

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30pm

Call to Order Public Meeting

The Mayor called to order the Public Hearing on the City of Huron's Application to Re-District 41.88 +/- acres of real property identified as Erie County, Ohio Permanent Parcel Nos. 42-01718.000 and 42-01721.000 from the current I-2 (General Industrial District) to R-1 (One-Family Residential District).

Roll Call

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

Swear in Witnesses

Law Director Todd Schrader swore in witnesses testifying at the Public Hearing. All members of Council and Interim City Manager Stuart Hamilton were sworn in.

Witness Testimony

Mr. Hamilton testified that this request rezoning came around as part of the sale of this property to Triban Investment LLC. They are currently going through the sale process, and part of that process is to rezone this to R-1 from I-2. The R-1 would allow single-family homes. This came before the Planning Commission on March 26th, and they have passed it on to Council for approval.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the City of Huron's Application to Re-District 41.88 +/- acres of real property identified as Erie County, Ohio Permanent Parcel Nos. 42-01718.000 and 42-01721.000 from the current I-2 (General Industrial District) to R-1 (One-Family Residential District).

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, Claus, Tapp (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion approving the Application 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, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (6)

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 May 13, 2025 to order at 6:33pm. 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 Joel Hagy**. Member absent: **Matt Grieves**.

Motion by Mr. Claus to excuse Mr. Grieves' 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Staff in attendance: Interim City Manager Stuart Hamilton, Law Director Todd Schrader, Police Chief Terry Graham, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, Water Superintendent Jack Evans and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes**Motion**

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 22, 2025, 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: Dike, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (5)
ABSTAIN: Claus (1)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 22, 2025 were approved, as written.

Oath of Office

Interim City Manager Stuart Hamilton will administer the Oath of Office to Ryan L. Boesch as Sergeant in the Huron Police Department. All in attendance gave a round of applause and photos were taken with Sgt. Boesch's family and K-9, Jax.

Mayor's Proclamation

Mayor's Proclamation honoring and celebrating Dr. Stannard Baird Pfahl's commitment of many years of his adult life to recreational boat safety. Council, staff and the audience gave Dr. Pfahl several rounds of applause and photos were taken. The Mayor asked Dr. Pfahl if he would like to say anything, and he said, "I think I was sandbagged, and I hope we are still going to have a proclamation for water safety day to Council." The Proclamation as signed by the Mayor is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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.

The Clerk summarized an email from James O. of Village Green via email on May 2, 2025, as follows:

This email expressed his concern over general lack of maintenance of roads within the City, claims the Street Department isn't doing its job and needs more oversight, and roads are being replaced prematurely due to lack of upkeep.

The Mayor asked Mr. Hamilton if he had any comments.

Mr. Hamilton said: I am always available for comments and conversations when people have anything to discuss, ideas. The Streets Department, while they are named the Streets Department, that is not their only job – they do a lot more than that. I can send Council a list of all of the streets that have been crack-sealed and patched in the last 2 or 3 years so that you can see how much they do. They also do mowing, right-of-way maintenance, catch basins, stormwater, leaf pickup and plowing. They do a lot of things. You can never do enough crack-sealing. We could hire a whole crew all year and we would still be running behind. Do I say things can never get better? Things can always get better. That's why the door is always open to discussions and ideas. Our Streets Departments does a good job and do a lot of stuff.

Mayor Tapp said he is pretty proud of our departments. There is always room for improvement in anything. The door is always open for questions for Council members. They are easily reached and they will make sure your concerns or questions get taken care of.

Old Business

None.

New Business**Ordinance No. 2025-10**

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-10 (AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN INCENTIVE DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY; DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICT TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; IDENTIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE, OR THAT ONCE MADE, WILL BENEFIT OR SERVE THE PARCEL IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICT; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX

INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS; APPROVING RELATED MATTERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being a five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived and Ordinance No. 2025-10 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Dike to place Ordinance No. 2025-10 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2025-10 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton stated that this legislation is yet another step in bringing the ConAgra site back to tax-generating status. By establishing this TIF, it will generate enough money for the City to repair the seawall, which will allow this project to go ahead. Without the seawall repair, there would be no project – they are one and the same. The TIF revenue will allow the City to receive 73.5% of future real estate taxes over the course of 30 years. Pursuant to Compensation Agreements with both Huron City Schools, passed in 2021, and EHOVE Career Center, passed in 2022, they will receive 25% and 1/5% of property tax revenue, respectively. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, the City sent out notices of Council's intent to adopt this ordinance to the Erie County Commission no later than 45 days prior to this legislation.

To clarify a couple of statements that have been made recently, it is correct that this site has not been generating tax revenue for a long time. That is why they are trying to get this project off the ground. Without this TIF, this site will remain non-tax-generating. They need this TIF to allow the site to bring dollars to the City and their partners at the schools.

