

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30pm

Call to Order Regular Meeting

The Vice-Mayor called to order the regular Council meeting of January 14, 2025 to order at 6:30pm. The Vice-Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Vice-Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

The Vice-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, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves and Joel Hagy**. Member absent: **Monty Tapp**.

Motion by Mr. Dike to excuse Mr. Tapp's absence from the meeting.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council meetings of October 22, 2024, as written.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of November 12, 2024, as written.

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

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (4)
ABSTAIN: Hagy, Artino (2)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of November 18, 2024, as written.

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

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (5)
ABSTAIN: Artino (1)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of November 26, 2024, as written.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of December 10, 2024, as written.

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

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Biddlecombe, Claus (4)
ABSTAIN: Hagy, Artino (2)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

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.

None.

Old Business**Ordinance No. 2024-56 (second reading)**

Motion by Mr. Grieves that Ordinance No. 2024-56 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1131 (LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF HURON, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION 1131.11 (OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS) be placed on its second reading.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2024-56 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Attorney Waters said that we are on the second reading of proposed new Section 1131.11. This relates to outdoor lighting fixtures. The purpose of this section is to regulate the selection, installation, configuration and placement of outdoor lighting fixtures. It is not meant to be a proactive regulation, but it is to respond to any complaints from the public. The terms of the statute read that no one shall unreasonably shine, glare, reflect or project light onto the property of another. There are specific terms that apply to new and existing lighting fixtures. For new lighting fixtures, they all have to be fully shielded, which means all light from the fixture has to project downward from the horizontal (nothing going up). For all lighting fixtures, whether they be new or existing, they shall not be directed at the property of another, and if it's not fully shielded, it should be turned off after 9pm. The use of flashing, rotating or moving outdoor lighting fixtures is prohibited. There are some exceptions, most notably that apply to holiday lighting fixtures such as Christmas lights (those with lower lumen values).

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

New Business**Motion**

Motion by Mr. Claus to acknowledge compliance with Section 7 of Ordinance No. 2022-50, with no changes.

Mr. Lasko reminded Council that this was a code amended back in 2022 as it relates to certain City Manager responsibilities and authorities, specifically as a way to be more customer-friendly and to be more efficient. This allows the City Manager to administratively approve things like signs in the right-of-way, temporarily, whether it's a plant sale or 5K race. This also allows the City Manager to approve things like license agreements, if someone needed to store materials on City property for a limited amount of time where there is no monetary exchange. This is a way to be more customer-friendly and efficient. When the original ordinance was approved, it was stated that they would bring this to Council annually to see if it should be continued. This would be a 1-year continuance.

Mr. Hagy asked if there are not changes to the prior ordinance. Mr. Lasko answered that there are no proposed changes. Mr. Claus added that the ordinance requires an annual approval, so if they felt the City Manager was taking advantage, they could pull back on that. Mr. Lasko noted that a section was added to the City Manager's Report based on this ordinance; if there is anything he approves administratively, it is reported in the Manager's Report. He still uses his best judgment. If they feel it's something of public interest, they will bring that to Council for consideration.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 2025-1

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-1 (AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING APPROVAL OF THE TURTLE BAY PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO COUNCIL MOTION DATED APRIL 26, 2004; RATIFYING THE RECORDATION OF THE PLAT OF TURTLE BAY SUBDIVISION RECORDED WITH THE ERIE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDER ON OCTOBER 15, 2004 UNDER DOCUMENT NUMBER RN 200414675 IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGE 11 OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO RECORDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2025-1 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Artino to place Ordinance No. 2025-1 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2025-1 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Schrader explained that they had other business before the City for Turtle Bay. There was a request to move a setback line established in the Plat. It was noted that the Plat that was recorded was never formally approved by the City. The Plat was signed by the Council Clerk, but there is no legislation to ratify

it. By law, the Plat should be approved by Council. They cannot locate any legislation doing so and highly doubt that it was done, so to conform with the law to make sure we have something on the books, the request is being made that we pass legislation ratifying the recordation of the Plat that should have been done when the Plat was first recorded.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-1. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-1 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2025-2

