

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30pm**

**Call to Order Public Hearing**

The Mayor called the Public Hearing on the Application of John D. Farschman, et al.'s for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District (O.R.C. Section 929.02) relating to 14.8 acres of property identified as Erie County, Ohio PPN: 42-00449.000, located in the City of Huron.

**Roll Call for Public Hearing**

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for the Public Hearing. The following members of Council answered present: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike and Joel Hagy.** Council members absent: **Mark Claus and Matt Grieves.**

**Swear in Witnesses**

Mr. Schrader explained that this is a public hearing on John D. Farschman, et al.'s Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District (O.R.C. Section 929.02) relating to 14.8 acres of property identified as Erie County, Ohio PPN: 42-00449.000, located in the City of Huron.

The Law Director swore in members of Council, Executive Administrative Assistant/Clerk of Council Terri Welkener and Mr. Lasko.

**Witness Testimony**

Mayor Tapp asked if anyone would like to speak at this public hearing on Mr. Farschman's Application.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Artino to approve the Application to place the farmland into an agricultural district.**

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:           Artino, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe (5)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

**Adjourn Public Hearing**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to adjourn the public hearing.**

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, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed, and the Public Hearing was adjourned.

**Call to Order Regular Meeting**

The Mayor called to order the regular Council meeting of February 25, 2025 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, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike and Joel Hagy**. Council members absent: **Mark Claus and Matt Grieves**.

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to excuse Mr. Claus' and Mr. Grieves' absences 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Mr. Claus' and Mr. Grieves' absences were excused.

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 and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 11, 2025.**

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

**YEAS: Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

**Audience Comments**

None.

**Presentation**

Presentation by Sue Daugherty (Director) and Amy Bowman-Moore (Fundraising & Resource Coordinator) of Serving Our Seniors to report on their efforts to stimulate the construction of affordable housing for the benefit of older citizens.

Ms. Daugherty introduced herself and Amy Bowman-Moore and stated:

Thanks for the opportunity to address Council. We are still working on being a catalyst in communities throughout Erie County to stimulate the development of small, and therefore more affordable, housing.

Serving Our Seniors is fortunate to be able to hire a grant writer (Amy Bowman-Moore). She recently started in November and we are making rounds to let communities know that we have that resource available to Serving Our Seniors. She is working to not only get grant dollars, but also to find resources that would be “in kind.” Our greatest need right now is land. Amy has developed a relationship with a sole proprietor builder who is very interested in building small units and renting them out. We are in negotiations with him to see how we can work this relationship so that the rent can be no higher than \$700/month. In addition to that effort, we are also working to bring about what they are calling a “listening session” with builders. If you would know of any builders who are 1-man shows or 2-man shows and they are known for building additions onto houses or garages, but not developing lots of land for small houses, we would like to introduce that notion to them and have them consider what would need to happen so that this would be a viable opportunity for you as a builder. That listening session is going to take place on April 23, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Erie County Office Building downtown Sandusky. Amy is working to identify small builders that would be interested in learning more about the possibility of building small houses. For those builders who don’t want to own and rent, we would find a mechanism so that that home could be owned by somebody and rented at an affordable cost. Those are details that still have not been figured out, but that is the direction we are going in right now just to find some way to stimulate the construction of small, modest homes. I am here to let you know that we are working on it and I know oftentimes when leaders in communities don’t hear about a problem the assumption is that if we haven’t heard anything, I can only assume that problem has been solved. I want you to know that that problem has not been solved and it is still an area of interest for Serving Our Seniors and we are investing in furthering the cause, and I am here this evening to ask if you would see any opportunity for the City of Huron to contribute something, whether that be changing your ordinances or land that you may have that could be used for a demonstration home, or anything else that you may know about and I not know to ask. Would you please consider what Huron might be able to do to help us further the development of small, modest, affordable housing? Mayor Tapp asked if there were any questions for Ms. Daugherty. There were none.

