never, and the owner never got any quotes. He informed the owners that they are going to move ahead and do it themselves. This is a step in allowing them to do that. This resolution allows the City to carry out the work to allow that stormwater to keep moving and try to keep it out of that resident's house. This was acted upon based on a complaint. They don't have the manpower to go out

and inspect every driveway and every storm ditch and every culvert. Sometimes, these must be resolved reactively and are complaint-driven.

Mayor Tapp asked if the City got an estimate. Mr. Hamilton answered that he got two, one in the amount of \$4,400 and the other was \$3,800. Mr. Artino asked if the homeowner changing out their driveway did this. Mr. Hamilton answered yes. At some point in the past, they replaced the end of their driveway, and that's where the culvert was run. When it was replaced, the culvert was not also replaced. Staff went back in their records and checked iWorks and their permits. There was no permit drawn for the replacement of this driveway. It was a weekend warrior job, so they wouldn't have caught it. Had there been a permit, they would have inspected and would have torn it out at that time. The homeowner will be given an option to pay the City. If they don't pay it, the City will then put it against the property taxes.

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. 40-2024. 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. 40-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 41-2024

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 41-2024 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST APPLICATION TO OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE DICK STEIN FOR FY25 STATE OF OHIO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BILL FUNDING RELATING TO THE HURON MUNICIPAL BOAT BASIN RENOVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$750,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD(S) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$750,000.00), 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 41-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart explained that Resolutions 41-2024 and 42-2024 are requests to seek funding relating to the Huron Municipal Boat Basin Renovation Project. He thanked Mr. Lasko and Mr. Hamilton for bringing these opportunities in front of them, and then in front of Council. This funding request is through Ohio

Congressman Dick Stein's office for 2025/2026, and Resolution 42-2024 is through Senator Nathan Manning's office.

Mr. Claus asked if these are in addition to the ones talked about at the last meeting. Mr. Steinwart answered, yes, and this time they are not competing with the Water Department.

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. 41-2024. 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. 41-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 42-2024

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 42-2024 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST APPLICATION TO OHIO STATE SENATOR NATHAN MANNING FOR FY25 STATE OF OHIO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BILL FUNDING RELATING TO THE HURON MUNICIPAL BOAT BASIN RENOVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$750,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD(S) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$750,000.00), 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 42-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart had no further comments.

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. 42-2024. 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. 42-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 43-2024

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 43-2024 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL WITH ED BURDUE & CO., LLC FOR DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 304 CENTER STREET, HURON, OHIO (ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PPN: 42-01608.000) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00)) 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 waiving the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 43-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

As he is sure everyone is aware, Mr. Hamilton explained that on the night of April 1st, the house at 304 Center Street caught fire. The HFD worked all night and into the next day trying to put this thing out. When it was put out to a point where they could actually look at it, staff called in John Zimmerman, Building Official, and the Fire Captain to walk the property. Both said the property was unsafe. The Building Official condemned the structure, and there was a request to pull the property down as quickly as possible due to safety concerns. They put a call out to local demolition companies, and the first one to respond was Ed Burdue & Company with availability that day. It was decided that due to the state of the building, demolition that day was the best course of action. Mr. Burdue's crew came in and pulled the building down to the ground that day and are still clearing the site at this point. This is a ratification asking for approval because they had to move quickly, in the amount of \$30,000. They will give the owner a chance to pay for this. If they don't pay, it will go against the property via the property tax duplicate.

Mr. Hagy asked Mr. Swaisgood if the City will be at the back of the line in terms of repayment on the property tax bill. Mr. Swaisgood answered that he put that in the summary to note that the City might not be reimbursed for this \$30,000. Because the property owners are currently delinquent on property taxes and utilities, if it goes through a tax foreclosure, it will then come down to priority of who gets paid. There is a chance that if they can get the \$30,000 reimbursed, it could take some time, and they might not receive it at all.