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2025-2 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF HURON, LOCATED ON THE FORMER CONAGRA PROPERTY, ERIE COUNTY PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 42-61270.001; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THAT PROPERTY TO TRIBAN INVESTMENT, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2025-2 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Claus to place Ordinance No. 2025-2 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Ordinance No. 2025-2 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko explained that this legislation authorizes an agreement formalizing the sale of the ConAgra property. He wanted to note that a lot of the elements of this purchase agreement were included in the Letter of Intent that Council approved at a prior meeting. This puts it into the contractually obligated

format of a Purchase Agreement with Triban Investment LLC. Some of the important elements of this agreement include:

- Selling the one parcel to Triban Investment LLC for \$750,000. \$250,000 would be due immediately upon the sale, and the remaining \$500,000 would be due to the City in \$10,000 increments with the sale of the first 50 units of the development. To protect the City's security interest, they would retain a mortgage on the property until the entire \$500,000 balance was paid to make the City whole.
- There will be a \$25,000 earnest money deposit made to the title company. That is only refundable under certain conditions. If the developer finds certain things during the due diligence process, or should they not make through the Design Review or Planning Commission process for whatever reason, that \$25,000 would be refundable to the developer, since that would be no fault of their own.
- They will have up to 270 days to do their due diligence, although they don't anticipate it will take that long. This will give them the opportunity to do updated geotechnical and soil studies, Environmental Phases I & II, etc., for that site.
- Although not included in the Purchase Agreement, public access will be maintained around the entirety of the property.
- Any roadways and utilities for this project would be constructed by the developer.
- To ensure public access around the perimeter, although the City would not own the real estate, they would retain a perpetual easement. This will be formalized in the Development Agreement that would come to Council prior to transfer of the real estate to be sure that those roles and responsibilities are formalized prior to transfer.

Mr. Dike said as units are sold, the City will recoup its funds. Is there a date the City wants to have all of its funds, or can this be drawn out for 10-20 years? Mr. Lasko answered that as currently written, there is no timeline for those funds to be paid to the City. The City would have a security interest in the property via a mortgage, but they are confident and feel comfortable with the success of that project to take the payments \$10,000 at a time with the sale of the first 50 units. There will be a total of 94 units under the current plan.

Mr. Hagy asked if the Purchase Agreement is for the entire ConAgra parcel. Mr. Lasko answered that it is. The City is not retaining ownership of any real estate, but it would have perpetual easement rights around the perimeter.

Mr. Dike asked if the developer has a date when they are ready to go to the Planning Commission. Mr. Lasko answered that while he can't provide a date, they are as anxious as the City is to the point where they want to start due diligence immediately. In a perfect world, he would like them to be before the Planning Commission in late summer/early fall, but he is not going to go on record and guaranty that.

Mr. Artino asked if there is still an issue with swapping property. Mr. Lasko answered that there was a land swap completed with ODNR, which has been recorded. There are some other things that are going on behind the scenes that will have to come before Council. They have to dedicate a part of the ODNR property – the road – that's State property. They need that to become publicly dedicated so that the property has ingress/egress. There will also be an easement that is given back to ODNR (mutual agreement). ODNR doesn't want to publicly dedicate a portion of property that the City doesn't then allow

them access to. Those documents have been drafted and are in front of ODNR for final sign-off. Once they have that, they will bring those to Council in the next meeting or two.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-2. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-2 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 1-2025

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 1-2025 (AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S INTENT TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY DEEMED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR FOUND OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION UTILIZING GOVDEALS, INC.) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 1-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that this is the annual renewal to utilize GovDeals Inc. as the City's preferred internet auctioneer when and if they dispose of property or equipment that makes sense to auction on that site. They are not auctioning anything per this legislation. There is no monetary cost upfront for this service. They get charged a service fee when and if anything sells via the auction.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 1-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 2-2025

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 2-2025 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY-RELATED ORDINANCES, THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE) be placed on its first reading.

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

YEAS: Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 2-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko stated that this legislation is not related to any specific property but is the City's annual notice provision to property owners throughout the City that throughout 2025, the City intends to inspect properties for compliance with our Codified Ordinance, mainly the International Property Maintenance Code, the Ohio Building Code and anything locally. This is primarily a notice provision and something the County Auditor likes to see when and if the time comes to certify to the tax duplicate if and when the City has to come onto a property to mow grass, remove a vehicle, etc.

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

YEAS: Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 2-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 3-2025

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 3-2025 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF SIDEWALK-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO SIDEWALKS) be placed on its first reading.