Ms. Bowman-Moore said that she has a small builder that we are working through legalities with. He will own the homes and will be a non-profit. When we say tiny homes, these are duplexes with 700-800 sf in each unit. When she thinks of a tiny house she thinks of something like the size of an outhouse with a flower box on the window. That’s not what these are. They will be rent controlled for people 60 and older. Their demographic is 60 and older, and they want to rent. They are empty-nesters who are ready to downsize, get the equity out of their homes, and use that for the inflation that is happening to them right now. A healthy community/county has between 4-6% of rentable spaces. Erie County has 0.4%. These 60 and older people can’t get the equity out of their homes. If they do sell their homes and get their equity, there is nowhere to go, so they are going to leave the county. They put a lot of money into the retails and everything else in this county, not to mention the workforce. Older people are still working. That’s what I am working on. If you have any questions for me, I am [amyb@servingourseniors.org](mailto:amyb@servingourseniors.org) and I am going to build a prototype house this year – and I hope you guys can help me. Mayor Tapp asked if there were any questions for Ms. Bowman-Moore.

Mr. Artino asked if this is for income levels above those already receiving assistance, which they answered in the affirmative.

**Old Business****Ordinance No. 2025-3 (third and final reading)**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that Ordinance No. 2025-3 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 1369.04 (FEES) OF CHAPTER 1369 (TRANSIENT RENTAL PROPERTY) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) be placed on its third and final reading.**

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

**YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2025-3 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that they are simply codifying the annual transient rental registration fee and reinspection fee set in 2020, which are, respectively, \$400 and \$50. These dollar amounts have not changed compared to prior years; they are just codifying them.

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

**YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2025-3 was adopted. The Ordinance will take effect 30 days following its adoption.

**New Business****Resolution No. 19-2025**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 19-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHELLE WIGHTMAN-KARRIE WEBER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION RELATING TO THE INAUGURAL KIDS LEARN TO FISH DAY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00), 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. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 19-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart explained that this legislation will allow the Parks & Recreation Department to seek funds from the Wightman-Wieber Foundation to support their inaugural Youth Fishing Day scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at Dancing Waters Park on Berlin Road. This will be a hands-on fishing experience offering educational components, fishing techniques, water safety and conservation. They are partnering with local organizations – Kedas Foundation, Fish Huron Foundation and Aqua Dock. We are looking forward to activating Dancing Waters Park for 2025 and hope this will get kids into fishing.

Mr. Dike suggested that they check with Jason Fisher because he is very into doing things like this. Mr. Steinwart confirmed that they had already reached out to him.

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

**YEAS:**            **Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (5)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 19-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 20-2025**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 20-2025 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES AND THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES TO SUPPORT THE TOTAL ALL-INCLUSIVE MAXIMUM FIXED FEE FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY OF HURON FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD OF JANARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 AT A TOTAL COST OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND xx/100 DOLLARS (\$136,875.00)) be placed on its first reading.**

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

**YEAS:**            **Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (5)**  
**NAYS:**           **None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 20-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton stated that this is a ratification of an agreement the City Manager signed in 2022 for audit services with Charles E. Harris & Associations. This covers services from 2022 through 2026 in the total amount of \$136,875.00.

Mr. Hagy asked if the audits in 2022, 2023 and 2024 have already been done and they were not paid. Mr. Hamilton answered that the audits have been done, and they have paid them. Unfortunately, the

legislation required for this was missed by one of the prior finance directors. The yearly payments have been made, but it has never been legislated. Mr. Hagy asked if the State audits the City without charge? Mr. Hamilton answered that they do come and audit, but it is never free.

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

**YEAS:** Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (5)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 20-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 21-2025**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 21-2025 (A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF JOHN D. FARSCHMAN, ET AL., FOR PLACEMENT OF 14.8 ACRES OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (O.R.C. SECTION 929.02), MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 42-00449.000) 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, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe (5)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 21-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Schrader explained that this is something that is done every 5 years. The Agricultural District generally protects farmers from nuisance lawsuits, special assessments they may not be able to afford, and eminent domain actions. It affords them a little bit more protection.

