THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

Mayor Monty called the regular Council meeting of June 23, 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: **Joe Dike, Sam Artino, Monty Tapp, Mark Claus, Tom Harris** and **Joel Hagy**. Councilmember absent: **William Biddlecombe**.

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

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, Dike, Artino, Tapp (6)**
NAYS:	**None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the absence of Mr. Biddlecombe was excused.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion
Motion by Mr. Hagy to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of June 4, 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, Tapp, Claus, Harris (4)**
ABSTAIN:	**Hagy, Dike (1)**
NAYS:	**None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the June 4, 2026 special Council meeting were adopted.

Motion
Motion by Mr. Hagy to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 9, 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:	**Hagy, Artino, Claus, Harris (4)**
ABSTAIN:	**Tapp, Dike (2)**
NAYS:	**None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular Council meeting were adopted.

Presentation

Jennifer Buch, Director of the Huron Public Library, provided Council with an update on the services available to the public at the library.

Ms. Buch reported that the 2026 Summer Learning Program, themed "Unearth a Story" with a focus on archaeology and dinosaurs, was two weeks underway and engaging children of all ages through scavenger hunts, photo opportunities, reading challenges, and prizes. A culminating "Roarsome Celebration" was scheduled for Thursday, June 30th at the Huron Boat Basin. An adult summer learning program was also running concurrently, offering prizes including tickets to the Fireland Symphony, gift certificates from local businesses such as Chef's Garden, Marconi's, Huron Pizza House, Sawmill Creek, and a free bagel from Trable's Bagels for reading five books. Ms. Buch distributed adult program information and bookmarks to Council members.

Ms. Buch informed Council that the library was in the early stages of a strategic planning process and would be making a community survey available to both library users and non-users, encouraging all Council members to participate. She noted that uncertainty surrounding the library's public library fund and the potential elimination of property tax made it especially important to use finances wisely.

Ms. Buch also highlighted the library's ongoing America 250 celebration programming, the availability of free maple saplings from Willoway Nursery, and the library's upcoming participation in the Riverfest Parade.

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.

No members of the public came forward to address Council.

Old Business
No old business was presented..

<u>New Business</u>

Resolution No. 51-2026
Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 51-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A 2-YEAR LICENSE/LEASE AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL RENTAL OPERATIONS AND RELATED ON-SITE STORAGE WITH THE PADDLESHACK, LLC TO USE CITY-LEASED PROPERTY LOCATED AT NICKEL PLATE BEACH BETWEEN MEMORIAL DAY AND LABOR DAY FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026 AND 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY AND XX/100 DOLLARS ($450.00) PER YEAR FOR THE LICENSE FEE, AND THREE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS ($300.00) PER YEAR FOR THE LEASE OF STORAGE SPACE, FOR AN AGGREGATED AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND XX/100 DOLLARS ($750.00) PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS) 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, Dike, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 51-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Parks & Recreation Director Doug Steinwart noted that this marks the tenth year of the city's partnership with The Paddle Shack at Nickel Plate Beach. The operation provides non-motorized water sport rentals, beach gear, and snacks, and serves as an effective first point of contact for visitors who may not be aware of the city's role in the arrangement. Councilman Claus inquired about the Paddle Shack's operating hours; Director Steinwart indicated they typically operate from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, seven days a week, weather permitting.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 51-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 52-2026
Motion by Mr. Harris that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 52-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SURVEYING SERVICES RELATING TO LAKE ERIE PARKWAY CONNECTOR PROJECT (ERI-LAKE ERIE PARKEWAY CONNECTOR; PID 125500) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY AND XX/100 DOLLARS ($102,730.00)) 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, Dike, Artino, Tapp, Claus (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 52-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Stuart Hamilton explained that this project is designed to connect the Lake Erie Electric Trail from its western terminus to the proposed multi-use pathway associated with the US Route 6 Connectivity Project, ultimately forming a link from BGSU through to Sandusky. He noted that the city successfully secured $533,000 from ODOT for the project. However, because the alignment requires traversing either the Goodwill property or an adjacent gas station property near Rye Beach, the city must acquire a right-of-way easement. This process, which involves a certified ODOT right-of-way specialist conducting market evaluations and conducting negotiations with the affected property owners, extends the project timeline by at least one year, with construction anticipated in 2027. City Manager Hamilton clarified that eminent domain is not anticipated, and that the process would be a straightforward negotiation.

