

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

The Mayor called to order the regular Council meeting of July 22, 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, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves and Joel Hagy.**

Staff in attendance: Interim City Manager Stuart Hamilton, Law Director Gary Ebert, Police Captain Kurt Schaefer, Police Chief Terry Graham and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council work sessions of June 10, 2025 and July 8, 2025, and the regular Council meeting of July 8, 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the minutes of the work sessions of June 10, 2025 and July 8, 2026, and the regular Council meeting of July 8, 2025, were approved, as written.

Audience Comments

The Vice-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.

Shawn Bickley – Recently, my wife and I invested in some property at 1514 Cleveland Rd. and we are fixing the property up to live there. We own property on Kirkwood, on Cleveland Rd. and on Juniper. There seems to be some discussion here recently on access to Juniper Rd. There are talks of being able to access that. The road now has grass grown over top of it. For the last 50 years it has been stone. I would like to go on record and just make sure before any decisions are made, that we could reach out to the property owners. At one point, I realized it was just easement egress and ingress, however, now it's City property. I understand that and also go on record that I am willing to stone it and I am also on record willing to pave it. The east side of the road is owned almost exclusively by Mr. Steve West, myself and my wife. We want to have a say in this with Council. Council has asked me to bring in deeds or past documentation of this

road, which we are willing to do, but before any decisions are made, can we please have a meeting of the minds with everybody involved? I greatly appreciate it.

He said if the City needs any work done with pile driving for the new condos... if you are going to release any work, Shepherd Shoreline is in. We will help out in any way we can.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Resolution No. 47-2025

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 47-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT AND EDGE GRINDING RELATING TO THE CITY OF HURON SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (DISTRICT 2) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00)) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 47-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this legislation is the culmination of the first zone they inspected for trees and sidewalks. We sent out courtesy letters and some people made some repairs. We then reinspected and then sent out certified mail letters requesting correction. One more reinspection was conducted, and this is the final list of properties that did not complete the work requested. Final notices will be mailed out tomorrow to those residents advising them of the cost to complete that work, which will commence after 30 days. They can still complete the work within that 30 days, but once that time has elapsed, the City will have Smith Paving & Contracting come in to do the work. Once that work has been completed, the City will invoice the property owners and anyone who doesn't pay the City within thirty (3) of that invoice will be assessed over a 4-year period for the work done. District 2 includes the Oklahoma area.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 47-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was

signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 48-2025

Motion by Mayor Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 48-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CASTAWAY YACHT SALES L.L.C. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 ALUKIN CW 750 MARINE PATROL BOAT FOR THE HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$167,500.00)) 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: Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 48-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Chief Graham stated:

As you are all aware, our marine patrol is a vital and very important component not only for the police department, but for the safety of our citizens, visitors and the boating community. Our marine patrol has been counted on multiple times for rescue operations and water emergencies throughout the years. Through educational boat inspections and patrols, our marine patrol program continues to keep our waterways in the City safe throughout the boating, fishing and recreational seasons. Our current marine patrol boat is over 26 years old, and we have outboard motors with around 3,500 hours, many of which are idling hours. Our boat has been out of service several times this year because the outboard motors have been nonfunctional and unreliable, which has resulted in very expensive repairs. I have contacted the State/ODNR about obtaining new outboard motors but there are not any available. I have researched some grant opportunities, and as we all know, grants are not a guarantee, and they are very competitive. Depending on the size and the kind of outboard motors, the purchase of new motors could cost up to \$100,000. This amount is not included in the 2025 budget.

I am so proud, honored and humbled to announce that an anonymous private donor has offered to purchase a brand new 2025 marine patrol boat for the Huron Police Department. The boat is an Alukin CW 750 aluminum utility boat with a centered enclosed cabin valued at \$200,000. The boat is being sold through Castaway Yacht Sales in Port Clinton. After a large discount from Castaway Yacht Sales, the final purchase price is \$167,500, of which the anonymous private donor has agreed to totally fund. This anonymous private donor does not want to be identified or recognized. This person highly recognizes the extreme value and importance of our marine patrol program, and for our police department to be equipped with the newest and best equipment available to perform our duties to the best of our abilities. Additionally, the new marine patrol boat will be equipped with state-of-the-art electronics and communications systems. This donation will not affect our annual Marine Patrol Grant, as it will continue each year to pay for overtime, maintenance, fuel, storage and dockage. The currently marine patrol boat will be taken out of service at the end of the season and eventually sold.

I am very excited to make this announcement, and I look forward to continuing to make our City, waterways and beaches as safe and as enjoyable as possible through our marine patrol program.

I would like the Council to know that he knows who the donor is; he met with the donor on Friday, and I not only extended our thanks and appreciation on behalf of the police department, but also on behalf of City Council and the City of Huron. This person is very honored to help us out and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Mr. Dike said, congratulations and that's awesome. That's typical Huron – stepping up – thank you to whoever that person is.

