

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 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, Matt Grieves and Joel Hagy**. Member absent: **Joe Dike**.

Motion by Mr. Claus to excuse the absence of Mr. Dike from tonight's 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed and Mr. Dike's absence was excused.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Matt Lasko, Law Director Todd Schrader, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood (via Microsoft Teams), Service Director Stuart Hamilton, Police Chief Terry Graham, Planning Director Erik Engle, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, OHM Engineer Larry Fridrich and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Artino to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 regular Council meeting, as written.

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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe 6)

NAYS: None (0)

With more than a majority in favor of the motion, the motion passed and the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 9, 2024 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.

None.

Old Business**Ordinance No. 2024-2 (second reading)**

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that Ordinance No. 2024-2 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 165.03 (FACILITIES FEES) UNDER CHAPTER 165 (DIVISION OF RECREATION) 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, Grievess, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-2 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart explained that these are the updated usage fees for Park & Recreation facilities. The highlighted changes are an increase for parking at Nickel Plate Beach from \$6 to \$7 per vehicle, which is charged from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The fee has been \$6 since 2018. They request that the seasonal parking pass remains at \$25 for residents, and increase the non-resident annual pass from \$30 to \$40. They sold 88 resident parking passes, so that would probably accommodate those residents. The potential increase in revenue is around \$7,000. They have had additional expenses over the last 6 years, either the beach combing services, the temporary restrooms, staffing, etc.

Another recent change is the addition of the 6 pickleball courts. With the popularity of the game, staff feels the need to be able to manage these courts for individual and group play through the online reservations on the new website. The fee is \$5 for 2 hours for residents, and \$10 for 2 hours for non-residents. That would be Monday through Friday. If a court is not reserved, it will be open play. Weekends will be open play.

The third change is a change for exclusive rights for outside tournaments, from \$1,100 per day to \$1,500 per day.

Mr. Claus wanted to confirm that the schools are given a break on use of the tennis courts – we don't charge them a rental fee, which was confirmed by Mr. Steinwart. They have reached out to the Athletic Director, and he reached out to the coaches, and they will give the City their schedules and practice times, and they will try to accommodate those schedules.

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

Ordinance No. 2023-51 (TABLED)

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 SECTIONS 505.18 (CHICKENS)) be placed on its second reading.

The Mayor stated that Ordinance No. 2023-51 is currently tabled.

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

Mayor Tapp 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (4)

NAYS: Tapp, Artino (2)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2023-51 was removed from the table.

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-51 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF HURON, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTIONS 505.18

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

YEAS: Claus, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (4)

NAYS: Tapp, Artino (2)

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

Mr. Engle provided a short recap, stating that based on popular demands through various calls to his department last year. Staff has drafted ordinances for the keeping of hens and bees, and he will address both ordinances at the same time.

These ordinances will allow for that particular use in R-1 and R-1A Zoning Districts, as well as the R-2 Zoning District, which are the single-family and 2-family districts. The performance standards have already been covered in previous meetings, but he did want to note that, in previous discussions through Councilman Hagy's recommendation, staff had explored non-conforming structures for grandfathering clauses to better clarify how to go about those who already have hens and bees existing as of today. He outlined several options. If the enclosure is damaged exceeding 50% of the replacement, the non-conforming status is lost. If the structure of the chicken enclosure is altered in any form, they will also lose their nonconforming status. If the chicken enclosure and run is relocated, the principal use of the property is voluntarily discontinued, or if the property is sold and/or transferred, that status is lost. This will also apply to enclosures that are determined by the Zoning Department to be unsafe and/or a nuisance – they will also lose their nonconforming status. This covers everything from the number of chickens to the actual structure itself.

Mr. Hagy complimented Mr. Engle and whoever worked on this ordinance to get it the way it's written. He likes it a lot and he thinks it achieves exactly what he was looking for.

Motion by Mr. Claus to remove Ordinance No. 2023-52 from the table.

Mayor Tapp 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)

NAYS: Tapp (1)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2023-52 was removed from the table.