Mr. Schrader asked if there was any homeowners insurance on the property. Mr. Hamilton answered that the property was uninsured. Mr. Lasko added that if there is homeowners' insurance, per ORC, there is a generic thing called "fire funds" that would be sent to the municipality or jurisdiction to cover the cost of the demolition and site cleanup. They usually receive those funds pretty quickly. Obviously, since this is a case where there is homeowners' insurance, they had an imminent danger and had to take it down. To Mr. Swaisgood's point and Mr. Hagy's question, because there are priorities already on the property from an assessment standpoint, their ability to get paid back is only going to be based on the highest bid at a Sheriff's Sale, assuming the property owner doesn't pay the City back. It is unknown if they will receive a portion or any of the funds. The answer is typically no, and they are prepared for that to be the answer.

If there were insurance, they would have fire funds to reimburse them for the entire cost. Mr. Swaisgood added that he did reach out to the City's insurance provider to see if there is any way they could be reimbursed through their own insurance, and the answer was no. The City must go through the homeowner's property insurance.

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. 43-2024. 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, Resolution No. 43-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 44-2024

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 44-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE ECLIPSE-RELATED EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT THE CITY OF HURON POLICE CHIEF TERRY GRAHAM AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE CITY TO SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION AND RECEIVE SAID FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00), IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED) 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 suspending the three-reading rule. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 44-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Chief Graham stated that this is a grant through the Ohio EMA. This resolution authorizes the City to submit a grant application for reimbursement of eligible eclipse-related expenses incurred by the City - first responders and public safety. It's going to be for police and fire. They can submit a grant for reimbursement of overtime expenses for the eclipse. Each department will submit their overtime expenses to the Finance Director. They will submit one application and will get one award for both departments.

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. 44-2024. 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 adoption, Resolution No. 44-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 45-2024

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 45-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A 4-YEAR CLIENT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES FOR THE HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT) 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 suspending the three-reading rule. 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 suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 45-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Captain Nash said that he would also be requesting input from Mr. Swaisgood because he had a lot of meetings with Captain Schafer relating to this legislation. The HFD's insurance billing agency went out of service and dropped them, so they had to scramble quickly to find a new agency to cover them. There were other local departments that were losing services through that company, as well, and needed to contract with a new company so that they could back-bill whatever they didn't get. There may be a week or two of the billing that the new agency may not be able to retrieve.

Mr. Swaisgood said that Captain Schafer was notified about a month ago about Change Healthcare, which is part of the United Healthcare cyber-attack. Change Healthcare reached out to the fire department and stated that they would be terminating our contract at the end of the contract, which is a year from now, and then all of the sudden they went dark and they have been unable to reach them. During that process (as also happened to Perkins Township), they did reach out to other EMS billing companies, Medicount being one and LifeForce being another. They had both of come in and give a presentation on their services and their rates. The City's EMS billing contract is awarded in a way that the EMS billing vendor receives a percentage of collections every month. With Change Healthcare, it is 5.75% of collections. Medicount, which ended up being the chosen vendor, is at 4.75% of collections. The LifeForce vendor was at 6%, so the City of Huron and Perkins Township have chosen to go with Medicount not only because of the rates, but they also provide services for every community here in Erie County. Therefore, it will be a very quick and easy transition, which is much needed at this point. They are going to attempt to go back to bill for February. They are still receiving EMS billing revenue now for any bills sent out as of a certain date in February. Medicount can go back to that date and still try to retrieve some of that. They are working to give them information as quickly as possible if approved tonight. The EMS billing receipts bring about \$400,000/year for the Fire Department, which is 33% of the City's share of the Fire Department, so it is a very big service that is provided for the City. With the contract before Council, the City will pay about

\$4,000 less per year in services, so that is \$4,000 that will net back into the Fire Department budget. He also noted that Medicount also works with the Attorney General's Office for collections. Currently, because of the cost to go through collections, the City does not currently do that. The AG's office has a service that we can send our past due/delinquent accounts to and they will do the services for us. They will just add on their own fee, and the City would get 100% back. While it was unfortunate that we lost our billing vendor the way we did, he thinks we are moving to a better provider that will cost less and provide more services.