Mr. Hagy had an administrative question. Do they need to pass legislation in order to accept this gift? Mr. Hamilton answered that do not. As set forth in his Manager's Report, he will ask Council for a motion to accept the gift on the record.

Mr. Artino agreed with Chief Graham, saying this couldn't happen at a better time. They have some concerns about where things are heading financially, so this is greatly appreciated.

Mayor Tapp reminded everyone of his support for safety services, and he sent the Chief a letter stating that he knows sometimes police aren't given the respect and due they deserve. There are a lot of people that stand by the police department and know what their job entails. They respect what you do, day in and day out. People will always have their own opinions. I am very appreciative of this donor. It couldn't come at a better time as we were already looking at engine issues. This just shows how people step up and do realize the service the police department provides. Kudos to the Chief and his officers and thank you to the anonymous donor.

Mr. Claus said this is amazing, great and good timing. Do we know when the new boat will be able to go into service? Chief Graham answered that with striping and installing all of our new radios and lighting equipment, he would like to get it in this season, but they are at the mercy of equipment arriving and getting installed. He is not really sure. Mr. Claus said we need to have a ceremony to break a bottle over the bow before the end of the year.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 48-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2025-16

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-16 (A CONSENT ORDINANCE ALLOWING PAVEMENT PLANING, REPAIRS AND RESURFACING OF SR 2 FROM SLM 7.72 (STATE ROUTE 4 INTERCHANGE) to 15.739 (STATE ROUTE 2/US 6 RYE BEACH ROAD OVERLAP)

WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON) 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, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2025-16 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddecombe to place Ordinance No. 2025-16 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, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2025-16 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton stated this legislation is their typical ODOT consent legislation. ODOT is getting caught up on State Route 2 maintenance over the last couple of years and over the next couple of years. There is a small portion of this project that falls within the City limits. Most of that work will be work on the bridge and guardrails on our side over State Route 2 on Rye Beach Road. This isn't a huge amount, but they still need our consent to perform work in our jurisdiction.

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2025-16 was placed as an emergency measure.

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. 2025-16. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-16 was adopted. The

Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2025-17

Motion by Mr. Hagy that that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-17 (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 AND TO PROVIDE FOR CASH TRANSFERS) 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, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2025-17 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Phillips stated that this supplemental appropriation measure totals \$194,500. \$167,500 of this amount is for the purchase of the new police marine patrol boat referenced earlier. Those funds will not be expended until the donation is received.

Another \$20,000 is being requested for the catch basin that broke on Laguna Drive. In the process of a crew being mobilized to work on a storm drain, they realized that the storm crossing the road had collapsed and another catch basin was broken. The onsite crew quoted the job as an emergency under the limit requiring a bidding process, so the City moved forward with the repair. This line item will replenish that line.

Another \$7,000 is being requested for natural gas. Looking at last year's invoices compared to this year's, the rate has jumped 17% with Columbia Gas, which was not anticipated in the budget.

Finally, a cash advance in the amount of \$25,000 is requested from the General Fund to the ConAgra TIF Fund. The reason this is an advance and not a transfer is that they fully anticipate this being reimbursable as they proceed in the TIF process. Mr. Hagy asked if the money being transferred into the ConAgra TIF Fund is for the small portion of land that must be cleared by the EPA. Mr. Hamilton answered that that property is part of it. As they finish up the setting up the TIF with Bricker, they are trying to capture all of those costs within the TIF Fund. Prior to this, they have been paying for expenses out of the Economic Development Fund, which cannot be claimed back. By using the TIF Fund, the City can repay itself.

Mr. Hagy asked how a natural gas increase affects the Water Department/Fire Department/ Streets Department. Mr. Phillips answered that the invoices are specific by address, and whichever department is supported at each address is tracked separately.

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. 2025-16. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-17 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2025-18

Motion by Mr. Grieves that Ordinance No. 2025-18 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE THREE (UTILITIES) UNDER PART NINE (STREETS, UTILITIES & PUBLIC SERVICES CODE) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF HURON, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER 925 (HURON PUBLIC POWER REGULATIONS AND RATES)) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-18 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this legislation will create a new Chapter under Utilities in the Huron Codified Ordinances for HPP, similar to how they manage their water rates, terms and conditions. They understanding that HPP was designed for economic development, any an increase is painful for our customers. We do not take any increase lightly. They brought in a third part in 2024 to do a third-party rate study for HPP, similar to the rate study conducted relating to water rates. The results brought back by this third part were not acceptable, and they would not pass those increases on to their customers. They were way too aggressive. They did their own in-house analysis to see how far they could back the suggested rates down.