Councilman Claus asked whether the project schedule aligned with the Route 6 Connectivity Project timeline. City Manager Hamilton confirmed that coordination with ODOT's project was intentional, as both connections should reach their junction point simultaneously to avoid disrupting each other's work.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 52-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 53-2026
Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 53-2026 (A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPAIR OF THE PUBLIC SIDEWALKS ABUTTING CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE CITY OF HURON) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 53-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton explained that this resolution authorizes the Clerk of Council to issue notices to property owners in District 1 ordering sidewalk repairs. Property owners who do not complete repairs within 30 days will have the work bid out and completed by the city, with the cost invoiced to the owner. Owners who fail to pay the invoice will have the amount assessed to their property taxes.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 53-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 54-2026
Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 54-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ("EPIC)" RELATING TO THE HURON BOAT BASIN WATERFRONT LIGHTING & PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT INITATIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS ($100,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD(S) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS ($100,000.00), SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 54-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Director Steinwart described this as a newly identified grant opportunity through Erie County aimed at improving public lighting along the waterfront at the Huron Boat Basin. The project proposes replacing deteriorating lighting infrastructure with energy-efficient, harbor-style fixtures consistent with those installed on North Main Street. The project encompasses 38 lights in total — 32 running from the yacht club around the basin and along the waterfront in front of the hotel, plus 6 in the east parking lot and walkways. The estimated total project cost is $199,000. The grant application deadline is June 30th. If successful, the grant would provide up to $100,000, with the city responsible for a 50% match, to be addressed as a capital budget item. Existing pole bases were evaluated and deemed reusable, with only the light poles and hardware requiring replacement.

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

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 54-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 55-2026
Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 55-2026 (A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ERIE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN) 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, Dike, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 55-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Fire Chief Kevin McGraw explained that adoption of the countywide Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is a federal requirement. The plan identifies and ranks potential hazards specific to Huron and Huron Township, including flooding, earthquakes, and tornadoes. Adoption ensures the city's eligibility for FEMA grant dollars and emergency funding should a hazard event occur, and also provides a framework for preparedness planning.

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, Dike, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 55-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 56-2026
Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 56-2026 (A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY BY LIGHTING) 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, Dike, Artino, Tapp, Claus, Harris (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 56-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Finance Director Isaac Phillips presented this resolution, which proposes reducing the lighting special assessment rate from 0.65 mills to 0.45 mills. He explained that rising real estate values allow a lower rate to generate a comparable dollar amount, though the reduction does represent an annual decrease in collections of approximately $26,000. The lighting fund currently holds approximately one year's worth of reserves plus funds allocated for priority capital projects. At the proposed rate, a homeowner with a property valued at $200,000 would pay approximately $31.50 per year, representing a savings of roughly $16.00 annually compared to the current rate. Councilman Claus noted that because the fund is restricted and already well-capitalized, returning the savings to residents was the appropriate course of action. The assessment is set to run from 2027 through 2029.

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, Dike, Artino, Tapp, Claus, Harris (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 56-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-14
Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-14 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, GRANTING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ON A 1.12 ACRE PORTION OF REAL PROPERY OWNED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (KNOWN AS ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 42-61270.000); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2026-14 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Dike to place Ordinance No. 2026-14 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, motion passed and Ordinance No. 2026-14 was placed as an emergency measure.