Ordinance No. 2023-52

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-52 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF HURON, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTIONS 505.19 BEES) be placed on its second reading.

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

YEAS: Claus, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)

NAYS: Tapp (1)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No 2023-52 was placed on its second reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that there wasn't much to add. The same nonconforming language included in Ordinance No. 2023-51 has been included in this Ordinance, as well.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion

Motion by Mr. Hagy to appoint Tom Harris to the 2024 Charter Review Commission, to replace Dr. Andrew Dufresne, who has moved out of town to Albany, New York.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed and Tom Harris was appointed to the Charter Review Commission.

Resolution No. 9-2024

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 9-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TREX) TRANSFER FORM FROM THE OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL FOR SHOWBOAT, LLC) 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than five votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 9-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko deferred to Mr. Schrader, since he has been the one on staff that has been in communication with the applicant's counsel, to be able to provide a little bit of background for this request.

Mr. Schrader explained that the Clerk received the TREX Transfer Form and initially, they were a little puzzled. Typically, when you are transferring within the City limits, you don't need a TREX application. In speaking to counsel for the applicant on more than one occasion, there are benefits and obligations tied to this permit, and in an abundance of caution, they are asking the City to please process this and approve it as a TREX transfer so the folks in Columbus know that there is complete symmetry. They don't want to lose the benefit, they want it identified consistently and they realized that it may be uncommon. It is all the same to the City, but they are asking them to please process it this way so when it gets to Columbus everything matches the way it was heretofore.

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. 9-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 9-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 14-2024

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 14-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO GRANTING A LICENSE FOR THE HURON BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAM, INC. TO UTILIZE ANDREW L. FABENS MEMORIAL PARK BASEBALL FIELDS AND CONCESSION STAND) 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: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 14-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart stated that this is the annual agreement with the Huron Baseball and Softball Program. The term is from April 1, 2024 through July 26, 2024. There are a couple different licenses included. One is called "Exclusive Rights," which is the use of Fields 1-7 for those 4 months for \$125 per field. There is a "Facility Usage Fee," which is \$5 per participant. Last year, they had 286 participants in their program.

The City rents a shed that's on the facility to the HBSP for \$400 per year. The change for this year is that the HBSP used our concession stands from April 1 through October. This year, we are asking them to pay for the Erie County Health Department permit. They will have full run of the concession stand. The Health Department permit is \$525 per year, and we are asking them to pay for that permit. Utilities are built in, averaging around \$100 per month for 2-3 months. This year, they will be using it for 5 months.

Brian Croucher is the liaison between the City and the HBSP, and he has met with their board and president this year to go over these fees.

Mayor Tapp said the legislation estimates \$4,000 for the year. Mr. Steinwart said that is correct. If you take the Exclusive Rights fees and the Facility Usage Fee, which was \$2,300 last year, and add on top of that the storage fees at \$400 and use of the concession stand benefits the City and the Parks and Recreation Department to have that offered to our residents and visitors while benefitting the HBSP financially. The HBSP will recoup the change in fees with the concession stand income.

Mr. Biddlecombe commented that this is a very well-enjoyed program for the kids in town, and he did see on their Facebook page today that there are only 3 more days to register. If your kids want to participate, now is the time to sign up.

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. 14-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 14-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 15-2024

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 15-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM SHEPHERD'S SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROVISION OF DEMOLITION, LAND CLEARING, AND ROUGH GRADING SERVICES AT THE OSTER'S MOBILE HOME PARK PROPERTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 86/100 DOLLARS (\$26,967.86), BRINGING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT TO ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 86/100 DOLLARS (\$101,967.86)) 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 15-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