This rate increase will cover the new debt the City is bringing on for the third transformer, and it will let them keep a moderate fund balance. That is all this increase is designed to do. They are not here to make money – they are here just to make sure they can keep providing affordable electric service to our customers and as we grow, keep doing that. They will look at these rates every year (it will be a living document) and as soon as they get to a point where they can drop the rates back down again, they will. Their job is to provide the cheapest electricity we can for our customers.

Outside of the rate increase, they added a small capital rider. They bill by kWh and the capital rider will be \$0.0005 per kWh, so it is a very low charge. That will let them put a small amount into HPP's capital fund so as they keep expanding and have larger maintenance costs, they can pay for those out of the capital fund.

There is a \$650,000 cap that currently exists in the rate structure. That was included so that if someone used \$650,000 in distribution costs (not electric costs), they would be capped at that amount. To enact a rate increase and keep the cap would negate any increase. Therefore, they have removed that cap. That is not with an intention to go over that rate and to keep climbing, it is just to have that flexibility as they

need to maneuver and be a little more agile if they are not restricted by a ceiling.

Lastly, they added a \$15 meter charge, as they do in water, just to maintain the meters and replace them as they need to. Each meter costs between \$2,000-\$5,000, and HPP currently pays for that without reimbursement.

If this legislation passes all three readings, these rates will go into effect on September 1, 2025. They have emailed all of the HPP customers and there will be flyers in their next invoice. They have tried to get this information out there and to let them know there are three readings so they can come and have their say. They have tried to get the information out there to be as transparent as they can.

Mr. Artino wanted to emphasize that these are commercial customers only at the corporate park and one at the industrial park. Mr. Hamilton answered that is correct; they only do commercial customers at this point. Ideally, at some point down the line, they would love to provide service to our customers, as well. It is expensive to expand, so they will do it slowly and as self-sustainingly as they possibly can.

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

City Manager's Discussion

The Interim City Manager spoke on several topics:

Donations – As you heard tonight, the City received/will receive in the mail, an anonymous donation for \$167,500 for a new marine patrol boat. We would like to thank this donor on behalf of not just the City, but also our residents and visitors who visit our City. This boat keeps them safe on the water and also educates them, not just now, but for years to come. This is huge for the City and we can't thank this donor enough. I would like to ask the Mayor for a motion to accept this donation.

Motion

Motino by Mayor Tapp on behalf of the City of Huron to accept the anonymous donation of \$167,500.00 for the purchase of a new marine patrol boat.

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

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed accepting the anonymous donation of \$167,500.00 for the purchase of a new marine patrol boat.

Long John Silver's – The restaurant is finally open and they have received some good feedback on it. We wish them the best and much success in the future.

Kids Learn to Fish Day – The City's Parks & Recreation Department received grant funding in the amount of \$2,500 from Wightman Wieber Foundation to support its inaugural Kids Learn to Fish Day, which is

scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the new Dancing Waters Pond Park located on Berlin Road. This event will provide 30-40 children with an engaging, hands-on fishing experience while also offering educational components that include fishing techniques, water safety and conservation. Unfortunately, registration for that event is full, but we will keep you posted if any openings become available.

Clock Tower Repairs – The east/west clocks have been repaired, but the motors for the north/south faces have been sent away to be refurbished again. If you get lost, go east/west, not north/south.

Berlin Road Property – The new sign is on its way for the park. If the weather holds, a footer should be poured this week in anticipation of the sign being installed in the next couple of weeks.

Safety Services – I want to remind Council that the funds earmarked for the new marine patrol boat will not be expended until the donation funds are in hand and have been properly accounted for. We cannot thank this donor enough – this is huge – we struggle every year to keep that boat in the water and keep it functional for such an important part of our policing.

Finance – Income tax receipts through the end of June are still trending positively, and we are approximately 13% higher than we were in 2024. Through the end of June receipts totaled just over \$2.6 million. We will continue to monitor this and keep Council posted.

Water Department – Our yearly hydrant flushing started yesterday at the Water Plant and then moving out east. This flushing process cleans our pipes out as we take the pressure out of them and then build it back up – this disturbs everything that's in the pipes. Our residents will see cloudy water and drops in water pressure. We do this while attempting to cause as few problems as possible. We try not to affect our residents too much, but this is critical to keeping our lines clean and safe. We will keep updates coming on social media, so please check there if you are wondering where our guys are working. Any concerns or questions can be directed to our Water Superintendent at 419-433-9502.

Streets Department – When the Streets Department was working on a catch basin on Laguna Drive, we pulled it out because it was collapsing. When it was pulled out, we attempted to clear some stuff out of the storm crossing, it collapsed in the middle and toward the far end. Our contractor gave us a price to make the repairs and we dug up and replaced that storm line along with the catch basin on the other side. That storm crossing is now back in operation.

