

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:30pm**

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called to order the regular Council meeting of August 27, 2024 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 and Matt Grieves**. Member absent: **Joel Hagy**.

**Motion by Mr. Claus to excuse Mr. Hagy's absence from the meeting.**

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, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

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

Staff in attendance: City Manager Matt Lasko, Law Director Todd Schrader, Service Director Stuart Hamilton, Police Chief Terry Graham, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, Finance Director Ed Widman and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Council work session, as written.**

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

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

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Council work session were adopted.

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Council work session, as written.**

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

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

**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Council work session were adopted.

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Council work session, as written.**

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

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

**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Council work session were adopted.

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular meeting of Council, as written.**

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

**YEAS:           Dike, Grieves, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (5)**

**ABSTAIN:       Tapp (1)**

**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular Council meeting were adopted.

#### **Audience Comments**

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

Mike Stutzman, 1127 Mudbrook Rd., Huron, OH – My concern is the construction going on Mudbrook Road. Yesterday, as I was heading home there was an officer sitting off to the side and he was busy talking to somebody and I was almost right behind him. I waited 3-4 minutes for some kind of recognition from his, and I got no recognition from him. So, there was no traffic coming and I went out and around and got through. When I got up to the condos, I look in my rearview mirror and I have a police officer on my bumper. He pulled me over and he asked me if I have a driver's license and I said, yes and I gave it to him. And then he looked at me in my car, which has a little rust on it, and he said, "You got insurance?" It was not a professional way to approach somebody when you pull them over because I pulled right over when he flashed the lights at me, and I said, yeah, and I gave him my proof of insurance. He should have said, "Do you have proof of insurance?" So he wrote me a friendly warning for going through a closed road, which those signs that are all along Mudbrook Rd. say "Road Closed Except For Local Traffic" and I am local traffic. I have been in this town for over 20 years. I have decided to make this my home and I raised my children here. Both of my sons are educators now, one here in town and one in Sandusky, and I don't

feel it was addressed properly. What I don't understand is it was such a push to have those traffic lights up when they were doing the water replacement, and now we have a police officer sitting there where there's 1 or 2 policemen, and that officer that I talked to said it was going to be 3 weeks before that construction was done to repave. So even at a week or 3 weeks, we are paying 1-2 officers to be there 24 hours a day. That makes no sense to me being a taxpayer of Huron. Put the traffic lights back. Make it accessible to go out of town and come into town. It worked when they were doing the water replacement, why can't they do it now?

Mayor Tapp said they will address the officer situation with the Police Chief – that will be taken care of. There has been a lot of issues from the road stuff. There have been issues with people not paying attention to the signs, and that comes back to the safety issue. In his opinion, if there is one safety issue, he would say close down the road completely. As soon as something, the City is the one that is going to be blamed. He believes the lights will be reinstalled on Friday to allow southbound traffic.

#### **Tabled Legislation**

##### **Ordinance No. 2024-24 (TABLED)**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived, and Ordinance No. 2024-24 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 185.01, 185.03, 185.04 AND 185.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL SEVENTY-FIVE ONE-HUNDREDTHS PERCENT (0.75%) INCOME TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND PROVIDING A CREDIT UP TO 1.75% FOR INCOME TAX PAID TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.**

#### **Old Business**

##### **Ordinance No. 2024-38 (second reading)**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that Ordinance No. 2024-38 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.01, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.02, TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE, REGARDING REMOVAL OF THE 3-WAY FLASHING TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF MUDBROOK ROAD (ROUTE 13) AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO) 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 (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-38 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the Safety Committee met on August 7th on a couple of topics, and most people didn't even realize the flashing amber light was there. We spend a lot of money maintaining this light and nobody really knows why it was ever put there. It is located within a 35mph zone, and there are no other junctions in the City that have flashing amber lights to warn people of a junction. Staff is asking to take it down to save maintenance costs. The new crosswalks being installed at Valley View and Forest

Hills will be the new traffic calming areas on Route 13 as it comes out of town. There is a sign in front of the golf course prior to Riverside indicating that the speed limit slows to 35mph. The Safety Committee agree removal of the signal is warranted.

Mr. Biddlecombe said he is on the Safety Committee and voted to put this legislation through. He lives in that neighborhood and agrees that it is not really warranted. The comments he has see is that a lot of people feel that with the removal of the flashing light, people won't know to slow down when they are approaching where the speed limit drops to 35mph. A lot of people view that light as their signal to slow down. He just wanted to make that point as he has seen that online a couple of times. Mr. Hamilton explained that the flashing light is past the 35mph sign, so he would like to think that people would use that a their indicator to slow down. He understands what Mr. Biddlecombe is saying – people have gotten in the habit of using that as a sign, but it would be nice to get them back to using the speed signs.