To refresh everyone's memory, Mr. Lasko state that back in early fall of 2023, the City entered into an initial "not to exceed" \$75,000 contract with Shepherd Shoreline Construction for the demolition/removal of mobile homes, concrete pads, accessory structures, etc. At that time, the parties were both very hopeful that the project could be finished for under \$75,000. As the project proceeded through the fall, they ultimately understood that there were going to be more trailers left onsite or left deeded to the City than anticipated. The property owner left several trailers that we anticipated would be moved. Also, people that were going to move some trailers chose not to. Ultimately, there were more trailers than anticipated to be demolished/removed. Not wanting to stop the progress on the project because vacant trailers sitting there are a significant nuisance and safety risk, they continued to move forward with the work to the current change order, which is not only the first change order, but is also the final change order. Later in the agenda is an appropriation measure. There are adequate funds in the Sawmill Creek TIF to cover this expense should this be fully borne by the City. However, there are in ongoing conversations with the Erie County Land Bank, which sets its budget in March, to hopefully pay for most, if not all, of these additional costs. They will now know that until March, and the contingency plan is to have that paid out of the Sawmill Creek TIF.

Mayor Tapp commented that this is pretty standard. We get change orders quite often, sometimes more often than expected. Some of the trailers weren't able to be moved.

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. 15-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 15-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 16-2024

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 16-2024 (AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S INTENT TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY DEEMED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR FOUND OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION UTILIZING GOVDEALS, INC.) 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: Claus, Tapp, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 16-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that this is an annual renewal that they bring to Council to authorize the use of GovDeals, Inc. as our preferred internet auction provider. There is no expense to this authorization, nor does this bar the City from disposing of property through other means. This renews their ability to use GovDeals as their preferred provider and auctioneer for any unnecessary City equipment, etc.

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. 16-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 16-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 17-2024

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived, and Resolution No. 17-2024 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ERIE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM FY 2024 RELATING TO A PROPOSED SHARED DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF HURON, HURON TOWNSHIP AND THE HURON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), 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 waiving the three-reading rule. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion suspending the three-reading rule passed, and Resolution 17-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko acknowledged the Huron Public Library for bringing the event to his attention. They reached out last week about partnering with the City and Township to do a community cleanup event – in this

instance a shredding event. Although they don't yet have a date, he anticipates it will be in late summer/early fall. The Library was looking for financial assistance from the City and the Township, which they certainly would have considered; however, fortunately, the Erie County Solid Waste Management District currently has a \$10,000 per community cleanup grant that would fully fund, if awarded, this entire event on behalf of the City, the Township and the Library. They are looking forward to making the application and getting this project fully funded. Hopefully, this event can occur in future years, as well.

Mayor Tapp asked if there is a date for this event. Mr. Lasko said that there is no date set for the event, but they are anticipating late summer/early fall.

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. 17-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 17-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2024-5

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-5 (AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROJECT TO RESURFACE PAVEMENT USING AN ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY AND PERFORM REPAIRS IN THE CITY OF HURON IN ERIE COUNTY, OHIO. THIS PROJECT INCLUDES STATE ROUTE 2 FROM SLM 15.89 (US 6 MERGE) TO SLM 20.023 (WEST OF BERLIN RD INTERCHANGE). THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES US ROUTE 6 FROM SLM 16.011 TO SLM 16.164 (MERGE WITH SR 2). STATE ROUTE 2 FROM SLM 15.89 TO SLM 17.303 AND US ROUTE 6 FROM SLM 16.011 TO SLM 16.164 ARE WITHIN CITY LIMITS; 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance No. 2024-5 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to please Ordinance No. 2024-5 as an emergency measure.

Mayor Tapp 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, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2024-5 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton explained that anytime ODOT wants to resurface a road that runs through our jurisdiction that we are not responsible for, they need authority to do so. This is consent legislation saying the City is allowing them to do that small segment of Route 2 that falls within our jurisdiction.

Mr. Hagy asked if there is a way to describe the segment without all of the SLM's. Mr. Claus said there is a map included, and it covers from Berlin Rd. to the Fabens Park merge. Mayor Tapp explained that this is a letter sent by ODOT received last week, and it is necessary to pass as an emergency measure due to the deadline being tomorrow for submission.