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

**YEAS:** Artino, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe (5)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 21-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance No. 2025-5**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-5 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 41.88 ACRES OF VACANT LAND LOCATED ON RIVER ROAD IN THE CITY OF HURON, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 42-01718.000, 42-01721.000 AND 42-01722.000**

**TO TRIBAN INVESTMENT, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$700,000.00), 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, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2025-5 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance No. 2025-5 as an emergency measure.**

Mr. Dike asked what it means when this is placed as an emergency measure. Mr. Schrader answered that it means that if passed as an emergency measure, the ordinance takes effect tonight. If for some reason it doesn't pass as an emergency measure, the recommendation will be to place it on the next meeting agenda and it could be passed as an emergency then, it could go to three readings, or it could be voted down. Mr. Dike asked what happens next with this property if this legislation passes. Mr. Schrader answered that if the legislation passes tonight as an emergency, then the agreement will be executed, and the execution of the agreement starts the due diligence period and title review. Both the City and Triban Investments are locked in. As a prelude to the purchase, one of the requirements is the rezoning of the property. That's another thing that would transpire fairly quickly. Mr. Dike said that would go through the Planning Commission – do they have to show any site plans at that moment, or is it just rezoning the property? Mr. Schrader answered that it is just rezoning of the property. Mr. Dike said that, in years past, they have had different developments come through and some have gone to the wayside once they have gone down the path as far as the due diligence period goes. What happens if they rezone this and they then back out at a later date? Does it revert back to the agricultural or will it stay residential. Mr. Schrader answered that unless there is something by way of legislation that is passed that this is conditional and if they back out of the transaction it would revert back, once they go to rezoning this property, the property is rezoned at that time. The City is the party that rezones the property because they are the owner. If they back out, the City would then be holding residential property. Mr. Dike asked what happens if the Planning Commission says no to the rezoning. Mr. Schrader said the he believes Council could override that by a 2/3 vote.

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, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2025-5 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton reminded Council that this property was purchased by the City in 2023 with an eye on creating a new Service Complex. With the reprioritization of capital projects and some of our budgetary



issues, and opportunity presented itself to spearhead one of the largest residential developments in Erie County in decades. This development should shore up the City's tax base and give them additional tax revenue. It will give help to the schools, as well, with additional enrollment. The 40 acres would be sold to Triban Investments (eventually partnering with K Hovnanian Homes) to construct roughly 170-220 single-family units. The sale price would be \$700,000, with \$450,000 due at closing, \$125,000 due after 12 months, and \$125,000 due after 24 months. The developer would be afforded a 6-month due diligence period, partly because the City has to rezone that parcel prior to closing. The City would have no financial responsibility for infrastructure or anything else after the sale.

Mr. Artino said this is a really good deal for the taxpayers.

Mr. Dike said he has spoken to individuals that are both for and against this. There are concerns that we said we were going to do one thing and then they transitioned to this. He can remember when the corporate park was sold out, and they were asked where they were going to go with the next complex (industrial park). Hearing Sue Daughterty and other individuals talk about how the County is in such a need of housing, and with this being one of the largest projects, he is curious to see how all of this transpires and how fast it moves. He also thinks individuals that live on River Road want to be able to have access to the information to see what's happening. We need to overcommunicate on this so everyone is on the same page. When people don't know information, people have a tendency to be nervous about what's happening. He hopes it goes smoothly and if people have concerns, he is all ears.

