

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 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, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, City Engineer Doug Green, Captain Doug Nash, Captain Kurt Schafer, Lt. Chris Folger, Lt. Kenny Berlin, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Wassner that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2017 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.

There were no Audience Comments; the next item on the agenda was New Business.

New Business

Proclamation-HFD Lt. Kenny Berlin

The Mayor read a proclamation which recognized Lt. Kenny Berlin on his retirement from the Fire Department after 26 years of service and presented same to Lt. Berlin. (copy attached and made part of the minutes)

Resolution 2017-66

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-66 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, INCORPORATED (ATSI), SUBSIDIARY OF FIRST ENERGY CORPORATION, FOR THE PROVISION OF THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF AN INTERCONNECTION POINT FOR HURON PUBLIC POWER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$52,200.00)) 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: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike (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 referenced previous discussion of the revenue stream for this expense which is provided from the \$200,000 in Jobs Ohio funding awarded to Mucci Farms. Mr. White referenced Exhibit "A" of the resolution, explaining this agreement will provide for the initial extension of power from Corporate Park to a service point approved by First Energy. He referenced the total cost in the agreement of \$106,000.00, but noted that based on the recommendation from the City's electrical engineer, the city will authorize the total cost of \$52,200 as the city will not include the SCADA service referenced in the agreement. He explained the SCADA system relates to the service of providing a crew in a quicker response time to the site in the event of a power outage. He noted however a quicker response time was not guaranteed, therefore, the city is not including this expense at this time, although he advised the SCADA system could be added at a later time if desired. In response to a question by the Mayor, Mr. White explained that this extension of power will provide for the general service provision of power relative to the warehouse and office; the full load would not be in place until 2018. Mr. Ginesi inquired about potentially changing his introduction vote to an abstain, Mr. Alkire advised that the introduction vote taken was fine, however, as noted in the executive summary both he and Mr. Schaffter should abstain for the purpose of conflict of interest on the matter. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-66. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Ginesi, Schaffter (2)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-66 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2017-35

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-35 (AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON BY THE ADOPTION OF THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) 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: Dike, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung (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 Ordinance by its title only. **Motion was made by Mr. Dike that Ordinance 2017-35 be passed as an emergency measure.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Mayor directed the clerk to call the role on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on the emergency measure. Mr. White referenced the executive summary, noting the Ordinance authorizes

replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances based on adopted legislation by City Council and any state changes to code for the period of January 1 through the end of August 2017. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2017-35. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Ordinance 2017-35 had been adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2017-36

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-36 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TAX LEVIES FOR THE CITY OF HURON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND CERTIFYING SAID LEVIES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) 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 Ordinance by its title only. **Motion was made by Mr. Schaffter that Ordinance 2017-36 be passed as an emergency measure.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Mayor directed the clerk to call the role on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on the emergency measure. Mr. White explained this is annual legislation required by the county and is consistent with the budget for last year. Mr. White reviewed the anticipated levy proceeds reflected on the ordinance. He referenced a very slight increase year over year to the anticipated revenue. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2017-36. 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 Ordinance 2017-36 had been adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2017-37

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-37 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-32 ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2016 RELATING TO EXHIBIT "A" APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2017) 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 Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White reviewed the expense entries on Exhibit "A" of the Ordinance, noting the \$115,000 expense relates to upgrades/repairs to the roof and HVAC system at City Hall. In response to a question by the Mayor, Mr. Green noted the roof replacement proposal came in much lower than originally estimated and he confirmed the proposal is for a total roof replacement. Mr. Green noted that the amount being budgeted for the HVAC is an estimate at this time. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2017-37. 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 Ordinance 2017-37 had been adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- **Municipal Building:** Referenced numerous conversations with Council and Committees relative to the interior updates needed to the building and/or possible relocation. Mr. White noted that internal discussions have focused on interior updates to the building. Referenced that the city will solicit estimates from architects relative to repurposing/remodeling. Proposals to be brought back to City Council for discussion.
- Provided a status on the Mucci Farms project relative to construction and annexation process.
- **Main Street Streetscape:** Noted the budget to make modifications to several items on North Main Street: resurfacing of the section from St. Peter's to Anchor Point Condominiums for a mill and fill to the pavement. In addition, there has been some concern voiced over the two concrete barriers at the southern end of Main Street (in front of St. Peter's and the Bank), Mr. Green has been asked to get a quote to taper those back. He referenced conversation with St. Peter's on these issues. He also referenced the curb extension areas where grass seed had been planted; noting the weeds that have taken over. He explained that Mr. Green is talking to the contractor regarding the issue, but did note that grass seed was planted, however, not watered-in. He asked if Council would be in support of expending funds to replant grass seed in the fall, if needed. Mr. White also noted that there appears to be some property owners who are confused as to who is responsible for maintaining these areas. He explained that he hopes to have a lighting plan for approval that will reflect the actual layout of the placement of lights on Main Street from US 6 to the Pier area. Reviewed Clock Tower base additions and landscaping improvements, knee wall and dumpster enclosure. He asked if Council would support a masonry dumpster enclosure over vinyl one, noting that the masonry will be more expensive but cosmetically would tie all the improvements in the area together. Lastly, he referenced a historical marker dedication to be held on September 23rd – 11am at Flenmonds Landing.
- Referenced the Coffee Connections event to be held at Gathering Grounds on Saturday Sept. 16 at 9am and referenced the topics he wished to cover. He referenced the belief circulating in the