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

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution No. 69-2024**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 69-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PAY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$60,929.71) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 67-2022, ADOPTED ON JULY 26, 2022, FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024) 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Biddlecombe (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being more than five votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 69-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton stated that this is our yearly "pay the piper" legislation. ODOT does work on Route 2 and they use a standard calculation to determine the cost to the City. They do repaving, they will keep the edges trimmed and they will clean the culverts under the roadway. This year they did a lot of resurfacing work, which pushed our yearly bill up. The City gets billed on the road's mileage within the City limits, and that is divided out by the total work they did on the road. In this legislation's subject matter, you can see since 2018 the City paid \$63,000, and last year was \$39,000. This year will be just over \$60,000. It will always go up and down. ODOT keeps trying to find ways to stop these highs and lows so it is easier to budget this stuff, but unfortunately, this invoice is a high one, and not optional. ODOT does a lot of good work on the roadway, and a standard calculation is used to determine what the City pays for. They do share that calculation with the City and it is justified based on their numbers.

Mr. Claus asked how the City has been budgeting that number. Have we been putting it in pretty high to make sure we are covered? Mr. Hamilton answered that they will usually try to budget around \$40,000-\$45,000, depending on how the budget looks for that year. They have never been over \$63,000 and it is usually right around \$40,000. This year, they will hopefully just back down a couple of line items or may have to add a little bit to that line item toward the end of the year if they start running low.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked if they are charging specifically for work done within our jurisdiction, or is it a part of the whole? Did they do \$60,000 worth of work in Huron proper, or is it a portion of the overall cost. Mr. Hamilton answered that ODOT takes the total investment for that roadway, divide it down for our area, and then divide it down by the lane miles the City has on that road. Luckily, Huron has very few lane miles in the City limits. \$60,000 doesn't sound very little, but compared to a lot of other places, there is a small portion of Route 2.

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. 69-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 69-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance No. 2024-40**

**Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-40 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 385.01(a)(1) RULES; PERMIT AND FEES OF CHAPTER 385 SMALL BOAT MOORING HARBOR OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.**

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion waiving the three-reading rule passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-40 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

#### **Motion by Mr. Grieves to place Ordinance No. 2024-40 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:** Grieves, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (6)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-40 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Steinwart explained that they are seeking approval for increasing mooring charges at the Huron Boat Basin for seasonal dockage for 2025. They define seasonal dockage from mid-April until mid-October. Historically, they have asked for an increase every 5 years. 2 years ago, they discussed changing this to every 2-3 years. They do their due diligence in looking at fees in the river around the surrounding areas. It is, however, very difficult to compare apples-to-apples with dockage, but they do the best they can. These are increases for 2025, and they would like to get their contracts out within a week or so.

The increases are:

20' docks are a minor increase because they do not generally sell out of these docks. For 24' and 30' docks it is a \$2/ft increase. For 32' docks, it is \$3/ft increase. They are typically running about 5-7% in 5 years, and these are running at 2-3% increases.

Mayor Tapp asked where these charges fall with regard to surrounding areas. Mr. Steinwart answered that they are middle of the road. There's drive-up dockage versus floating dockage versus what amenities are available, etc., so they try to take all of those things into account.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-40. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-40 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Ordinance No. 2024-41**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-41 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-49, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 12, 2023, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES) be placed on its first reading.**

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion waiving the three-reading rule passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-41 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Widman explained that they have two budget requests. The larger item is for the chemicals for water treatment. The Water Superintendent advised that they have produced 60 Million more gallons of water this year compared to last year, and that doesn't come without a cost. There is an increase of revenue of \$72,000 from Erie County. The materials need to be ordered now because it takes some time for them to arrive.

Mr. Lasko explained that they do a consortium with Sandusky and other local governments, and with the significant growth in water sales, there is an obvious greater chemical need. As Mr. Widman mentioned, as much as it is an increase in appropriations for the water pumping of just over \$47,000 the City has brought in significantly more revenue to offset that. Erie County alone has paid us \$70,000 over anticipated budget, so it is more than offset with water sales.

Mr. Claus wanted to clarify that the rate paid for the chemicals is that negotiated rate through consortium, we just need more than originally purchased. Mr. Lasko confirmed that these purchases will be made under that initial negotiated rate.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-40. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-40 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Discussion Pertaining to Development of ConAgra Property**

Mayor Tapp explained that this portion of the meeting will be a discussion regarding proposals submitted by Prephan Enterprises and Knez Homes/K Hovnanian Homes relating to development of the former ConAgra parcel.