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

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 3-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton spoke regarding both Resolution Nos. 3-2025 and 4-2025. Resolution No. 3-2025 refers to the sidewalks, while Resolution No. 4-2025 refers to the trees. This is their yearly resolution of necessity that allows them to go out and inspect sidewalks and trees, notify the residents of any issues they find, and then go through and enforce. The first year they did this, they learned some lessons, especially with the wording on some of the letters that were sent out.

In January, they will legislate; in February-March, they will go out and inspect; in April-May they will send out no-threatening courtesy letters so people are not surprised; in September they will go back out to reinspect to see who has acted on the courtesy notice; in October they will send citations out and will bid it out over the winter to actually rectify the following year. It would take a whole year if there is non-compliance.

This will be District 4, which runs from By-the-Shores through River Road (the entire east side of town).

Mr. Artino said this is not new legislation, this is just something they come back to every year. Mr. Hamilton explained that the City was broken up into 4 districts, and they will be inspected once every 4 years using the same process. The first 4 times through are going to be the heavier ones because the City has never done this before, but the next turn-around will be minimal.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 3-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 3-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 4-2025

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 4-2025 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF TREE-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO TREES) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 4-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 4-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 4-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 5-2025

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 5-2025 (A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MOWING CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

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

Mr. Lasko said this relates to specific properties which are listed in the packet. They did their initial certification in August of 2024 to ensure inclusion on this year's first tax duplicate. There were a couple of properties the City had to abate during the 4th quarter of 2024 for mowing or related expenses. To make sure they don't slip through the cracks while we wait for an entire 12 months, they wanted to make sure these four were certified to the tax duplicate. They will send this notification to the County Auditor.

Mr. Biddlecombe indicated the case numbers on the table in the legislation and asked if that is the number of time the City had to mow last year. Mr. Lasko said that reflects the number of times the City has mowed since August 2024. Even if it's the same property, it will be certified every year.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 5-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

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

Resolution No. 6-2025

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 6-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 6-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that this will become an annual piece of legislation. They did this for the first time in 2024 about halfway through the year. This allows the City, through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, to participate in multiple collective purchasing programs. Anytime the City of collectively bidding equipment, vehicle purchases, etc., they can participate in collective purchasing programs. ODAS requires the City to pass a resolution stating that we want to participate in the program. As you can imagine, competitive bidding can be very difficult and time consuming. This is a way for the State to source competitive pricing for them so that they can be quicker and more efficient. This is something they did for the first time in the summer, and something they will have the ability to participate in annually.

Mr. Hagy asked if they do healthcare. Mr. Lasko said they do not.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 6-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 6-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 7-2025

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 7-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS/HURON LOCAL 4168, HURON, OHIO FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 7-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko acknowledged and thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Hillman for being in attendance this evening, as well as Mr. Ruggles who is not here this evening. Those were the three folks from IAFF Local that were representing their membership. They were wonderful and professional. He appreciates their collaboration throughout this process. Some of the highlights of the agreement, similar to the FOP and AFSCME agreements:

- This is a 3-year agreement (2025-2026), but as is the case in the other contracts, there is going to be an automatic reopener in 2026 and 2027 specific to wages and healthcare.
- There is a proposed wage increase, which averages \$1.75/hour to the base, which is similar to the other bargaining units.
- They have a very similar change to the longevity calculation in which they are moving to steps, which is a % of salary, versus a static amount, which was in the prior contracts.
- They increased the uniform allowance from \$600 to \$750.
- The employee contribution to the healthcare premium is going from 5% to 6%, which is identical to the other bargaining units.
- They will be changing from an HRA account to an HSA (Health Savings Account), identical to the other bargaining units.
- The big change different from the other bargaining units, is that in 2024 the City was made aware of certain requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to ensure our firefighter membership is only working a specific amount of hours over a certain cycle. Due to the nature of the cycles, given their schedules, we were always going over those thresholds, which triggers overtime. We went through about 6 months of that. To mitigate that in the new contract, instead of going by what we have done over the last 6 months, they are introducing what is known as Kelly Days, which is what exists in a lot of other communities. Over a certain cycle, the membership will get an additional day off so that it drops those hours worked to be in compliance with the FLSA. This means an extra 95 shifts throughout the year that their existing membership will take off so that they are below the FLSA threshold. 10 members will get an extra 6 days off, and 5 members will get an extra 7 days off throughout the course of the calendar year. To mitigate that we are not filling these shifts with existing full-time employees, they have required to pick their Kelly Days over a year in advance, which gives the City the ability to mitigate overtime and that they are filling these shifts with part-time firefighters. It probably won't happen in every case, but given that they have so much time in advance to pick the shifts, it allows them to mitigate that overtime cost. As a safeguard, very much like they did with the police contracts where they have the right to pull the 12-hour shifts, the agreement allows the City (annually) to go away from Kelly Days and go back to traditional FLSA calculations if the economic impact is hurting the City. It is something they are going to monitor this year to see if it's something they want to continue on an annual basis.