Mr. Hamilton added that this resurfacing will take place in 2025. Mr. Biddlecombe commented that it sounds like we are going to have a lot of ODOT work going on in 2025. What are the odds that it is all going to happen at the exact same time? Mr. Hamilton said that we can be sure that ODOT knows what both hands are doing, and they won't do them at the same time. Even if they did start on the roundabout project, they wouldn't obstruct traffic until one is done. They will not do both at the same time. Mr. Biddlecombe said that he is sure the residents will be happy to hear that.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-5. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-5 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2024-6

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2024-6 (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: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Grieves (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance No. 2024-6 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood stated that Ordinance No. 2024-6 is a supplemental appropriation to the 2024 budget, which is necessary as Resolution 15-2024 was approved tonight, which was a change order from

Shepherd's Shoreline Construction. The Exhibit A shows an additional appropriation of \$26,968 to the Sawmill Creek TIF Fund so that the change order can be lawfully paid. As Mr. Lasko stated, there is sufficient cash in the Sawmill Creek TIF Fund to pay this.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-6. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-6 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:

Oster's Mobile Home Park – As of today, we are still working with Columbia Gas and Rural Water to do the final two utility hookups for the final household. Fortunately, since the last Council meeting, we do have the sanitary and electric hooked up and operational. Hopefully, we will knock out those last two utility hookups in the next couple days.

Infrastructure Updates – Regarding Route 6 Phase II, staff held a scoping meeting with the preferred designer/engineer, which is TransSystems, last week. We will be working with the firm over the next couple weeks to present a design and engineering proposal to Council for consideration.

Regarding the east side sidewalk project, which is 2 separate projects albeit in the same vicinity, related to the south side portion, which is the larger portion of the two, we are still working through some ODOT right-of-way acquisitions for temporary access to allow construction. Once those have been concluded, we will be ready to put the project out to bid. On the north side (smaller piece), Council approved a contract with RMH Concrete and Foundations at the last meeting for just over \$50,000. We will be working with them to lay out a schedule for the public over the next couple of weeks.

Regarding the South Main Street Streetscape Design and Engineering, we also held a scope meeting with our preferred designer/engineer, OHM Advisors, during the week of February 12th. Very similar to Route 6 Phase II, we will be working over the next couple of weeks to finalize a scope and proposal to bring to Council for consideration.

Zoning Code and Planning – As it relates to the Coastal Management Assistance Grant (CMAG) Program, in which we are looking at updating and modernizing our lakefront greenspace and connectivity plan, we received 6 proposals. Through that vetting process, we did final interviews and ultimately selected OHM Advisors as the Planner and Community Outreach Coordinator for that project. We held a scope meeting last week, and we hope to present Council with a contract for that design and concept plan over the next

couple of weeks. This is looking at everything from the former Showboat property west to the public beach behind the Water Plant, and all of the greenspaces and connectivity opportunities in between.

531 Berlin Road – Following demolition of the building, the contractor has graded and seeded that site. The City will be retaining 10% of that contract amount until the grass is fully grown in.

Parks and Recreation – I want to note the upcoming Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt, which is set for March 23rd. The City is partnering with the Huron Lion's Club, Horvath Roofing and Akzo-Nobel to present that Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt. Breakfast will be served at 8am at First Presbyterian Church, the magic show will start at 10am, and following that, the egg hunt will take place at the Boat Basin at 1pm. We will continue to get more information pushed out through social media and through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Boat Basin Dredging – Crews started to mobilize their equipment yesterday down at the Boat Basin for the dredging project. We are hoping and estimating one month for completion, taking into consideration any issues we may encounter with the weather.

Police Department – I continue to be amazed with these numbers from our Flock safety cameras now that all 5 of them are installed. As of last week, Chief Graham let me know that we were already over 100,000 plate reads through those 5 cameras, which were installed on February 6th. We probably won't give an update every Council meeting, but I think this is good feedback to give intermittently as we decide whether it makes sense in the future to add a few more cameras to make sure we are covering all ways in and out of town. These are truly impressive numbers with these pieces of equipment to keep protecting our community.

Personnel. The Boat Basin Facility Manager position has been advertised in the paper, on a couple of websites, and our City website. We have received 10 applications thus far, and I know Mr. Steinwart and his team are going through the interviewing process for that position. We are also in the final stages of the selection process to identify a candidate for the vacancy in the Police Department, as well.