Addressing our local companies, one of our companies has a 15-year 100% abatement, which the schools get 25% of. The other one required a lot of investment in electrical infrastructure. These kinds of investments never come free – there is always a price to bringing in companies. There is competition, and that is how they get these companies to come to Huron. This project is not a choice between development and school rebuilds. This is bringing in dollars and people to help fund the City and bring those taxes in so the schools can get their tax money. They will get 25% of the tax revenue from this site. They do this so we can be good partners to the schools, and that is what they always aim to do.

Mayor Tapp commented that when the City looks at bringing businesses into the area, if it was a perfect

world, they would come in and say they don't want anything and we are going to spend all of our money and put the business in. That's not the way it works. They like to attract people here. If they don't like what we offer, they pack up and go someplace else. It is a give and take situation. He believes it has been since 2011 that the ConAgra has not brought in any money. They are doing their best to get something in there and get some income in for the schools and for the City... and to bring more people.

Mr. Artino added that they have had several developers and contractors that showed interest in this property, and every one of them wanted some assistance... some of them to the point that it just wasn't feasible. We had to say no to them as a Council representing not only the interests of our citizens, but also the school district's interests. They chose the organization that provided the best return for the citizens and school board. It has been a while, and we need to move on this project and get some residents in this community to help build our tax bases.

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, Claus, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-10 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2025-11

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-11 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-58, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2024, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being a five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived and Ordinance No. 2025-11 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this is a standard appropriations measure. Exhibit A lists all of the transactions. The total net impact is \$423,768. What you don't see on this is that the \$138,000 from the Fire Levy Fund is actually zeroed out by grant monies that will be receipted. The TIF payments under Funds 421 & 422 are backed by the TIF payments received from the County. Without those two amounts, there remains \$25,000 for Streets – they have already spent over \$16,000 on one of the plows to keep it on the road, so the budget had to be bumped. There is an additional \$25,000 for the Township Agreement. Once you balance all of these, the net impact boils down to \$50,118 of increase on this appropriations measure.

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, Claus, Tapp, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-11 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2025-12 (first reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2025-12 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HURON TO REFLECT THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 41.88 +/- ACRES OF VACANT LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF HURON LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF RIVER ROAD, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 42-01718.000 & 42-01721.000, FROM THE CURRENT I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT)) 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2025-12 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton stated that this is legislation related to the Public Hearing held earlier.

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

Resolution No. 40-2025

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 40-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BOECKLING CHARITABLE TRUST FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW OUTDOOR PROJECTION SCREEN TO SUPPORT THE HURON BOAT BASIN "MOVIES BY THE RIVER" PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00), 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. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 40-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart explained that this is the first time they are applying for the Boeckling Charitable Trust grant. This resolution authorizes submission of the application and acceptance of any grant funds received. If received, the \$3,000 grant will be used to purchase a new projection screen for the Boat Basin's "Movies by the River" program. They have been doing the Movies by the River program since 1997, and is one of their longest running programs.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 40-2025 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 Interim City Manager spoke on several topics:

USACE – The US Army Corps issued the permit for the ConAgra seawall project. We are waiting for final confirmation from ODNR that they do not require anything else. KS & Associates will now prioritize the design completion and approval process, and the project will go out to bid at the appropriate time.

Planning & Zoning – The ConAgra general development concept plan was received. Staff coordinated an internal departmental meeting to conduct preliminary reviews of the plans to identify any non-complying items and safety concerns. The reviews will be incorporated in the Staff Report and will be presented to the Planning Commission/Design Review Board during the Public Hearing to be held on May 21, 2025. This will be the first of 1 or 2 more meetings on this matter as they add additional plan sets.

Code Amendments – Staff continues researching the ADUs in R-1 and R-2 Districts. Staff are going to meet soon to bring a final version back to Council in another work session sometime in the near future.

Firelands Scientific – Firelands Scientific has submitted applications and plans for four temporary greenhouse structures, which were previously approved by the Planning Commission/Design Review Board. The applications and plans are currently in zoning review and have been distributed to OHM and Erie Soil & Water for SWPP evaluation.

Parks & Recreation – The Parks & Recreation departments has received the \$2,500 from the Wightman-Wieber Foundation to support to inaugural "Kids Learn to Fish Day" scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th at the new Dancing Waters Pond Park located on Berlin Road. The event will provide 30-40 children with an engaging, hands-on fishing experience. They will also offer educational pointers about fishing techniques, water safety and conservation.

Parks & Recreation also received grant funding from the Erie MetroParks Local Capital Improvement grant program in the amount of \$4,368 to replace the mat system at Nickel Plate Beach.

The clock tower is receiving maintenance on the motors and microchips. The parts have been ordered from Americlock and Brady Signs will be completing the installation of those parts.