He appreciates their partnership throughout the process. In response to a question from Mr. Artino, Mr. Lasko said the use of overtime is going to depend on how these shifts get filled, which is unknown. He won't guarantee every shift is going to be filled by part-time. They may think they have a shift filled and then the part-timer gets sick the day of the shift. The key is, are they staying within budget, and is it something can afford if budgeted for. They can't know now, but they have the ability to monitor annually, which is critical.

Vice-Mayor Claus thanked the crew from the Fire Department, Mr. Lasko and staff involved in this process. It gets drawn out and goes back and forth on a lot of details, but from his understanding, everybody was very professional and respectful. Council is glad to see it finalized for all of our benefits to move on with 2025.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 7-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 7-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 8-2025

Motion by Mr. Grievess that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 8-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ERIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE NPDES SMALL MS4 PERMIT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,800.00) FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR, WHICH AGREEMENT INCLUDES FOUR OPTIONAL ONE-YEAR RENEWALS UNDER IDENTICAL TERMS OTHER THAN COST, AS FOLLOWS: CALENDAR YEAR 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$16,300.00), CALENDAR YEAR 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$16,300.00), CALENDAR YEAR 2028 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$16,800.00) AND CALENDAR YEAR 2029 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$16,800.00)) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 8-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton stated that this is their yearly Memorandum Agreement and Contract with Erie Soil & Water. What they do is they run our compliance with the State of Ohio for stormwater and compliance in storm runoff and pollutant discharge. It's a complex set of hoops you've got to jump through with the State to stay in compliance for this. They do this for a lot of local municipalities, and Huron has used them for the last 4 years. This is a new agreement to run over 5 years for 1 year with 4 automatic renewals. The City can drop out whenever it wants to. The annual cost is the same as it was last year, and then next year it will go up by \$500 and then again in 2028 it will go up another \$500. What they have seen in the past is that they will have a 4-year agreement and then get a big jump in the cost. What they are trying to do is spread that increase over the 5-year term of the agreement. They do a good job with this and they are thankful for the partnership. It would be a lot of work to take on in-house and they already have the staff qualified to do this for us.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 8-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 8-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 9-2025

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 9-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT CONFIRMING THE JOINT ACQUISITION, OPERATION AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THE HURON JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 9-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart stated that this resolution authorizes the Huron Joint Recreation District's agreement with the City of Huron and Huron Township related to the Huron Joint Recreation District. Under this proposed agreement, the 2025 contribution rates are established. As authorized by Council in previous agreements, the City of Huron will be at \$342,046 for 2025 (3.65% increase), and the Township will be at \$123,367.00 (same as 2023 and 2024). In 2023, the Township adopted a resolution to cap the contribution for 3 years, which is the reason the amount has not changed for them. The Township Trustees will consider approving this agreement if Council approves the agreement.

Mr. Claus said that since the Township capped it for 3 years, in 2026 we will have to have discussion with them about raising their cap or using a percentage like we have done in the past. We would open discussions with the Township before we have this same vote for 2026.

Mr. Dike asked if the schools are a part of this. Mr. Steinwart answered that the schools is the third year they are not financially contributing to the HJRD, but they are still a part of it. They share facilities, but no contribution.