community that the city has given the entirety of ConAgra to a private developer. He noted that as Council is aware, this is not the case. For the record, Mr. White recapped the basic terms of the agreement: 6 month -Master Services Agreement with Liberty Development with potential for a development partnership in the future. He clarified for the record that no parcel has been sold. He explained that as part of the Master Services Agreement, environmental and geotechnical studies will be performed as required. He added that following the studies, and if all details work out to be favorable to the community, then a Development Agreement would be introduced for Council consideration in a regular public meeting of City Council. He also referenced the public promenade around the perimeter of the ConAgra site, the construction of a 1 acre greenspace-public park, and 750' of a public street. He noted if Phase I happens on the 2 acres of the site; the city would recoup \$60,000 from the developer and then have a market price. He noted the dollars that are expected to be generated on just 2 acres, roughly \$100,000 per year, could support \$3 million of infrastructure on just the 2 acre portion, adding that the city would then have approximately 70% of the site available to put out to the market. He explained he would also like to provide information about the HFD, specifically the operation of Station No. 2 at the Township Building. He recognized the work of the HFD.

- Inquired if Council wished to continue discussion from the work session meeting relative to the US Route 6 Corridor. He emphasized that a consensus is needed on the plans in order to prepare for a Public Informational Meeting. Mr. Green suggested that, as per discussion at the work session, OHM would prepare the two (2) sets of plans reflecting separate options based on Council input. He noted that a public meeting needs to be held in mid-late October, possibly at the Library for public view and comment. Comment cards will be made available for input. The Mayor noted for the record- there is no roundabout planned at Berlin Road, as this rumor is still circulating. Mr. White asked that Council review the budgetary information which was provided noting the project has increased to over \$3 million with the additions and he would like to look at how to cut back on the overall expense.

The Mayor noted he supports the removal of the two curb areas on Main Street. He asked for comparison information on the dumpster enclosures. Mr. White noted that the vinyl dumpster enclosure is approximately \$7,000 and the masonry would be \$35,000. The Mayor noted dumpsters enclosures are required per the code, he noted the city needs to have this done at all city parks as well. Mr. Spafford noted that the park dumpster enclosures are included in the budget for next year. The Mayor noted he is in favor of the masonry option at the Boat Basin on Main Street. No additional comments/objections were raised.

Mayor's Discussion

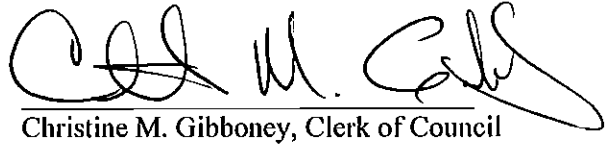
- Referenced the email from the Finance Director regarding the 1037 subpoenas issued by R.I.T.A relative to delinquent tax filers.
- Referenced the following meetings/events: Chamber of Commerce Golf outing, MPO September 28th at 2pm, Homecoming Parade and Football game.
- Mr. White referenced the traffic analysis that is being extended to Rye Beach Road from Sycamore Line. He noted the township approved their 50% share of cost.
- Reminded Council members of the required Elected Officials Trainings. Mr. Schaffter volunteered as the designee representing all members. All members voiced support.
- Referenced a conversation with resident, Mara Gogolewski, who wished to express her displeasure with the condo project on the ConAgra site.

For the Good of the Order

- Council members thanked Lt. Berlin for his years of service.
- Ms. Wassner mentioned the weeds on the curbs extension on Main Street.

- Mr. Schaffter referenced the recent HJRD meeting and asked about the lights on the Lighthouse. Mr. White referenced a meeting with the Coast Guard regarding the lights last spring and the city had asked at that time if they would allow the account to be switched over to the city, but the Coast Guard shut the service off last spring. Mr. Schaffter noted that the city would just need to have the service switched over.

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



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council