Mr. Lasko said that as Council and the public are aware, this is a follow-up to the two previous public presentations from both Prephan Enterprises and a partnership between Knez Homes and K Hovnanian Homes. We started off with three initial proposals, which were whittled down to two based on initial concepts and potential feasibility, coupled with request levels of those developers of City regarding infrastructure needed. We wanted to continue the conversation with Council, who has seen the presentations. Council is high-level aware of what the requests, financially, are from the City in terms of the level of infrastructure needed to be invested. Ultimately, whether it's tonight in the near future, staff is looking for direction from Council based on what they have seen thus far in terms of who to begin negotiations with in terms of everything from a purchase agreement to a development agreement, etc.

Mr. Artino thinks they should get going here and make a decision. To him, it is simple – the finances. One is a much better situation for our citizens/taxpayers, and the other one is not. He thinks he has already made his decision on who we should work with to finalize and get more detail on a contract – Knez/K Hovnanian.

Mr. Grieves wanted to say thanks to staff for getting all of the information before Council. Going into it, he thinks it could have been very easy for Council to just be given the two presentations. Seeing the numbers makes the decision, as Mr. Artino, pretty easy going forward. He appreciates both of the companies coming in and giving them presentations. They both did a great job, but K Hovnanian did a better job.

Mayor Tapp said he was on the committee reviewing the proposals. It is not a quick process by any means whatsoever, and he is the one that always says he wishes things could go faster, but he has learned they don't. We listened, and as Mr. Artino and Mr. Grieves both said, he has nothing against any company – they both have great products – but they have to look at the finances. He was not at the last meeting, but he had discussions with Mr. Lasko to find out how Council felt. He would agree with Mr. Artino, he would like to keep this moving. This has been a 12-year ordeal. Everything is not going to be perfect, and we are going to make changes, and the Planning Commission is going to be working with these guys. He would really like to move forward as quickly as possible.

Mr. Claus stated that on the financial side of things, as Mr. Artino and Mr. Grieves mentioned, that's certainly a huge factor for us in terms of the request for infrastructure investment, how they would want to pay for the property, what they would pay – these are all things that need to be negotiated (the fine details of it) – but at least what the initial asks were appear to be heavily weighted toward to the one group. Although in different ways he likes both products, he doesn't dislike either of them, he thinks that the product that Prephan was suggesting or wanting to build on this site that works great over in Marblehead for "almost 100% seasonal residents" with no garages, which is a bit of a concern for him, he thinks that he strongly feels there is going to be a demand for more long-term residents (people that want to live there year-round). There will certainly be seasonal residents as it is waterfront with dockage, but he is really concerned about not having garages and not having that type of a product available for people who would be interested in the site. For both of those reasons, he would recommend proceeding with the Knez/K Hovnanian group.

**Motion by Mr. Artino directing Mr. Lasko and his staff to begin negotiations and contract talks with Knez Homes/K Hovnanian Homes for the property considered as ConAgra.**

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, Biddlecombe (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

### **City Manager's Discussion**

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

**US Senator Sherrod Brown Staff Visit** – On Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, staff and Vice-Mayor Claus welcomed Erica Kraus to town. She is the northwest Ohio regional representative for US Senator Sherrod Brown. During the visit, she was able to gain a deeper understanding of the proposed secondary intake project and Boat Basin reconstruction project, and to understand the needs and importance of both of those projects. This was a very beneficial visit for not only herself, but for us as well, as she was also able to discuss with us other potential federal funding sources beyond just Congressional-directed spending. It was a beneficial 2 hours with Senator Sherrod Brown's representation.



Route 6 Phase II – We haven't given an update on this project in a while, but I am sure folks have seen the surveyors out there the last couple of weeks. Surveying has commenced, and once that has been completed, design can start for the layouts and ultimately, limits of the projects. We will continue to keep Council and the public apprised as that project is starting finally starting to move forward.

2023 Street Resurfacing – The contractor has remobilized in Chaska Beach, Old Homestead I and Old Homestead II. Concrete work is in process to be followed by crack sealing and striping work. Lawns will be tackled after Labor Day in totality. The intent is to remove the topsoil, replace it and then seed in those areas that need additional information. Other items will be tackled throughout the process. They hope to wrap that up 100% in September.

South Main Street Water Main Replacement- The final water taps are being completed on Huron and Mill Streets. Restoration work began this week. The paving contractor has started on the southern boundary of the project and will work northward, ultimately through Valley View, Forest Hills and Hickory. As we know, the paving will result in a single lane, as we are experiencing at the moment, but it sounds to eradicate the issues we will have the lights back up on Friday so that we can get 2-way traffic on the east side northbound lane.

Budget – We have begun the budgetary process for 2025. Mr. Widman has completed initial meetings with every department at this point. We will continue to have regular meetings throughout the early fall so that, ultimately, we can be prepared for those budget meetings with the Finance Committee in October.