Mr. Claus said that if you have a Joint Rec District, by definition, the schools are required to have seats on the board of that District. There is no requirement in the State code to participate financially. Mr. Lasko added that, per O.R.C., any joint recreation district structured in the way ours is requires that the schools are a member and have board representation. There is no financial requirement. If this were a more traditional parks & rec board that most cities have, there is flexibility on membership. As long as the Joint Recreation District exists in its legal form, they will have participation and membership on the board.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 9-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 9-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 10-2025

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 10-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES TO COMMENCE THE GAAP CONVERSION FOR THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO AT A TOTAL COST OF FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND xx/100 DOLLARS (\$54,750.00) FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 10-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that the City has had a long-standing relationship with Charles E. Harris, who handles the City's GAAP conversion annually. The \$54,750 is the total for 3 years, not a 1-year cost. They will do our GAAP conversions. GAAP is Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This would cover fiscal year 2024, 2025 and 2026 (it always runs a ½ year behind). This is a modest increase from last year (right around \$15,000-\$16,000). They have built in some increases on an annual basis. They have had a great relationship with them and trust them implicitly, so they are happy to keep their partnership with this firm moving forward.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 10-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

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

Resolution No. 11-2025

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 11-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO A THREE (3)-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH STATEWIDE EMERGENCY PRODUCTS, LLC DBA

STATEWIDE MUNICIPAL LEASING FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF TWO (2) POLICE CRUISERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$140,316.00)) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 11-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Chief Graham explained that this resolution is an authorization for an lease/purchase agreement with Statewide Emergency Products to purchase two (2) police cruisers, specifically, two (2) 2025 Ford Explorer SUVs. Statewide is their distributor, and they can both obtain the vehicle and install the additional equipment. They looked at two different products (Tahoes and Explorers). This year, the Explorers came in cheaper, so they are going to take that avenue. They also explored whether to purchase or lease to own. The lease to own path is more economical for the City. This will replace two (2) Dodge Chargers (2015 and 2016) with extremely high miles. One of the Chargers is going to be transferred to the Service Department for use, and although he hasn't approached them yet, but he is anticipating the other one to EHOVE as done previously, so their auto department can go through it and it will eventually make it to their Public Safety Department for future training of police officers.

Mr. Hagy asked about summary stating that the purchase has been budgeted in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Does that mean the City is purchasing 2 cruisers in each of those years? Mr. Lasko answered that the budgeted amounts are specific to the lease payments over 3 years of roughly \$4,000/year for these 2 vehicles. Everything is on the table as it relates to new vehicle purchases come 2026/2027. These 2 vehicles were in the capital budget for 2025.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 11-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

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

Resolution No. 12-2025

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 12-2025 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T'S TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 12-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Schrader said that within the past week or so, the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Municipal Attorney's Association circulated an email advising that AT&T has proposed a tariff at the PUCO that if any of AT&T's poles or infrastructure are required to be relocated, that the cost of that relocation is to be borne by the municipality. AT&T has responded, and there is a debate going on between the attorneys and OML as to when it would apply. The concern is, if this tariff is granted, it would only be a matter of time before any other utility (FirstEnergy, Columbia Gas) would do the same. When does it apply? If the City is doing road construction, a beautification, if the City has to get to the right-of-way, when does this charge apply and when does it not apply? It doesn't appear to be a clear answer to that question. The OML has hired the Taft Law Firm out of Columbus, Ohio, and they are asking municipalities to pass legislation in opposition to this tariff. This legislation commits the City to nothing right now. Depending on how far this goes and how significant the challenge becomes, there may be an instance in the future where the OML or OMAA asks for contributions from the municipalities, it really depends on how far it goes, how many are involved, etc. The City would not be bound to anything right now other than being included in a list of municipalities that are opposing this tariff out of concern that it is overbroad and where it may end up, and if it passes, that other utilities will do the same thing. He doesn't know the cost involved in relocating utilities, but it's not cheap.

Mr. Lasko said as part of their recent road work, specifically relating to the S. Main Street watermain project and roadway improvements, there were a couple of gas lines they needed Columbia Gas to move that were in the right-of-way. That would have been tens upon tens of thousands of dollars in City liability, even though there were existing in our right-of-way. If AT&T asks for this and it is granted, they are probably the least of our concerns. It is the other utility companies they are involved with significantly more, and would cost more because they are underground versus above-ground. On this specific project, Columbia Gas had to absorb tens of thousands of dollars because there were in the way in our right-of-way. Mr. Hagy asked if they are allowed to be in the right-of-way. Mr. Lasko answered that they are, but they needed the gas lines moved as related to the City's construction work.