Captain Nash added that Captain Schafer did a lot of legwork on this by talking to other departments and getting these agencies to come in and give us a talk on what they could provide.

Mr. Artino said they haven't talked about this issue for a long time, so he asked Mr. Swaisgood to explain the billing process in case someone starts asking questions about why they are being billed if they are a City resident. Mr. Swaisgood answered that we have soft billing and hard billing. If a City resident is transported through our EMS, the only part we are billing is to the insurance company (soft billing – no out-of-pocket to the resident). If it is a non-City resident, the City will bill for the insurance and also the balance (hard billing). Captain Nash said they do get calls at the fire station of some confusion relating to that. They field those calls first before they hit the City Manager's office. For the most part, they can send them in the right direction. Mr. Artino said he wanted to bring this up because it hasn't been mentioned in a long time. Mr. Swaisgood added that the soft billing is for City and Huron Township residents.

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. 45-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 45-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

Carmeuse Facility – As relates to the Carmeuse facility, that is still on track to be imploded at 10am this Friday, April 12th. There will be safe areas to watch that.

Oster Mobile Home Park – If anyone has driven past there in recent days, it is really starting to look great. We contracted with Barnes Nursery to undertake road removal, final tree removal, stump clearing, grading and seeding. To date, all three roadways throughout the park have been removed, multiple stumps and dead and decaying trees have been removed, and the rough grading has occurred at this point. Over the next couple of weeks, we expect Barnes to come back with power rakes as part of its final fine grading in preparation for laying seed in late April.

Infrastructure and Engineering – Reminder that work continues on the 2023 Repaving Program, which is partial reconstruction of roadways in Chaska, Old Homestead I and Old Homestead II. The work is primarily in Chaska Beach right now, as the contractors are moving thoroughly throughout the neighborhood. Weather dependent, we are hoping that all work will be completed on or around June 21st.

ODOT held their Public Information Open House on March 28th from 6pm-8pm at BGSU Cedar Point Center Auditorium. This was in relation to the US-6 connectivity corridor project. There was a pretty significant turnout for that event, which was great. It was well-attended with residents from all impacted jurisdictions. I will continue to mention and provide a reminder that there is a 30-day virtual option for folks to learn about the project – open now through April 28th. Anyone interested in learning about the project virtually can go to www.publicinput.com/usr6.

Parks & Recreation – SAVE THE DATE for everyone's calendar – there is a dedication and ribbon cutting for the new tennis/pickleball courts at Fabens Park, which will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 3pm. We will have more details and an agenda over the next couple of weeks.

Contract with DL Smith - The City approved a contract with DL Smith Concrete as relates to ongoing work at the new park on Berlin Road. We have contracted with DL Smith to install a larger, better delineated parking area at the southern end of the park. This work will widen the entrance, expand the gravel surface with proper base, and significantly enlarge the parking area in the southeast portion of the site. I was just there right before the meeting and they have already laid the base, and you could really tell the significant increase to the size of the parking area. This work was just under \$20,000 and was included in the 2024 budget. This is one of 2 upgrades we are hoping to make in the park this year. The second is the purchase and installation of floating dock systems on the lake.

Finance Department – There was a flyer and social media advertisement over the last couple of days about the scheduling of regular meetings and work sessions related to the potential income tax increase. We do have those 4 meetings scheduled, which will be held on April 16th at 6pm at the Boat Basin, on April 18th at 9am at City Hall in the Council Chambers, on April 30th at 6:30pm at the Huron Library, and on May 9th at 12pm at the Huron Yacht Club. In addition to the mailer, Jen Kilbury is working on specific individualized social media posts to be advertised before each meeting, about a week or 2 in advance of each meeting. Thank you for her work. I am trying to get as much public participation and we are continuing to reach out to specific homeowners' associations and other groups offering the opportunity for the City to come to them, or for them to come here. We always want to make sure that is an opportunity for folks to engage with us that may or may not be able to come to these public meetings.