Income Tax – Through April, income tax receipts are still trending positives (up just under 14% from 2024), with 2025 receipts totaling \$1,332,548.

East Side Water Tower Painting – The east side water tower painting has been completed, and the tower has been returned to service. It looks good with the new logos on there.

Huron Public Power – The HPP Rate Study has been completed and has passed out of the Utilities Committee. It will be coming to Council probably sometime in June once the legislation is finished. The rates would be raised enough to just cover the new debt the City is bringing. We want to keep those prices as low as we can. We are not here to make money – this is an economic development tool, which I always try to tell people.

Electric Aggregation – The current electric aggregation rate expires at the end of July. We have been in contact with multiple vendors trying to get pricing for aggregation, but they cannot offer us pricing that makes it worthwhile for the City to aggregate again at this time due to the current state of the electric market. We will step back from aggregating and will keep an eye on the market. When the market returns something they can aggregate that will save our residents money, we will reenter the aggregation program. I strongly recommend that our residents go to the Energy Choice Ohio Apples to Apples website, where they will find all of the residential aggregation programs out there, and you may be able to save yourself \$.01 to \$.02 by going to that site. Service for all residents will be returned to Ohio Edison automatically at the end of the aggregation program. They do not have to do anything.

Personnel – Firefighter Austin Gardner is leaving us. He submitted his letter of resignation, and his final day will be May 16th. We thank him for his service and we wish him the best in his future.

Projects Out to Bid – We currently have 3 projects out to bid. The West Side Water Tower construction bid is out, as well as the S. Main Pedestrian Crossing and Cleveland Rd. E. Sidewalks RFQs for construction inspection.

Upcoming Meetings – Planning Commission/Design Review Board on May 21st at 5:00pm in Council Chambers; and City Council on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Hagy asked about the USACE approval – it could have gone one of two ways, did it fall our way? Mr. Hamilton answered that the City ended up with the nationwide permit because they weren't encroaching or moving enough materials to actually have a single permit, so they are covered under the national way. That saves them a year.

Mr. Hagy said the income tax receipts continue to trend up. Do we know why? Mr. Hamilton answered no, there is an across-the-board increase apart from the fines paid by delinquent accounts. This may be a continuous trend.

Mr. Claus asked when the Cleveland Road E Sidewalk project would get started. Mr. Hamilton answered that they don't currently know. Once they pick their inspection crew, that will then go through ODOT and a schedule will be set. Regardless of when the inspection is awarded, they think they will start within 3 weeks. It will be summer/early fall. The project will take anywhere from 1-3 months, because concrete work is weather-dependent.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

I would like to congratulate Sergeant Boesch, who has been with us for a while and is also our K-9 officer. I would like to thank Dr. Pfahl for his service. Dr. Pfahl's kids and I went to school together... I hate to say how long ago, but it's been a long time. I have known Dr. Pfahl for at least 50 years. Austin Gardner is moving on to another fire department. We wish him the best. Austin has been here several years and has been a great medic and firefighter. Austin, who is about 6'5" or 6'6" was babysat by my daughter, who is barely 5' tall. Condolences to the family of Joe Boogs Majoy, who passed away a week or so ago. He was a Huron Police Officer at one time, and he will be missed. I knew him and his kids for a very long time.

I would like to thank the Coast Guard Auxiliary for being here, you are welcome to come at any time. We appreciate having some people in the audience.

For the Good of the Order

Sam Artino – I would like to congratulate Sgt. Boesch, as well. Dr. Pfahl, I appreciate all of your years of services, and as other Councilmembers have said, you have done quite a bit for our community. Thanks to all of the rest of the folks for your service, as well. As the Vice-Mayor said, it's a great asset for our community, as well. I would also like to express my condolences for Boogs Majoy's family.

Mark Claus – I grew up with Dr. Pfahl's kids and spent a lot of time over at the house in the basement when we were in high school. He probably regrets that part of it, I'm sure. I really appreciate all of your service. The whole group of you, for our waterfront community here - we need folks like you to help keep all of us safe. I am a boater myself, so I appreciate people being educated to be safe out on the waterways. Thank you for coming, as well. I also want to mention that the water tower looks great. I have had a couple of calls from people saying how great that looks with the new logo. It was crazy fast – I'm not sure how they do that so quickly.

Joe Dike – I would also like to say thank and congratulations to Dr. Pfahl, and thank you all for being here this evening. I would also like to give my condolences to the Majoy family, and also congrats to Sgt. Boesch. I know there has been some talks about the ConAgra site – I am excited to see things happen there. Keep working hard and everybody is going to have opinions and comments, but let's keep moving forward and making stuff happen in this great community that I love to call home.

Joel Hagy – I just wanted to say congratulations to Dr. Pfahl, even though you got hoodwinked to get here. You absolutely deserve this recognition, but it could have been for any number of things you have done for the community over the years. I remember you being team doctor, and I really appreciate all of your public service. Thank you very much, and congratulations.