Mayor Tapp said he believes K Hovnanian may be coming in sometime in March or April to give them a rough idea of what is going on. Mr. Hamilton said the City Manager reached out to them and they are going to try to provide a rough layout sketch of where they believe the development would be. Mayor Tapp said, for the people who live on River Road, they don't know what it is going to look like. A member of the audience started speaking to Mayor Tapp, saying he wanted to know what they are doing. Mayor Tapp said they have reached out to them and as soon as they found out, they would let the public know. Mr. Dike said whatever they show to Council still has to go through the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hamilton said the City always has the option to rezone the property if the deal does not go through. As long as they are in possession of the property they always have the option to rezone.

Mr. Biddlecombe said some of the concerns relate to the intersection of River Road and Cleveland Road. They need to look forward and really pay attention to what this is going to look like once there are all of the houses on River Road and the increase in traffic. Mr. Hamilton said the City already has a traffic study scheduled for that intersection. It will be studying the through traffic east to west and will also take into account the planned developments at ConAgra and on River Road. Mr. Artino said a year or so ago, they had a plan, but because of the tax base it was in question. This opportunity came up, and Council is making the right decision that both fills a need and helps with the tax benefit. They can still look into another corporate park in the future, but they have to have the finances in line. Overall, this is a good decision for the area. This will bring in more tax base and lighten the burden on the people who are already here. As leadership for the community, Council needs to be flexible when these opportunities come up.

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. 2025-5. Members of Council voted as follows:



**YEAS:** Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-5 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

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

In place of Mr. Lasko, Mr. Hamilton spoke on several topics:

**ConAgra** – Last week, the developer made their \$25,000 escrow deposit to the title company for the Development Agreement. All parties continue their efforts at due diligence that includes the sea wall design and engineering. Per ORC, the City sent the required notice to Erie County of its intent to approve an incentive district (TIF) on the site to pay for the cost for the seawall. A public hearing will be scheduled probably sometime in March before the final adoption of the TIF.

**East Side Sidewalk and Route 13 Crosswalks** – These projects have finally been released by ODOT. They went out to bid this week. They expect those to close on March 20<sup>th</sup> and hopefully, construction will start soon thereafter.

**CMAG Grant** – After tonight's final Lakefront Park Plan presentation, that brings this part of the project to a close. I would like to say a special thanks to OHM Advisors, who have facilitated the design process and the public outrage. Also, a thank you for all of the community feedback we received throughout the process.

**Huron Public Power** – The project taking us under the railroad tracks hit a bump. They worked with the railroad and they have allowed us to move 50' east so we can still go under the tracks to complete the project. That project is ongoing.

**Planning & Zoning Secretary** – The Planning & Zoning Department received 9 applications for the position. Two of the candidates with work-related experience were selected for interviews. Carolyn Boger was offered and accepted the position and will start on March 17<sup>th</sup>. She brings knowledge of permitting and construction experience as a project management assistant with Tusing Builders. We are excited to have Carolyn join our team.

**2024 Annual Staff Report** – Staff and mainly Jen Kilbury are putting the final touches on the 2024 Annual Report. We anticipate this report to be available to Council and the community sometime in March.

**Upcoming Meetings** – HJRD on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; Utilities Committee on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the main conference room; Joint Port Authority on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Township Hall; BZA on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers; City Council meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers; Planning Commission on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers; City Council Work Session on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers; and a City Council meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Dike asked if we have any rendering of how they are going to do the roundabouts on Rye Beach Road. What they are looking for is, are there going to be sidewalks that go from Cleveland Rd./Rye Beach Rd. all the way out to BGSU Firelands? Mr. Hamilton answered that there are no actual renderings, but there are plan sets that staff can share. Those will show the path and where the multiuse path is going to go up the east side of Rye Beach Road.

Mr. Dike asked about Valley Ford – a citizen has a concern that when you come up to the stop sign on Huron, you cannot see to the left. Is there any way we can talk to them? It is a major safety concern; years back, a little girl passed there was hit by a car and passed there. He thinks it is worth a conversation if they put it through the Safety Committee or talk to the owners. That is something they should look into. Mr. Hamilton said they have talked to the owners there multiple times. They are pretty good partners; every time they are asked to move things back, they do so. When they reinstituted the sidewalk, it kept them back further than they used to be. They will have another conversation with them. If it keeps happening, then they will take it to the Safety Committee.