Personnel – Thank you Chief Graham for making us aware of this, but he wanted to acknowledge the great work of Officer Joe England, who recently completed training with what's known as Project Life Saver. Project Life Saver is a premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies and is specifically designed for at-risk individuals who are prone to life-threatening behaviors or wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to cognitive conditions. We currently have one person registered for this program in the City. Additionally, Officer England can

assist other agencies requesting mutual aid for the search and rescue of an at-risk individual. If a family would like some information about the program, please contact the Police Department.

Agreements – The City has signed two agreements over the last 2 weeks. We did approve the annual Huron Garden Club's request to place signage in the median. This is 1-1/2' x 2'8" from May 19, 2024, through May 25, 2024 for their Plant Sale to be held on May 25, 2024. The money raised from the plant sale helps the Huron Garden Club to purchase decorations for the Huron Library Christmas Tree, as well as gardening books and magazines and flowers for the Lake Front Park garden. In addition, they make an annual \$100 contribution to the McBride Arboretum at the Firelands BGSU Campus.

The City also entered into an Access Agreement with Ardagh Manufacturing to allow City access for the proposed 2-million-gallon water tower to undertake soil borings to assess soil conditions.

Upcoming Meetings

Charter Review Commission will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 5pm in the Council Chambers; there will be a BZA meeting on Monday, April 15th at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers; Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 17th at 5pm in the Council Chambers; and the second City Council meeting of the month will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

I want to thank all of our staff who worked yesterday to make sure we had a safe and fun eclipse event. I know a lot of political jurisdictions throughout Ohio actually closed, but we felt the need, if we are going to be holding events, to have our staff here to make sure everyone is safe. Thank you to all of our departments who were very instrumental in pulling off those events and making sure everyone came into town and left safely.

Everyone should have at their seat a copy of our 2023 Annual Report that probably started off twice the size because there is so much work going on across the departments. We tried to whittle it down to the most pertinent, but I think that's a great document, albeit a little long, to show the great work that everyone is doing across all the departments. Thank you to our department heads, and specifically Jen, who helped pull this together for everyone's consumption. This is a great document we are thrilled to do every year.

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

Mr. Biddlecombe said the eclipse was great and it was nice that everyone could enjoy it. It did bring a lot of people in from out of town. He has mentioned this before – he did have another run-in with a wrong way driver on Cleveland Road, and I think we need to reevaluate the divided highway and try to mitigate some of that.

He emailed the City Manager and Mr. Engle earlier in the week a copy of a post on Facebook implicating that the current real estate holding company that purchased 123 Williams Street did so based on insider information, and that their intention is to make it a vacation rental regardless of the fact that we have no licenses available. He said that he would bring it up, but based on what he could see on the Auditor's site,

it didn't really look like that, but a lot of residents seem to be upset about it. There is a lot of animosity with the fact that there are not a lot of homes available for sale right now and different companies are coming in and buying them. There is knowledge within the City by the residents that there are some that are operating without licenses now, so there's that concern there that when people are having a hard time finding homes that more are becoming rentals. Mr. Lasko said something similar came up like this at the last meeting. He certainly knows some people are reluctant to give us addresses or have their name associated with a complaint. We are maxed out on licenses, but that is not to suggest that there aren't people that try to do it on their own through other means. We have received complaints like that before and have been able to send cease and desist letters to those owners and/or take them to court, if necessary. That is one that we are not familiar with as being on our list. At some point they may want to be on our waiting list. We agree that there is a need for additional housing, particularly affordable for-sale and rental housing is something we are continuing to try to work on. We have limited control of who people sell to and for what prices. We will continue to try to focus on it.