William Biddlecombe – Congratulations to Sgt. Boesch, and congratulations to you, too, Dr. Pfahl. On behalf of the Bridge at the Yacht Club, I definitely appreciate everything you do for us over there, as well. I would like to thank staff for all of their hard work, and I would like to take the time to thank Dr. Marianne Socha and her staff for 15 years of excellent care. Please come out and support our local events, programs, student athletes and GO TIGERS!

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Claus to enter into executive session to consider confidential information relating to marketing plans, business strategies, production techniques, trade secrets, personal financial statements for applicants of economic development assistance, and to invite Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Schrader.

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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Council moved into executive session at 7:12pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:37pm.

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, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of May 13, 2025, was adjourned at 7:37pm.



Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 27 MAY 2025





MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Huron wishes to honor and celebrate Dr. Stannard Baird Pfahl, Jr.'s commitment of many years of his adult life to recreational boat safety; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Dr. Pfahl became a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. During his nearly 20 years of service, Dr. Pfahl has participated in over 900 Coast Guard missions and contributed over 13,000 volunteer hours in service to the citizens of the City of Huron and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfahl has conducted 265 vessel safety checks on local boats and provided useful boating tips to ensure safe passage to all who transit the waters leading to and from Lake Erie. Additionally, he has spent over 600 hours participating in the instruction of 110 boating safety classes which successfully graduated 680 students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfahl's efforts have had a profound influence on the lives of those who take to the water in our community. His wise counsel has clearly helped to ensure that his neighbors understood the value of wearing a Coast Guard approved life jacket and that they were equipped to keep themselves safe on the waters in and around the Huron community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Monty Tapp, on behalf of the City of Huron, do hereby proclaim the service and dedication of Dr. Stannard Baird Pfahl, Jr. to be noteworthy and deserving of recognition, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Dr. Pfahl for his outstanding service to the City of Huron and wishing him many continued years of happiness and good health.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE CITY OF HURON, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO ON THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.





MONTY TAPP, MAYOR

Terri Welkener

From: William Biddlecombe
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 11:38 AM
To: Stuart Hamilton
Cc: Terri Welkener
Subject: Fw: Concerned Citizen - Maintenance Failures City of Huron

Thank you & Go Tigers!

William Biddlecombe
Huron City Councilman

From: JAMES OSTENMET <huronstrow1968@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 9:40:41 AM
To: Sam Artino <sam.artino@huronohio.us>; Joe Dike <joe.dike@huronohio.us>; Joel Hagy <joel.hagy@huronohio.us>; Matthew Grieves <matthew.grieves@huronohio.us>; William Biddlecombe <william.biddlecombe@huronohio.us>; Monty Tapp <monty.tapp@huronohio.us>; Mark Claus <mark.claus@huronohio.us>
Subject: Concerned Citizen - Maintenance Failures City of Huron

Member of Council,

As a resident of Village Green I once again express concern over our general lack of maintenance of roads within the city. I drive our community almost daily and am appalled at the lack of road maintenance. Cleveland Road has multiple small potholes and many, MANY, cracks on the asphalt. We have a crew of four streets members, it only takes 3 to crack seal. Once potholes develop it is too late. WHAT ARE WE DOING?? There is minimal other work for the Street Department to conduct other than..... STREETS! Mowing is minimal and parks handles most, three seasons of the year should be crack sealing by and large. It is the only way to protect our investment. Excuses by the Street Department are cheap and the fact is they just don't want to do the work. Look at the GPS on trucks if you have it. A majority of your Street workers, lead by an unqualified foreman with no prior roadway experience, simply take driving tours of the community daily. Again, check GPS or establish it if you don't have it. Lead by example, if the Foreman simply drives around daily so will the others. We should be crack sealing most months of the year, plain and simple. THEY ARE THE STREET DEPARTMENT - it's their main objective!!!! It is not just Cleveland Road, take a glance at Bogart too. Not a trace of tar to be found, NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO CRACK SEAL..... FOR YEARS. It makes me sick that we waste our tax dollars to fund four employees that joy ride a majority of their career day and day out. Wake up and pay attention. I had previously written about this once already and no changes were made. At the end of the day these workers have a supervisor. Mr. Hamilton knows of the lack of work ethic in the Street Department and does little to address it. It's easy to ignore rather than deal with. Have a presence in the departments which you supervise Mr. Hamilton. Hard to say you supervise them when you never present yourself on location. Enough is enough with wasting tax dollars, we do a great job in most city departments but streets maintenance is simply not one of them. I would like this addressed at the next city council meeting. Pretty easy to see, drive around with eyes open, we are replacing roads prematurely due to lack of upkeep. Staffing is sufficient we just need to MOTIVATE.

Very Disappointed in all involved,

James O.

Village Green Resident