

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

The Mayor called to order the regular Council meeting of April 28, 2026 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: **Sam Artino, William Biddlecombe, Monty Tapp, Mark Claus, Tom Harris and Joel Hagy**. Council Member absent: **Joe Dike**.

Motion by Mr. Claus to excuse the absence of Mr. Dike.

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

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

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the Mr. Dike's absence was excused.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Stuart Hamilton, Law Director Todd Schrader, Fire Chief Kevin McGraw, Police Chief Terry Graham, Parks and Recreation Director Doug Steinwart and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Artino to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 14, 2026.

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, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the April 14, 2026 regular Council meeting were adopted.

Audience Comments

The Mayor directed members of the audience having comments to approach the podium, state their name and address Council, and advised that they would have 3 minutes to make their comments.

Brandon Elliott, 2652 Stanford Drive — Mr. Elliott introduced himself and his organization, Falcon Forge of Toledo, which provides cyber compliance services to municipalities in connection with Ohio House Bill

96 (Revised Code 9.64). He described a gap analysis solution designed to help cities and townships assess their cybersecurity posture in advance of upcoming state audit requirements. Mr. Elliott noted that the compliance deadline had been extended to 2027 and that training associated with the solution is offered at no cost through Tech Credit Ohio. He expressed his appreciation for the community and indicated his desire to connect with City Manager Stuart Hamilton for a follow-up conversation. Mayor Tapp directed him accordingly.

Mike Riggle, 224 William Street, Apartment K — Mr. Riggle addressed Council to suggest the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Williams Street and Cleveland Road West, citing three or four accidents he had observed at that location over the years. Mayor Tapp acknowledged the suggestion and indicated it would be looked into.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before Council.

New Business

Resolution No. 34-2026

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 34-2026 (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 TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$127,326.00)) 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, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 34-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Police Chief Terry Graham presented the resolution, explaining that the two new vehicles would replace a pair of aging Dodge Chargers — an eleven-year-old and a twelve-year-old unit — with a combined estimated road mileage of approximately 250,000 miles. Chief Graham noted that the three-year lease structure, which includes a \$1.00 purchase option at term's end, would complete the transition of the patrol division entirely to SUVs, with the exception of two Chargers retained for administrative and detective use.

Councilmember Joel Hagy raised a financial question regarding the timing, noting the purchase had been budgeted across 2025, 2026, and 2027, and asked whether the vehicles were too deteriorated to defer further. City Manager Hamilton confirmed that while deferral was theoretically possible, continued investment in keeping the aging Chargers operational would likely not be cost-effective, making the three-

year lease the more prudent option. Councilmember Artino added that Dodge Chargers had proven problematic in other jurisdictions and that many municipalities were transitioning away from them.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 34-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 35-2026

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 35-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATION CONTROLLER, SOFTWARE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND PROVISION OF ENGINEERING DESIGN, PROGRAMMING AND ON-SITE SUPPORT TO MODIFY AN EXISTING AUTOMATION SCHEME RELATING TO THE HURON PUBLIC POWER EXPANSION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 35/100 DOLLARS (\$129,618.35)) 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, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 35-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton explained that this represents the "brains" of the third transformer project — integrating the new transformer with the existing SCADA automation infrastructure at the substation and enabling operators to switch loads between transformers and generate operational reports.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 35-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 36-2026

Motion by Mr. Harris that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 36-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RINGCENTRAL, INC. FOR A NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND RELATED LICENSES AND

SERVICES FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE AND 40/100 DOLLARS (\$87,663.40)) 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: Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 36-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton described the transition as long overdue, noting the city's current phone system had become outdated. He explained that the new VoIP system would be cloud-hosted with only physical handsets remaining on-site, allow staff to answer calls remotely via laptops or mobile devices, and result in a net monthly savings compared to the current system. The transition would be phased to avoid communication outages. The total five-year contract cost breaks down to approximately \$19,000 in year one and just over \$17,000 annually thereafter.