Projects Out to Bid/Bids Recently Closed – The South Main Street Water Main Replacement Project, which also includes the full resurfacing of Forest Hills, Valley View and Hickory, was advertised December 14th with bids due on February 15th. After the initial review, we do have a low bidder at just over \$2.5 Million, which is very well under our budgeted amount, but we are still working with OHM to make sure those bids are completely accurate to know that that's a good number. There is a pre-award meeting scheduled for March 1st to walk through that bid. If approved, we will present a contract to Council shortly thereafter.

We were also out to bid on the first expansion project for Huron Public Power. This project will allow Huron Public Power to extend northward down Rye Beach Road and under the railroad tracks to Sawmill Parkway. It went out to bid on January 4th, with bids due on February 16th. We did receive a single bid, which is not shocking given the complexity of the project. That bid was just under \$370,000, which is certainly within our budgeted amount, although we are reviewing that bid for correctness and completeness.

Upcoming Meetings – For March, HJRD meets on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber; Utilities Committee meetings on Wednesday, March 7th at 5:00pm in the main conference room; Records Commission meets on Wednesday, March 13th at 9:00am in the main conference room; BZA meets on Monday, March 22nd at 5:30 in the Council Chambers; Council regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers; Planning Commission meets on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers; and the 2nd Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers. As of now, I don't think we have any planned work sessions for either of those Council meetings.

Reminder to staff and the public – Administrative offices will be closed at noon on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

Mr. Biddlecombe said that on the Talk of Huron he had seen a question posed about the property that is currently occupied by Carmeuse that is owned by Norfolk Southern wondering what was going to happen. He shared a few things provided by Mr. Hamilton, including the possibility of a small implosion. The request was made that, "wouldn't it be nice to have fireworks like we did for the implosion of ConAgra." Mr. Lasko answered that we have had at least one pre-demolition meeting between the City, the Township, the demolition contractor and members of Carmeuse in which there was a general framework laid out for a potential schedule, although nothing was set in stone yet. I do know that we are in constant communication with Carmeuse and Great Lakes Demolition, who is handling the demolition. We will also make sure that we get a rough schedule out in advance, although there are things that can pop up. There is significant public interest – he gave a speech at the Rotary last week, and people cared much more about that than anything else I may have had to stay. I understand that that is certainly of great public interest. We will do everything we can, whether it's through the Register, our social media, etc., to get that schedule out to the community. Although this implosion is smaller, I still think there is significant interest in just watching what happens to the site and what happens after the fact with Norfolk Southern. We will make sure we can extract as much information as we can from Carmeuse and the demolition contractor. Mayor Tapp added that there is some demolition taking place right now. Mr. Hamilton said that they are currently doing some demolition of some of the smaller buildings. There is a gas main that runs through the site that must be capped and then remove the supply from the site before they can do anything major. Carmeuse doesn't want to release too much information until they have enough information to release.

Mr. Claus was wondering if we have a start date for the street repaving in Old Homestead and Chaska Beach. Mr. Hamilton answered, not yet. We are just closing out the contract documents, and once we get through that portion, we can start setting the actual start date. We are still looking at late March to start saw cutting. Mr. Claus said he assumed that they will start on one end and end on the other with one crew. Mr. Hamilton answered that as soon as they get that scheduled, he will make sure all of the contacts and HOA's are aware of it, and get it out on social media. Mr. Hagy asked if the contractor gave an estimate of how long it will take to complete the project. Mr. Hamilton answered that they were hoping to be done by mid-June. They have been told that if they are not done by the third week of June, they have to demobilize and leave until after July 4th.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

Oster's – I am happy that we are wrapping up. I have received phone calls about how nice the property looks. I want to give credit to Mr. Lasko and the staff, organizations and individuals that helped through this whole process.

Boat Basin – I did see them doing some dredging today, I believe. That is going to look great.