Mr. Schrader said AT&T is taking the position that this only applies when above-ground utilities are asked to be placed underground, similar to what happened in Cleveland with Gordon Square. However, the tariff language is not clear and does not specifically address other situations, and there is concern about some creep in interpretation. The OML prefers that it not go forward at all. They are monitoring it, and passing this tonight doesn't bind the City to anything. There may be a request for funds in the future, but that is down the road and the City can make the determination of whether they want to continue to participate or provide financial support at that time.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 12-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 12-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 13-2025

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 13-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BISSNUSS INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT WATSON MARLOW ODOX 30 PUMPS FOR CAUSTIC SODA, ACH, FLUORIDE AND PHOSPHATE, INSTALLATION OF NEW INTERCONNECTION SCADA WIRING FROM THE PUMPS TO EXISTING SCADA JUNCTION BOXES, AND RELATED FREIGHT CHARGES AT THE HURON WATER FILTRATION PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$42,624.00)) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed, and Resolution No. 13-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this will allow the Huron Water Treatment Plant to get caught up on its capital equipment replacement plan. They are still playing catch-up over years of not spending as much money as they could have. These pumps were installed around 2010, which puts them at 5-6 years past their useful life. These pumps feed 5 separate chemical systems, with each one being critical to producing water. There are 10 pumps in total because each chemical requires 2 pumps for redundancy purposes. This way, they can always make sure they can make water. They already replaced one set of pumps on an emergency basis this year because it failed, and they cannot get parts for these pumps anymore. That is why they are biting the bullet and they budgeted to have these pumps replaced this year. All of these pumps will now be the same make and model, which creates efficiencies and means they don't have to keep half as many spare parts on the shelf. This contains the integration into the control system, so they will all be flow-controlled.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 13-2025. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 13-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Amended Resolution No. 56-2021

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Amended Resolution No. 56-2021 (AN AMENDED RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT (CONTROL NUMBER DEV-2021-181177) DATED JANUARY 1, 2023 BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY OF HURON AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 56-2021 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 24, 2021, AS FOLLOWS:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT ("ODOD") WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) RELATING TO THE HURON ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00), SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Amended Resolution No. 56-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton said the original legislation allowed for the application for the grant, but that was before the days they did apply and accept at the same time. The amendment allows the City to accept the \$5 Million, and the second part of this is they weren't awarded this grant the first time around. They reissued the grant money and the City was awarded the second time around. This resulted in a really short window to commit those funds. Most of those who received this grant got an extension to the middle of this year to actually commit the funds. The second part of this amendment is to extend the agreement to June 30th of 2025.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Amended Resolution No. 56-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Amended Resolution No. 56-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Amended Resolution No. 90-2024

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived and Amended Resolution No. 90-2024 (AN AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("ODOT") PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SPECIAL SOLICITATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE RELATING TO THE LAKE ERIE PARKWAY MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT, WHICH WILL CONNECT THE LAKE ERIE ELECTRIC PATH TO THE RYE BEACH ROAD PATH TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE US 6 CONNECTIVITY CORRIDOR PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$533,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$533,000.00), SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Amended Resolution No. 90-2024 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this is another amendment. When they went to submit this grant request, Mr. Fridrich figured out that the City could also claim back of its design costs as well as construction costs. It was originally thought that this grant was for construction only. The amendment takes to request from \$400,000 to \$533,000 for the grant request. Good work, Larry.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Amended Resolution No. 90-2024. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Amended Resolution No. 90-2024 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

2023 Resurfacing – This project involved resurfacing the roads in Chaska and Old Homestead I and II. After receiving our final pay request from the contractor, we anticipate we will be \$530,000 below budget, which is great. I do want to remind Council and the public, however, that we did issue bonds for this project, which we pulled down in late spring/early summer, so we are sitting on the full \$2.1/\$2.2 million for that project, of which we don't need \$530,000. We have since had conversations with our bond

counsel (Squire) and our financial advisors (Sudsina & Associates). We have two uses for those excess funds: (1) the funds can be used on almost any roadway project that the City may desire to undertake moving forward, whether that's for a simple street resurfacing or for a larger scale construction project; (2) if we determine we cannot financially undertake future projects for whatever reason or we don't have a need, we can move those funds to the Bond Retirement Account and use that \$530,000 to pay down the bonds that were issues. Staff has no recommendation at the moment, but we wanted to let Council know where that project looks like it's closing out and where those potential funds can be used. There will be more discussion on that with Council moving forward.

