

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Brad Hartung on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

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, and then directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Phyllis Wassner, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino, and Glen Ginesi.

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, City Engineer Doug Green, Interim Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Wassner that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2015 and the work session and regular minutes of December 22, 2015 be approved as printed and received. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Audience Comments

- Madison Zimmerman, 506 Snowy Egret Drive – recognized Council for their work.

New Business

Resolution 2016-1

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2016-1 (A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF THE CURRENT COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White noted that this is a resolution that Council considers on an annual basis and has been considered in the past relative to operational resources. He explained this is not the case at the present time; however these resources, collected on behalf of the city from property taxes, are on deposited at the county and available to the city to deposit into the city's own income

generating accounts. He referenced the total of \$200,000 which will be deposited equally into the General Fund and the Fire Levy Fund. The Mayor asked if the city knows what the taxes are going to be for this year. Mr. White noted that administration believes the city will see a minor adjustment, but doesn't believe the city will see the large increase that was believed at one time. He added that the city is still beneath the property valuations as recorded prior to the recession. He noted that he would get a report from the finance department. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution No. 2016-1. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2016-1 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- Administration fielding numerous inquiries from employees relating to healthcare coverage. Insurance cards are anticipated to arrive in the near future and the group number information has now been provided.
- Snow maintenance efforts continue. He reminded all that major thoroughfares are the first to be plowed and recognized the efforts of the Service Department.
- Recap of Saturday's work session meeting, noting administration has begun work to prepare the action plan and will be meeting with Mr. Artino and Mr. Ginesi who have been designated as the committee to work with staff throughout the year on the goals. Mr. White then noted the overall objective that was assigned to the effort, and agreed to by Council:
Establish an effective distribution of service cost across an equitable portion of the city's population. From that, stemmed eight goals with some subset goals:
 - 1) Building & Zoning- operational enhancements.
 - 2) Establishment of a development and marketing strategy for city owned parcels.
 - 3) Invest in quality of life assets within the community with specifics of an enhancement at Nickel Plate Beach, opportunities for improvement at the Huron Lighthouse Pier & Army Corps property, and development of a plan for a community recreational facility.
 - 4) Establish a Rye Beach Corridor Improvement plan with the inclusion of modification to apply code enforcement at the mobile home park.
 - 5) Enhance the refuse and recycling program (contract term expires 12-31-16)
 - 6) Establish the Main Street amenities package
 - 7) Establish a targeted policy for general fund operating surplus
 - 8) Establishment of a five year residential water rate plan, with the potential to impact a reduction in rates.

He explained each of the goals, through work at the committee level, will be broken down to specific tasks committed to each one for discussion at the committee level and Councilman Artino and Ginesi could then report back to Council on a month to month basis. Mr. White noted that administration has begun working on this already and suggested that a meeting with the committee be held soon. Relative to the Building and Zoning goal, Mr. White explained that administration recently began to cross reference building permits on file since 2013 relative to specific modifications made to parcels comparing same to the County Auditors property map to see what the distribution of property tax reflects and gaps have been found. He provided a few examples where large improvements have not been reflected on the property tax map and also referenced property tax distribution in relation to undeveloped lots such as in the Two Rivers

Development specific to the recently developed lots and the estimated 113 lots that are undeveloped at this time comparing the property taxes. He explained that all developments with vacant lots will need to be looked at. He noted that the ability to go out and inventory property is going to be a necessary component to the Building and Zoning enhancement. He also referenced the economic development strategy and noted that administration anticipates having something ready for Council on January 26, 2016.

- Requested an executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations with no business to follow.

Mayor's Discussion

- Referenced correspondence from the Erie County Port Authority regarding services they offer available to the city.
- Referenced the updated pages to the Council Handbook which have been distributed to members.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Dike welcomed and thanked those in the audience for attending.
- Mr. Schaffter recognized and thanked the members of Cub Scout Pack #31 for attending.
- Ms. Alkire reminded all of the annual State of City presentation on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30p.m. at the Huron Public Library.

Executive Session

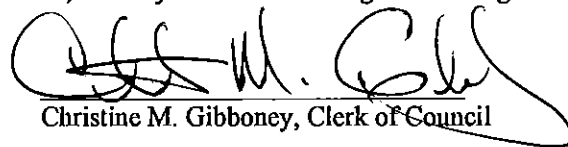
Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the regular meeting of January 12, 2016 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi, (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 6:47 p.m. The Council, City Manager, and the Law Director and discussed matters related to contract negotiations. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of January 12, 2016 reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of January 12, 2016 adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council