Upcoming Meetings – Utilities Committee on Wednesday, August 6th at 5pm in the Council Chambers; BZA on Monday, July 14th at 5:30pm in Council Chambers; Finance Committee on Tuesday, August 12th at 5:30pm in Council Chambers; Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers for the rezoning application of OJD Holdings LLC from I-1 to B-3; there is a second Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30pm in Council Chamber for the ConAgra Development Concept Plan approval; Council meeting on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers; Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 20th at 5pm in Council Chambers; and Council meeting on Tuesday, August 26th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Dike think we need to think about Maple Avenue. There are numerous businesses that have contacted him, one of which is Buckeye Sports Center. When the school has drop off and pickup, there is backup all the way to Cleveland Road and there's just not enough room for them. This is hurting their business as far

as customers coming in. When the Juniper Road issue goes back to the Safety Committee, they need to look at not only that area, but also farther out, because although the City changed some of the routeways going down Deerwood and Buckeye during limited hours, he thinks it is something they should take into consideration and look at to see if we can come up with some type of solution. We know the schools have discussed trying to expand there and is looking at options, and we know it is going to be something more down the road, so we need to keep that in mind, as well. Mr. Hamilton said they have looked over this over the past couple of years. They spend a lot of time dealing with those stub roads, Maple Avenue and people wanting to use it, constructed vs. unconstructed. They had OHM give them an engineer's estimate for constructing it with utilities and everything else and they came in right around \$4 million by the time they put sanitary and water in, all utilities and construct a new road. They are aware of it and they know the need to eventually improve it (especially if there is ever going to be a development up there). It is just finding the right time for that big ticket item and figuring out where it fits in their capital projects. It is on their radar. Mayor Tapp believes sanitary sewer is one of the big issues because they would have to come off Cleveland Rd.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

We had a Safety Committee meeting earlier. Thank you to Mr. Bickley coming (late), and we are going to discuss that and will include him. Safety Committee meetings are open to the public. I appreciate everybody that comes in. I can't express the appreciation on the marine patrol boat and the anonymous donor. It just shows the service the Police Department has provided to the community. This donor is someone who has respected that and has really stepped up. It could not come at a better time. I wish the best to Long John Silver's and I hope they do well and prosper. We still have a lot going on, we always do, it gets busy, and staff and the committees work very hard, as well as Council. I appreciate their hard work. The August 12th meeting schedule will be busy with public hearings.

For the Good of the Order

Sam Artino – I have already expressed how I feel about the anonymous donation – it is very much appreciated. I think that also has a lot to say about how well respected our Police Department is, and I think all of our departments are, in my opinion, well respected by our community. Thanks again.

Mark Claus – Thanks again... obviously we can't say enough how excited we are about this police boat donation and how important it is for our City and for the Police Department. Thank you, again, to the anonymous donor.

Joe Dike – Thank you to the anonymous donor and have a great 2 weeks.

Matt Grieves – Nothing for the good of the order.

Joel Hagy – Did we get a response to the invitation to our representatives. The Clerk answered that she had not yet set out the request. He commented that he didn't think that they would have responded anyway. You just get to the point where you are just making a point, and I think the point is that there is no representative government in Columbus. They won't even come and talk to a Council, let alone reply to me when I call. I would like to continue to invite them and see if we can wear them down.

William Biddlecombe – Thanks again, staff, for all of your hard work. A big thank you to Mr. Claus and all of the other staff and volunteers involved for helping to make Huron River Fest a huge success again this year. I would also like to thank the anonymous donor. I was contacted again about the State Champion athlete signs, as well as the flags over the Huron River bridge. I would like to keep those conversations going. I know there has been interest from other organizations to spearhead those – people are still interested, so I would like to keep talking about that.

Boat Basin events coming up: Harold and the Purple Crayon at dusk on July 23rd; Christmas in July with Rumours at 7pm on July 26th; OSU Alumni Band at 7pm on July 27th; the movie Wicked at dusk on July 30th; All Classics Festival with the divots at 7pm on August 2nd; and Windjammers band at 7:00pm on August 3rd.

Mayor Tapp commented that they have been talking with Grant Bauer and the Lions Club relating to the flags over the bridge, so that is in the process of being done.

Regarding the recognition signs, Mr. Hamilton explained that they have had a lot of emails going around about this subject. He has sent out a clear path forward for these to go ahead. There is not a whole lot else the City can do at this point. I need someone to start that process and follow the steps that were listed out to get everything moving. Someone just needs to pick this up. Mr. Biddlecombe said that is basically what he told the person who reached out. The next step is the Boosters has to get it started, as he does not believe it is going to start at the School's end. That is the next step this person is going to take.

Please come out and support our local events, programs, student athletes and GO TIGERS!

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

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

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of July 22, 2025, was adjourned at 7:10pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 08 AUG 2025