S. Main Street Streetscape Design Project – There will be a stakeholder meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00am in the Council Chambers. This meeting is to meet with property and business owners to go over the conceptual plan and garner feedback as relates to the conceptual design. We have let folks know that if they cannot make that meeting, we will be able to meet with them offline specific to how the project may benefit or impact their operations. We are happy to do that in addition to tomorrow's meeting.

January 28th Meeting – I wanted to remind Council that at our next meeting on January 28th, we are hoping to have a discussion to seek final Council direction on a formal and permanent name for the recently acquired green space on Berlin Road. Once decided by Council, we will then move forward with purchasing new signage for the park, which has already been budgeted for 2025. I wanted to note and thank Huron Township, as the proposed location for the signs is in Huron Township's portion of the property. Mr. Steinwart worked with them to get a variance to allow for the signage to be installed based on its size and location. Thank you to Doug and thank you to Huron Township. I hope to have that brief discussion at our next Council meeting.

Street Sign Installation. We completed the installation of the new street sign configuration at Woodlands Elementary School. The Huron Police Department has been at the school all week and will continue to do so for the next couple of days instructing drivers of the new traffic patterns. Thank you to all of our partners who collaborated on that project.

Plows - I want to thank, and continue to thank moving forward, everyone that has been out there on the plows, whether that's Parks & Recreation, Streets, Water Distribution. They have been very, very busy over the last couple of days and they continue to be busy moving forward. They have done a tremendous job trying to keep ahead of this weather, which seems to be on a daily basis at this point. Thank you to everyone.

Personnel – I wanted to recognize Sergeant Nate Orzech, who completed 25 years of service with the Huron Police Department on December 12, 2024.

Projects Out For Bid – The Huron Public Power Substation Switchgear Procurement Request for Bids was posted on December 4, 2024. Bids were opened on January 6th of this year, with a single bidder in the amount of \$710,780. That bid is currently being reviewed for correctness by staff and our electrical consultant.

Upcoming Meetings –

Board of Zoning Appeals – Monday, January 13th at 5:30pm;

City Council Work Session – Tuesday, January 28th at 5:30pm in Council Chambers;
City Council Public Hearing on Proposed Turtle Bay PUD Amendment – Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm;
Second City Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

REMINDER: City administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mr. Biddlecombe that at last night's meeting of the School Board, they also mentioned the signage. He was curious how it seems to be going with the parents, are they adapting well? Mr. Lasko deferred to Chief Graham, who has been monitoring this with his officers. Chief Graham answered that the signs were completed on Friday. On Monday, they had a presence in the area. They had a few violations, and they used those contacts as educational opportunities to reprogram the drives with the new pattern. He made contact with Dr. Tatman and they sent an email out to all of the parents advising them of the new traffic pattern. They were there again today and had zero violations. They will be there the rest of the week and will continue to monitor the situation over the upcoming weeks. It seems to be going very well. Mr. Biddlecombe said he noticed that they also posted on social media, too, notifying everyone. Chief Graham said they received no calls and had no violations today. Mr. Claus asked if they had more officers than just Officer Lobsinger, did you have multiple officers there? Chief Graham said they had all of the officers that were on squad at very locations monitoring not only the no parking areas, but also the no turn on red at the stop sign. All was well today.

Mr. Biddlecombe has had a couple of residents ask him if there are any updates on Long John Silver's. Mr. Hamilton answered that they have obtained all of their permits at this point and all of their contractors/subcontractors are registered. They are just waiting for them to OUPS out and actually start going. In response to Mr. Biddlecombe's question, Mr. Hamilton acknowledged that they are going to demolish the existing building and build new. Ed Burdue is going to be the demolition contractor.

Mr. Artino commented that he ran into Bob Irons the other day and he wanted him to let the City know that he was excited and really happy to work with Mr. Steinwart and Mr. Lasko, and he said that he was just thrilled with how the pickleball courts turned out.