City Manager Hamilton explained that this ordinance is a necessary step arising from a prior land swap between the city and ODNR involving a portion of the former ConAgra site. Because the proposed access roadway to the ConAgra (Huron Harbour) site traverses ODNR-owned land, a perpetual easement is required. The easement grants the city the right to construct and maintain the roadway and also to install and maintain utilities within and adjacent to the right-of-way, providing infrastructure access to the ConAgra site and beyond. City Manager Hamilton expressed appreciation for ODNR's patience in completing this process. Councilman Harris commended the work, noting the importance of ensuring utilities were included within the easement.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-14 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-15
Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-15 (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC STREET AS DEPICTED ON A DEDICATION PLAT OF ACCESS STREET AT THE FORMER CONAGRA SITE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2026-15 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Artino to place Ordinance No. 2026-15 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, motion passed and Ordinance No. 2026-15 was placed as an emergency measure.

City Manager Hamilton noted that this legislation has been a long time in the making, dating back to his first project meeting with the city. The ordinance formally approves the plat for "Access Street," a temporary designation for the road that will run from the hill down across the ODNR site to the former ConAgra/Huron Harbour site. Upon adoption, the street becomes a public roadway dedicated to the city, which will be responsible for its maintenance. City Manager Hamilton anticipated that Council would be asked to rename the street as development progresses.

Councilman Claus confirmed that only the Access Street itself would become public, while all internal streets, sidewalks, and roads within the development site would remain private. City Manager Hamilton confirmed this, adding that the city would hold a perpetual easement for a walkway around the perimeter of the site.

Councilman Hagy sought clarification on the meaning of "private" in this context, and the response indicated a model similar to private residential communities where internal infrastructure is maintained by the property owner or developer rather than the city.

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

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

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-15 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-17
Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-17 (AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed on its first reading.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2026-17 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Tapp to place Ordinance No. 2026-17 as an emergency measure.

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

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

There being five or more votes in favor, motion passed and Ordinance No. 2026-17 was placed as an emergency measure.

City Manager Hamilton described this as a routine quarterly update to the city's codified ordinances, driven entirely by state-mandated updates with no substantive local changes.

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, Dike, Artino (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-17 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

<u>City Manager's Discussion</u>
The City Manager spoke on several topics:

Donation -. A $1,000 donation was received from Tony and Linda Wargo for the K-9 Fund. City Manager Hamilton noted that Tony's father, Lewis Wargo, served as Police Chief for the City of Huron from 1961 to 1984.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Tapp to accept the $1,000 donation from Tony and Linda Wargo for the K-9 Fund. The motion carried 6-0.

ConAgra/Huron Harbour Development - The developers' landscaping plan was approved at the June 17th Planning Commission meeting. Water, sewer, and stormwater plans have been received by staff and are under review, with comments having been returned to the developers.

Route 6 Phase II - Construction is progressing well. The right-of-way cut at Jim Campbell Road where the roundabout will connect is now visible to the public. The project is currently in a soil stabilization phase, after which a concrete base will be laid. City Manager Hamilton noted the city is in discussion with local naturalist John Blakeman regarding the installation of native wild grasses and wildflowers in the roundabout center, which would be a low-maintenance and visually distinctive feature. He acknowledged that such plantings take approximately three years to fully establish but expressed enthusiasm for the concept. Additionally, the recently completed bike lane repainting project has generated significant positive public commentary; City Manager Hamilton thanked Seal Master for their support in making the project possible.

Transient Rentals - There are currently 16 individuals on the waiting list for transit rentals, and the list is expected to continue growing.

Board Vacancies - An opening remains on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Interested individuals were encouraged to contact Clerk of Council Terri Welkener at 419-433-5000, extension 1102.

Parks & Recreation - Summer camps commenced the prior weekend, including Safety Town, basketball, softball, golf, and a new fishing camp program beginning June 30th at Dancing Waters Park. City Manager Hamilton noted that Huron Safety Town is the oldest and most interactive safety town program in Erie County for children entering kindergarten.

Fabens Park Traffic - Four tournaments are scheduled this season, with the largest already completed. The one-way traffic system will continue to be implemented during tournament weekends to manage congestion. City Manager Hamilton thanked all city departments involved in the effort.