Electronic Summer/Fall Newsletter – The electronic summer/fall newsletter is complete, has been sent out and is available for public consumption. Many great projects and upcoming events were highlighted in the latest edition, as well as updates related to Huron City Schools. Thank you to all of our departments for assistance, and as always, a special thank you to Jen Kilbury for putting the latest edition together.

Upcoming Meetings for September- HJRD on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; Utilities Committee on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the main conference room; Board of Zoning Appeals on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Council Chambers; City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in Council Chambers; City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Council Chambers. We anticipate one, if not two, work sessions, as well, in September. We are trying to finalize those in the next day or two to make sure that those work for Council. As soon as we think we may want to schedule those, we will make sure that works for Council and publicize that. We should know by the end of the week.

Mr. Claus asked Mr. Lasko for an update on outreach for the proposed income tax increase. Mr. Lasko answered that he met with Ms. Kilbury last week, and this is one of those things where you don't necessarily want to start too early, but want to make sure there is enough time to have enough sessions with the public. He anticipates that they would hold a series of meetings probably starting in the third week of September, and they would carry those out through October. He noted that, related to that and which they will make available to the public, there were questions from Council about potential uses of funds as well – Mr. Artino had requested that. He anticipates them using one of the work sessions in September to further that conversation. They won't be getting into every line item, but than go to a

deeper level than what was presented to the public in terms of how staff would recommend some of the uses of those funds to the Finance Committee and Council. That work session will be followed by, minimally, four public meetings in various locations. Those were very well-attended except for the last one. They will have the calendar well know in the first week of September, and then they will get it out to everyone.

Mr. Claus asked about the status of the new website – will it be up by year-end? Mr. Hamilton answered that they have access to the new website now. The team are starting to go through it now to make sure everything works, find design flaws, update the images, etc. Once they get through that, they will pick a migration date and will migrate through. It's in the final stages. Mr. Hamilton said it should be up and running by year-end, and hopefully before then.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Tapp said:

I first want to thank Mr. Stutzman for showing up. We will take complaints and criticism and problems and issues as well as we do anything else. I enjoy when people come up and let us know what's going on. We will get that taken care of. With that said, there are going to be issues with construction, there always are. We are doing our best. We are not perfect and will make mistakes. We will try to fix those mistakes when we can, but safety is our first and utmost priority. When I talked to Mr. Hamilton, who has more patience... I get it, it's a process, we will get them done. We just want everybody to work together, and we are trying to do our best. We do not want things to go wrong, and we don't try to make things go wrong. We try to do everything correctly, but there are going to be some hiccups. With that said, we are getting close, and it will get finished.

I want to thank Jen on the newsletter – that's great. You are a great asset and you are doing a great job. I can't take credit for any of that. I was not here at the last meeting, but I do want to welcome Mr. Widman. Thank you for all of your hard work. It's tough to take some of these guys – I am the easiest one to take. I know you came in at a busy time and you are going to stay busy throughout the year here. Thank you very much.

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

**Sam Artino** – Nothing, except that we have had discussions about the streets, and I know that the City staff, our police department – there was a lot of discussion about maintaining traffic through this area as much as possible and as safely as possible. I can understand some frustrations, but I think people need to know that the decisions around these road closures or partial closures are not made in a vacuum, there is a lot of thought behind them. I apologize for the inconvenience, but we live in Ohio and the summer is when we do all of the construction. Things needed to get done. Thank you.

**Joe Dike** – Nothing.

**Matt Grieves** – I have nothing.

**Mark Claus** – Nothing further today.

**William Biddlecombe** – To continue with what Mr. Artino said, it won't last forever. Thanks, staff, for your hard work. Takeaways from the last School Board meeting: They did vote to retire the policy that would have allowed the Lifewise Program in the district. School board members Beth Laffay and Chris Rager will now be the two heading up the Community Facilities Committee. Home games coming up:

Volleyball – August 29, 31 and September 3 and 10

Girls Tennis – August 29, September 3, 9 and 10

Boys Soccer – September 9

Girls Soccer – September 9

Girls Golf – August 29, September 3, 5 and 9

Boys Golf – August 28, September 5 and 13

After a fun 38-0 win in the final meeting with St. Paul to open our season, Huron Football travels to Brookside High School, which is in Sheffield, this week before traveling to Genoa on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Both of those games will begin at 7pm.

Boat Basin games coming up:

Reschedule Rotary Festival – Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with Jerry Ziggo from 5-7pm and Monica Robbins and the Whisky Kings from 7-10pm.

Please come out and support our local events, program 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 (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of August 27, 2024 was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