Mr. Claus wanted to let the public know that there is a Huron Joint Port Authority meeting tomorrow night at Huron Township at 6pm if anyone is interested. It will be his first meeting, so he is a little excited to learn more about it.

Mr. Claus asked if staff is still looking at creating a tax calculator online? Mr. Lasko answered that we were hoping to have that this week. Mr. Hamilton said that they will, hopefully, have it by the end of this week. He is sure the first round will not be 100% correct, but they will work on it as it goes.

Mr. Claus said the concrete contractors are right at the entrance now, and there needs to be some sort of traffic control when it's down to 1 lane. He went to turn in from Cleveland Road and he started turning and saw a car coming the other way, then you stop and then there's someone coming from the east. It gets dangerous. In the morning there was a guy there waving them through. If you are in the neighborhood, you can stop and back up, but its not going to be long before they are pouring that and then the entrance will be pretty clear. They probably just need to watch that when they know they have a really tight lane there.

Mr. Dike made a statement to Mr. Lasko:

"Regarding the whole building and zoning and all the codes and all of this. My frustration comes from, are we safeguarding the City or are we trying to control what people do in this community, and they are going to do it our way, what the City wants. I think there's a fine line and I want to be conscious of that. When I first got on Council, there was a lot of the good 'ol boys club. This guy gets away with it, this guy doesn't. I saw it. What I don't want to have happen is all of the sudden we're doing the same things. Some people get away with it and some people don't. I want to make... it's so confusing. People ask me a question and I'm like, I have no idea. So now, do I need to hire a lawyer to get through our zoning and building codes? It's just something like that. I want to be welcoming when it comes to people remodeling their homes, remodeling commercial businesses, doing things. I don't want it to be burdensome on people. So that's where my frustration lies because there's so much that it just seems like... when you look at our zoning

codes, it's 250 pages and about to be a lot bigger. Who is going to go through that and understand that? It's just hard to, so that's where my frustration lies."

Mr. Artino said that he agrees with Mr. Dike. If we are going to enforce the code, we've got to enforce it fairly, evenly, across the board. If we are not going to enforce the code, tell Council.

Mr. Lasko answered, "For what it's worth and not to use this as an excuse, a lot of times (as Mr. Hamilton mentioned) we are reliant on complaints. Even when we had a full-time Zoning Inspector, to inspect the entirety of the City and come back and actually be able to do the paperwork necessary to write up those properties, to do the follow-up inspections – now that we're actually doing it, it's more than a full-time job. I would say for everyone that we are potentially missing, no one knows about the 20 that we actually caught and the hundreds of code violations that we are writing up on an annual basis. I get it. I will tell you, in every city I have worked in, the Planning and Zoning Department is the most difficult position to be in. For every property we cite, someone is going to be able to point to another property that didn't get cited. He doesn't use it for a justification for us not to be able to cite the person in the first place, but a lot of times we are reliant on complaints, unfortunately, because we have one full-time Zoning Inspector. I am not necessarily up here advocating for another 3 or 4 Zoning Inspectors, but it is something we are trying to do our best at on a daily basis. Yes, there is going to be stuff that we don't see or we have to be reliant on a complaint for. Again, what is not seen is the hundreds of properties that do the right thing because we stepped in and made them pull a permit, done an inspection and/or sent a violation letter. A lot of times it's easy to focus on the ones that don't get done, and that's fine. We need that feedback. We still think there is value in doing this to protect the City and make sure things are done correctly, but yes, we are obviously going to miss things through that process, and we continue to try to get better and eradicate those issues every day."

Mr. Dike said, "I think a simple one is, for example, right up here. It's the old I-5's. That sign looks like somebody a poster board and just tacked it up there. It's stuff like that, that's been there for years and we haven't done anything about that. It's stuff like that that gets frustrating." Mr. Lasko answered, "Understood."