Councilmember Artino asked whether existing phone numbers would be preserved. City Manager Hamilton confirmed all current numbers — including fax lines — would be imported into the new system. Councilmember Artino also questioned the continued need for traditional Frontier landlines. City Manager Hamilton explained that state safety regulations require a physical landline as a primary connection for fire department phone systems, with VoIP permitted only as a secondary line, due to the greater reliability of point-to-point circuits.

Councilmember Hagy sought clarification on the payment structure and the higher cost in year one. City Manager Hamilton confirmed the contract is paid monthly as a subscription, and that the additional first-year cost covers hardware add-ons such as wall mounts and power components, while the phones themselves are rented as part of the service agreement.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 36-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 37-2026
Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 37-2026 (AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AMONG PARTICIPATING SUBDIVISIONS AND REMNANT DEFENDANTS) 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, Claus, Tapp, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 37-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton described this as likely one of the final opioid settlements remaining, as it addresses the last group of defendants — referred to as "Remnant Defendants" — after the major pharmaceutical companies had already settled. The city must affirmatively opt into the settlement. The city's share is a very small percentage of the total settlement pool, the exact amount of which remains unknown pending final accounting and legal fee deductions. Proceeds will be deposited into the city's existing opioid settlement fund and are subject to the standard use restrictions associated with such funds.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 37-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 38-2026

Motion by Mr. Harris that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 38-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHCOAST PROCESS CONTROLS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) NEW ROTORK IQT ELECTRIC VALVE ACTUATORS TO REPLACE EXISTING AUMA ACTUATORS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$30,640.00)) 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: Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 38-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton described the purchase as a budgeted, preventative maintenance item, representing the final five actuators to be replaced as part of a multi-year effort. The actuators control the filter surface wash valves and are central to plant operations.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 38-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 39-2026

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 39-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH THE HURON ROTARY CLUB TO HOLD THE HURON ROTARY FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO ON JUNE 27, 2026) 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 39-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Parks & Recreation Director Doug Steinwart presented the item as the annual agreement for the one-day Rotary Rocks festival, which features entertainment, music, children's activities, and food trucks. The agreement includes permission for sign placement on Route 6 in advance of the event, a designated beer and wine area, and a facility use fee of \$500.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 39-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 40-2026

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 40-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH THE GREATER SANDUSKY PARTNERSHIP RELATIVE TO THEIR LAKE FRONT MARKET EVENT TO BE HELD AT LAKE FRONT PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, 2026) 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 40-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Director Steinwart noted this is also an annual agreement, with the event having been originated by the Huron Chamber of Commerce before being assumed by the GSP several years ago. The agreement includes road closures at Wall and Williams Streets and Center and Park Streets, an advertising banner in the Route 6 median, and a facility rental fee of \$500. Director Steinwart reported that the GSP expressed enthusiasm for the event, noting their attendance numbers are up from recent years.

The discussion then turned to the broader question of an open container ordinance for the downtown area, raised by Councilmember Harris, who noted interest from the public and from the new owners of Old Mill Harbor. City Manager Hamilton acknowledged the topic remains on the back burner, citing limited public demand, the operational complexity of enforcement — including ID checking, cup monitoring, and wristbanding — and unresolved questions about the boundaries of any such zone. A previous proposal had envisioned an area running from the pier to Bogart Road, but concerns about pedestrian safety crossing Cleveland Road and business owner feedback had stalled progress. Mayor Tapp characterized it as a matter for a future work session rather than imminent action.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 40-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 41-2026

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 41-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE HURON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY FORD OF HURON FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F150 4X4 WL XL REGULAR CAB VEHICLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$48,550.00)) 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 41-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Director Steinwart explained the truck would replace a 2007 model — the last remaining blue-colored vehicle in the city fleet, predating the transition to white service vehicles adopted approximately twelve years ago. The 2007 truck would be sold through GovDeals. The new truck is intended for use primarily at the Boat Basin, with a planned rotation over time toward restroom maintenance and trash collection duties, for which a heavy-duty plow-ready vehicle is not required. The purchase was budgeted and Valley Ford submitted the lowest qualifying bid.