Mr. Dike asked if there is a date on the Cleveland Rd. East Sidewalk Project. Mr. Hamilton answered that until they get the bids in, it will take 2-3 weeks to assess the bids and once awarded, they can work on the schedule.

Mr. Biddlecombe commented that there are concerns, especially with all of the snow we have had, on Cleveland Rd. of the residents not clearing the sidewalks in front of their houses. That's the main area where kids are walking to school. It is unsafe for the kids to walk to school because people are not cleaning the sidewalks.

Mr. Hagy asked if the City has a contractor hired to construct the seawall. Mr. Hamilton answered that KS & Associates is doing the design, and they are also doing the permitting with ODNR and USACE. Once they get through the design process, they will put it out to bid, and that's when they will know who the contractor is going to be. The estimated cost of that seawall is \$4.5 million.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Tapp said:

I want to thank Sue Daugherty and Ms. Moore for coming in for their presentation. I appreciate that. I want to thank the citizens for coming in. I tell people to come in to find out information, or to call. If anybody has questions, call one of the Councilmembers or call me. I don't know everything, but if I don't know I will give you Stu's extension or Mr. Schrader's. We have a lot going on this summer. We have to look at our budget and maintain that. We have to look at projects that we can engage, and those that we can't. That's just a good way to run business, run the City and run our finances. I want to thank the staff, too. I ask them a lot of questions, and if somebody does have a question, just reach out and let us know and we will try to find out the answer. We are not always going to agree, but we will have a conversation.

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

**Sam Artino** – I have nothing, thank you.

**Joe Dike** – I would like to give my condolences to George (Butch) Allendorf's family – he passed away recently. He was a 1967 Huron High School graduate. I want to give my condolences to his family, he will be missed.

**Joel Hagy** – No, sir. I have nothing for the good of the order.

**William Biddlecombe** – Thanks, staff for your hard work. I would like to welcome Carolyn Boger to the Planning & Zoning Department. Recently, Ms. Welkener shared a picture with me that the City found. It's an old photo of a couple of fishermen. I posted it on my social media, as well as my Council social media, and shared into the Talk of Huron, so if anyone recognizes the two gentlemen, we are trying to who they are to give the picture to their families if they are no longer with his.

Some takeaways from the last School Board meeting – they discussed reinstating high school busing. They had a few options they went over. The option they chose to examine further was one there they still don't completely do high school busing, but if any student wants or needs to be bused, they can make a request and they will bus them without any question of hardship. They voted to approve leaving the current 3 division SBC Conference and to join the other Lake and Bay schools from the SBC in a new conference that will begin in the 2026/2027 school year. There was some discussion about conflicts with OHSA sanctioned sporting events that will conflict with graduation. There were some requests from parents to move the graduation to Sunday instead of having it on the Friday in May that's its currently scheduled for. They ultimately decided to leave it as scheduled because they figured a lot of people have already made plans for relatives come in. They are offering to allow students to get their diploma at the Thursday morning graduation practice. They approved a motion to ask their Treasurer to make a motion to eliminate the TIF on the ConAgra property at the next Tax Incentive Review Council.

I would like to congratulate Jess Brown, Addie Lacivita, Julia Brown, Jackson McNulty and Tanya McDonald, who were All Conference and All District in basketball this year. Congratulations to our Huron swimmers – they took 15<sup>th</sup> at State this year. Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team, they were sectional champs, and you can see them on Thursday at 5:30pm in the District Semifinal at Lakota High School. If they move on from that, they will also play on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Lakota High School. District Wrestling is coming up on Friday starting at 4pm and on Saturday at 9am at Rossford High School.

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, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of February 25, 2025, was adjourned at 7:17pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 25 MAR 2025