Quiet Zone - For our people that are joining in for this meeting, we had a work session and we are looking into a quiet zone. Staff has the direction to move forward and look at that regarding cost and what else has to be done, discussions with the railroad, etc. We will keep you updated on that.

He asked Chief Graham about the 100,000 reads on the Flock cameras, have there been any crimes solved due to the information provided by the cameras. Chief Graham answered that they are now probably over 150,000 reads right now, averaging about 15,000 per day. They did use another community's cameras to solve a burglary. They have had several alerts for low-level warrants, but there are many types of alerts that can happen – it can be a stolen plate, a stolen vehicle, a wanted person, and someone who is on the terrorist watch list. For public safety, there are amber alerts and silver alerts, but they have not received any of those yet. All of the officers have access to the cameras in their cars and through an app on their phone, and they have also used it in a hit-skip accident investigation. It is an amazing investigative tool. Mayor Tapp said that he enjoys receiving these updates.

I want to thank the Council, staff for their hard work. They have a lot of things going on this year.

For the Good of the Order

William Biddlecombe – I would like to echo the condolences to the Reece family. I would like to thank staff for all of your hard work. There is a Dine to Donate tonight for the Huron PTO at Domino's.

Takeaways from last night's School Board meeting. There was a discussion on possible locations for the new campus-style facility. There will be a study done on the properties of Woodlands and the High School to determine their viability. There also seems to be interest by at least 1 or 2 of the School Board members into looking into moving the project out of the City and into the Township. There were some questions of whether their time table was too aggressive; however, their intent is to keep moving forward until they can't move quick enough any more to make the November ballot. There will be public outreach meetings coming up. I urge the public to attend at least one, if not all, of those meetings. Those meetings will be at the high school, unless they change locations. There is also talk of having the different schools open at different times before those meetings. The meeting dates are March 7th at 6:00pm, March 9th at 9:00am and March 11th at 6:00pm. Again, I urge the public to please attend one, if not all, of those meetings. Their next regular meeting is scheduled for March 18th at 6:00pm.

I would like to congratulate Jessica Brown and Addie LaCivita, who both earned Second Team All-District 6 in basketball. Band members Nick Rager, Rachel Merkens and Kyle Lehmann for their performance at the District 2 Honors Festival. The choir members, Riley Martin, Lily Wild, Autumn Thomas, Brooke Randall, Sophie Welk, Anastasia Shepherd and Alleah Bishop, for their performance at the District II

Honors Festival. Joey Lisnak for his diver meet acknowledgment for Ashland University during their Conference Championship; and Petty Officer Third Class Max Church, who was named Sailor of the Quarter by the Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command Yorktown. We don't have any home games coming up, but Girls Basketball did finish their tournament on Saturday with a loss, and Boys Basketball begins their tournament tonight. Please come out and support our local events, programs and student athletes, and Go Tigers!

Sam Artino – The Oster's property – I would just, once again, like to thank the organizations and the private citizens involved. I think we have thanked our City staff and everybody did one heck of a job above and beyond the call of duty. I want to mention the organizations, and there was a handful of citizens that got involved. That was really great to see.

Mark Claus – Ditto what Mr. Hagy said – condolences to the Reece family – I just got a text while were are sitting here today. They have a big family that has been in Huron forever, and did a lot for the community over the years. She will be missed.

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

Joel Hagy – I just wanted to convey my deepest condolences to the Reece family. Rose Reece passed away either this morning or last night. I think most people who have been in this town long enough know of or have been affected by her, either directly or indirectly, through one of her many kids. They are all great people and she and her husband made this a better community.

Mayor Tapp added his condolences to the Reece family, and like Mr. Hagy said, there was a 15 to 20-year period that all of us went to school with their kids. Rose and Don made the community a lot better.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

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

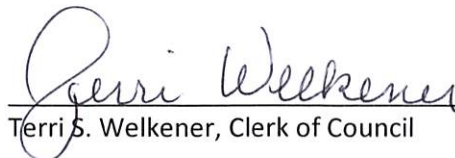
The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of February 27, 2024 was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Adopted: _____

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Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council