Councilmember Hagy asked whether the city had previously committed to standardizing larger truck models for interchangeable plow attachments. City Manager Hamilton clarified that standardization discussion applied to the streets and water departments; this lighter-duty Parks truck would not require a plow and would serve as a trailer-hauling and general utility vehicle with an 8-foot bed.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 41-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 42-2026

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 42-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY FORD OF HURON FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-350 PICKUP TRUCK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$57,615.00)) 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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 42-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Fire Chief Kevin McGraw presented the item, stating that the new F-350 would replace the department's 2010 Ford F-250, which had become underpowered and lacked sufficient suspension capacity to safely tow the department's boat and dive trailer. The 2010 vehicle would be traded in, with the trade-in value used to help offset the cost of a plow attachment for the new truck. The total project cost — including a vehicle upfit for graphics and lighting estimated at just over \$17,000 through Statewide — comes to approximately \$74,000, which will be split between the city and the township.

Councilmember Artino, noting he had always been curious, asked for clarification on whether the purchase price included all vehicle graphics and equipment conversion. Chief McGraw confirmed it does not; the vehicle will be white and upfitted separately for graphics and lighting only, without the full conversion cost typical of a police cruiser.

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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 42-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-9

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-9 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 23, 2025, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Ordinance No. 2026-9 was placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Finance Director Isaac Phillips presented the item, outlining the following appropriation adjustments totaling \$575,305:

- \$20,000 for the Police Department (Contract Services) to offset grant funding.
- \$20,000 for the Fire Department (Contract Services) to offset grant and donation funding.
- \$20,000 for the Fire Department (Capital Outlay) for promotional testing costs — an oversight from the prior budget year, as the city did not yet have a fire chief at the time of budget adoption.
- \$74,000 for the Street Lighting Fund for Phase 2 of the US Route 6 street lighting project, previously budgeted in capital but eligible for street lighting fund expenditure per bond counsel's guidance.
- \$101,305 for the Debt Service Fund related to the final payment on a 2021 debt instrument, the timing of which shifted the posting from 2025 to 2026.
- \$340,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund — representing the Cleveland Road East sidewalk project, which was substantially funded in 2025 but whose ODOT grant processing was not reflected on the books until 2026.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-9 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Hamilton provided the following updates:

Bike Lane and Painting Project: Work has commenced, beginning with the removal of the existing green paint via blasting. City staff will seal any pavement cracks upon completion, after which the new green paint configuration will be applied at approximately 25–30 feet on either side of intersections, followed by white lane markings and bike lane symbols. High-visibility paint will also be applied across bridge decks to improve visibility in wet conditions. The project is expected to be completed within approximately one month, subject to weather.

Zoning and Planning / Signage Code Amendments: The first work session on proposed signage code amendments is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers. A consultant will provide an overview of the proposed amendments, with subsequent work sessions planned to work through individual sections.

Huron Pier Project: The pier rehabilitation project has been completed. City Manager Hamilton extended thanks to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Reba Marine for their collaborative partnership throughout the project.

Citywide Cleanup: The spring citywide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, with participants meeting at the Parks office at 110 Wall Street.

Programs and Youth Camps: Registration is now open on the city's website, www.cityofhuron.org. Programs are expected to fill quickly.

Safety Services — Sensory Bags: The Police Department has received sensory bags provided by the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities, to be used by officers when assisting individuals with sensory processing needs. Each bag includes noise-reducing headphones, sunglasses, fidget tools, a whiteboard, and picture-based communication boards. Officers will receive training on proper use.

Safety Services — Autism/Special Needs Registry: The Police Department has launched a voluntary autism and special needs registry, allowing residents to proactively share relevant personal information — including emergency contacts, medical needs, behavioral tendencies, and calming techniques — to assist officers who may come into contact with registered individuals. The form is available on the city's website.