Mr. Artino asked, "Is the philosophy for enforcing code just wait for the complaint?" Mr. Engle answered, "We are down to a staff of two, to be quite honest. I mean...." Mr. Artino interjected, "I am asking a question, is that the philosophy for that organization?" Mr. Engle answered, "No. We try to stay ahead of it, but we obviously can't catch everything. So, if you have addresses, then send them to us and we will handle it. We will send out a letter and if they don't comply, we will take it further through the court system. That's the thing. There's all of this hearsay - we need a clear list of properties at this point. That way we can them in the system and when we can get someone hired, they can follow up and make sure that they comply." Mr. Artino continued, "But the one Mr. Dike just pointed out is pretty obvious. I am sure you drive by there." Mr. Engle answered, "He is going through the Federal court right, so I don't know if anything will get done with that particular case. We are on top of that. We have been following I-5's for a minute, so...". Mr. Artino asked, "Mr. Lasko, can we get a report, maybe quarterly, on maybe how much we do in code enforcement?" Mr. Lasko answered, "Happy to."

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

I will keep it short. Mr. Lasko's dates on the public meeting on the public meetings, as far as the income tax, I encourage people to show up to these meetings. I will share, I think you sent out stuff to homeowners' associations already and stuff, and responses back so far are zero. I mean, there's information going out there. It's not necessarily the correct information, I just want people to come in and hear everything and get the facts and go that way. I know Jen's working on stuff and Stu and the whole stuff. I just encourage people to try to attend at least one of these meetings.

Congrats to Officer England on his certification. I want to thank, I am guessing, the fire service and the police department had a fairly quiet evening yesterday and day yesterday. There were not too many issues as far as the eclipse...

Other than that, you guys can tell after tonight there is a lot of stuff going on. It's not all happy. Another thing, and this is to Councilman Biddlecombe's thing, and what Mr. Lasko brought up, as far as getting complaints, especially for the transient rentals, again, if somebody knows of a place but doesn't want to give us the address, it's pretty hard for us to get into that. You can be anonymous. Get a hold of a councilmember. Just let us know the address. If it's 123 A Street, tell me and I will just say it's 123 A Street. I don't have a problem with that. Other than that, I have nothing else.

For the Good of the Order

Sam Artino – I just want to say thanks to everybody on staff, all the employees of the City for doing a great job. Sometimes it might sound like we are raising a little heck, but that's our job. That's why we were elected. Thank you.

Mark Claus – I just want to follow up on Joel's thing. A great job by our safety services departments, fire and, in particular, police – everybody was up all-night directing traffic, etc. My sympathies to the Kay and Swanbeck families for their tremendous loss. I know it's property and possessions. Most of us cannot even imagine what that's even like. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, and I think the community is really stepping up to help them, which is great. That's all I have.

Joe Dike – Nothing, thank you.

Joel Hagy – The only thing I have, and I just see the Captain and Pat back there. Kudos to you guys and your entire department. You got the call and you knocked it down with minimal injury. Great work! Thank you very much.

Matt Grieves – I have nothing for the good of the order.

William Biddlecombe – Again, thanks staff for all of their hard work. A couple more meetings to note. The next School Board meeting is April 15th at 6pm at the high school, and the next meeting of the Scott Union Cemetery Board is coming up on April 29th at 5pm. Either partial or whole sponsorship – Spring City-Wide Clean-Up Parks & Recreation is coming up on Saturday, April 20th from 9am-11am. Some home games:

track on April 20th, softball and baseball both on April 25th. Please come out and support our local events, programs and student athletes, and Go Tigers!

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

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

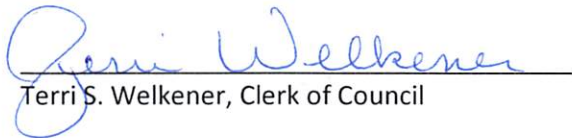
The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2024 was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Adopted: 09 JUL 2024


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council