Mr. Hagy asked about the underrun on the street project – that's almost 25%. Should be worried about the streets they put in? Does anyone understand how this happened. Mr. Lasko reminded Council and the public that when they don't know what's below ground on these construction projects, there is a pretty significant contingency that's built into that \$2.2 million. Also, they were pretty conservative on what needed to be replaced underground, as well, in terms of base. They did some of that analysis by taking samples, but a lot of the cost savings was contingency and a lot less base reconstruction. The other thing to keep in mind is that our second lowest bidder was \$2.7 million, so they saw a lot of price differentiation not only in the bids, but he wanted to thank Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Fridrich, OHM inspectors who were out there every day, and we had an honest contractor who we had never worked with, to his knowledge. They were very happy with not just their work product, but also their communications with the neighbors. There were a lot of eyes and boots on the ground, but he thinks they lucked out a lot with what was found

under the existing surface compared to what they saw when they did their borings. They didn't have to touch much of that contingency. Mr. Hagy asked if the City has to claw back that \$500,000 that has already been paid to them, or we just don't have to pay them. Mr. Lasko said that when they issued the bonds, they brought in the \$2.2 million, sat it in the account and paid the contractor, as necessary. Those funds do not have to be clawed back. The City wondered if those funds could be invested in the interim, but they are not allowed to since they are tax-exempt bonds. They also wondered if they could use those funds to pay down old bonds, for example the 2018 bonds for resurfacing in Wexford, to cut down the maturity date by 2-3 years, but the answer was no. It is a good problem to have, though, and the funds can be used on future road projects or to pay down this debt.

Mayor's Discussion

Vice-Mayor Claus said:

I want to thank staff and all of the bargaining units. It was a very busy fall for everybody in all of our departments. I also want to thank all of the Streets Department folks and Parks & Rec, and I saw Fire Department guys out here shoveling before the meeting – keeping up with our road, sidewalks and parking lots – keeping us safe. I think we are already tapping into more salt than we have the last couple of years if this continues. That's good because we have it budgeted and we are good to go.

For the Good of the Order

Sam Artino – Congratulations, Sergeant Orzech, and thanks to all of the City employees and all of the bargaining units. I'm sure it's kind of mutual, I think. The feeling I have is that we are one big team. Thank you to all of the bargaining units and thanks to all of the employees for all of their hard work throughout the year, especially in this kind of weather.

Joe Dike – Congratulations, Sergeant Orzech. Thank you.

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

Matt Grieves – Congrats to Sergeant Orzech on 25 years.

William Biddlecombe – I apologize in advance... thank you, staff, for all of your hard work, especially everyone who has been out plowing and fixing the water mains. Congratulations to Sergeant Orzech. I would like to thank Parks & Rec for getting the ice rink up and open. There will be community forum where you can learn more about how your real estate taxes get calculated, why they might be going up, and how you can work with the County Treasurer's Office to lower them. That will be Wednesday, January 29th from 3:00pm-4:30pm at the Huron Public Library. They have a couple of other ones on different dates in other areas of the County, as well.

The School Facilities Committee met on Sunday. We discussed a new option that have proposed where you would refurbish Woodlands and the High School and add an addition to the High School to replace McCormick, or an addition to Woodlands, or a combination of both. They are currently looking at pricing for that option and will then compare it to the other options.

The School Board met last night, and they had their organizational meeting, as well. During the organizational meeting and their tax budget meeting, they elected Jodi Mast again as Board President. Stacey Hartley will be Vice-President again. Stacy Hinnners will continue to be the OSBA legislative representative, and Beth Laffay will continue to be the representative for the Joint Recreation District. The only change will be Stacey Hinnners will now be the representative to the Boosters instead of Jodi Mast. They approved their Fiscal Year 2026 budget. As part of the regular meeting, they announced that there were new curtains installed at the auditorium at McCormick, and this year's high school musical will be "High School Musical." There was another lengthy discussion on weighted versus unweighted GPAs and the impacts that has had on the ability to qualify for certain scholarships.

I would like to congratulate the SBC Dive gold medal champions Hayden Holmes and Adeline Hoffman. Congratulations to the Boys Swim Team – they won the SBC this year, for the time ever in the program's history, and the Girls took third place this year. Congratulations to them.

Check your water bills or stop by and see Doug at the Boat Basin because the new pamphlets are out with everything going on at the Boat Basin this year.

Home games coming up:

Girls Basketball – January 18, 21 and 24

Boys Basketball – January 17, 21 and 27

Wrestling – January 22

Bowling – January 20 and 28

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

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Claus to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property, and inviting Matt Lasko, Stuart Hamilton and Todd Schrader to participate.

The Vice-Mayor advised that there will be no action taken following the executive session.

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

YEAS: Claus, Dike, Grieves, 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 7:55pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 8:21pm.

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

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

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

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of January 14, 2025, was adjourned at 8:21pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of CouncilAdopted: 28 JAN 2025