Safety Services — Voluntary Surveillance Camera Registry: The Police Department has established a voluntary program allowing residents to register the existence of their home security cameras with the department. The intent is to enable officers to quickly identify nearby cameras when investigating

incidents, rather than canvassing door-to-door. City Manager Hamilton emphasized that the city will have no access to camera feeds and that the registry is entirely voluntary.

Spoil Site Burn: The annual spoil site controlled burn was conducted on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, and went well. City Manager Hamilton commended the burn team and Fire Department for their execution of the event.

Fireboat: The fireboat is in the water and operational.

Police Patrol Boat: The Police Department is targeting Memorial Day for delivery of the city's new boat, with a formal public presentation to be arranged once a delivery date is confirmed.

Fire Department Open Houses: The department held two open houses — April 18 at Station 1 and the following weekend at Station 2 — both of which were well attended by families and children. City Manager Hamilton noted the events provided a valuable opportunity for public interaction with firefighters and gave context for the department's ongoing levy effort.

Personnel: A part-time Zoning Inspector position (24 hours per week) remains open. The application deadline has been extended to May 7, 2026. The position is posted on the city's website and was described as well-suited for someone approaching retirement.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Planning Commission Design Review Special Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- HDRD: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:50 PM
- Planning Commission Work Session: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- Utilities Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Main Conference Room)
- BZA: Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM
- Finance Committee: Monday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM
- City Council Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM
- Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Councilmember Artino asked for clarification on the camera registry submission process. Chief Graham confirmed residents may submit the form online, by mail, or by dropping it off at the Police Department.

Councilmember Artino also asked whether the South Main Street bid was for design or construction services. City Manager Hamilton confirmed it is for construction, and noted that soliciting bids does not obligate the city to proceed if the figures exceed available budget.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp thanked Brandon Elliott for attending to introduce Falcon Forge and its cyber compliance services and acknowledged Mike Riggle's suggestion regarding the Williams Street and Cleveland Road West intersection, which he indicated would be followed up with both the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Mayor Tapp commented on the spoil site burn, noting it was well executed with no injuries, though the department still received calls from concerned residents despite advance notice.

Mayor Tapp offered a personal note regarding Captain Nash of the Fire Department, who sustained an injury unrelated to city duties, and extended wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mayor Tapp then offered remarks on the city's safety services, noting that while Huron is often perceived as a quiet community, police and fire personnel have responded to several serious incidents in recent months that many residents are unaware of. He expressed gratitude to both departments for their professionalism in handling difficult situations.

Finally, Mayor Tapp commended the Fire Department's open houses, having attended the Station 1 event himself, and praised the positive response from the public, particularly families and children.

For the Good of the Order

Sam Artino – Councilmember Artino echoed Mayor Tapp's comments on safety services, noting that the public's perception that "nothing happens" in Huron is itself a testament to the effectiveness of the city's safety services personnel.

Mark Claus – Councilmember Claus encouraged residents to stay safe as the summer season approaches, noting that boats are going back in the water.

Tom Harris – Nothing to add.

Joel Hagy – Nothing to add.

William Biddlecombe – Vice-Mayor Biddlecombe thanked city staff for their work and shared several items of note from the most recent Huron City Schools Board of Education meeting: the Board voted to eliminate pay-to-play fees for student activities; a Dine to Donate fundraiser supporting the PTO is taking place at Domino's; and the schools are hosting their first annual Tiger Dodgeball Tournament on May 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM, open to students, alumni, staff, and community members, with proceeds benefiting a new scholarship fund. He also listed upcoming home athletic events for boys tennis, baseball, softball, and track and field through early May, adding, please come out and support our local events, programs and student athletes, and GO TIGERS!

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

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, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of April 28, 2026, was adjourned at 7:19 pm.



Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 12 MAY 2026