Upcoming Events - The Rotary Rocks event, presented by the Huron Rotary Club, is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th at the Huron Boat Basin. The city will not be conducting its own fireworks display at the Red, White & Blues event on July 4th; instead, the city will join forces with Huron Riverfest the following weekend for a combined, enhanced fireworks display.

E-Bike/Scooter Restrictions - Signage has been posted at Fabens Park restricting low-speed micro-mobility devices (e-bikes, scooters) from access pathways, fields, and grass areas. Use remains permitted on the dedicated multi-use pathway along the park's perimeter.

Safety Services - Sergeant Ryan Boesch graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), a three-month, intensive leadership development program. The Fire Department's run rate is up nearly 100 calls compared to the same period last year, with the busy season only just beginning. City Manager Hamilton attributed the increase to seasonal population growth, the return of snowbirds, and an aging resident population. A joint water rescue training exercise involving the Huron Fire Department, Lorain Fire, Border Patrol, and other agencies is scheduled for June 24th, with significant activity expected on the lake. City Manager Hamilton also noted that the police department's sponsored baseball team won the final game 6-5 over the fire department team, with both teams finishing as the top two seeds heading into the next tournament.

Service Department - Storm drainage work continues in the Wexford area, where a large tree root was removed from a storm line running through private yards. City Manager Hamilton noted the department is operating with reduced manpower and commended staff for their continued performance.

Personnel - City Manager Hamilton introduced Jackson Schaefer, the new Service Manager, who started in May and oversees water distribution, streets, stormwater, and eventually building maintenance. Chief Terry Graham will serve as acting City Manager from July 5th through July 15th while City Manager Hamilton is out of town. A part-time zoning inspector position remains open; City Manager Hamilton noted it is well-suited for retirees or those seeking flexible part-time work.

Hometown Heroes Banners - The final banners were received and are scheduled to be installed by the Fourth of July.

Agreements - City Manager Hamilton reported signing a license agreement with Underground Utilities for use of the ConAgra site as a staging area for the Erie County waterline project extending toward Vermilion. He also reported signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Erie County Land Bank, under which the Land Bank will fund $22,500 in environmental remediation of the swap parcel at the ConAgra site, where prior tank activity had resulted in contamination not covered by the existing "no further action" environmental determination.

Upcoming Meetings -

- Huron Joint Port Authority: July 1st at 6:00 PM, Huron Township Hall
- BZA: Monday, July 13th at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
- Public Hearing on the 2027 Municipal Tax Budget: Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
- City Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
- Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th at 5:00 PM, Council Chambers
- City Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 28th at 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
- Administrative Offices Closed: July 3rd in observance of July 4th

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp welcomed Jackson Schafer to the Service Manager position, noting he had observed him actively working in the field from his first day. Mayor Tapp thanked Jennifer Buch and the library staff for the presentation and noted the Hometown Heroes banners have drawn positive community feedback. He also thanked Tony and Linda Wargo for their donation to the K-9 Fund and extended congratulations to Sergeant Boesch on his PELC graduation. Mayor Tapp highlighted the notable increase in fire department run rates, noting that he personally observed three runs in a span of 27 minutes in the preceding week. Mayor Tapp also commended Director Steinwart and his staff for the summer camps, noting strong participation at the golf camp in particular. Mayor Tapp concluded by expressing condolences to the family of Tim Lehrer following a tragic loss over the prior weekend.

For the Good of the Order

Councilman Hagy expressed his condolences to Tim Lehrer and his family on the loss of their son, Jacob. Councilman Harris had no additional comments. Councilman Claus welcomed Jackson Schaefer and expressed his condolences to the Lehrer family. Councilman Artino welcomed Mr. Schaefer and extended thanks to all city employees and safety services personnel. Councilman Dike also expressed his condolences to the Tim Lehrer family on the loss of Jacob.

Executive Session
None.

Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Harris 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: **Harris, Hagy, Dike, Artino, Tapp, Claus (6)**
NAYS: **None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of June 23, 2026, was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Terri Welkener
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 14 JUL 2026