

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2018 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 September 25, 2018 at 6:30p.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, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, and Glen Ginesi. Members absent: Trey Hardy and Sam Artino.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Interim Finance Director Mike Spafford, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Hardy and Mr. Artino from the meeting. 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Mr. Hardy and Mr. Artino excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the minutes of the work session and regular meeting of September 11, 2018 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: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Audience Comments

- Lawrence Johnson, 401 Winona Ave. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Administration, Engineering, Street Foreman, and City Council for the work to address the drainage issues at his son's residence. He provided a recap of the drainage problem, discussion with administration regarding solutions, and Council adoption of the maintenance easement to provide for the repairs.

New Business

Resolution 2018-74

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-74 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN) 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (5)

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 explained this 0% loan will offset costs for the mandatory Asset Management Plan for the Water Filtration Department. Mr. Gibboney noted this is second step in the process to date. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-74. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-74 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2018-28

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-28 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-19, ADOPTED JULY 10, 2018, RELATIVE TO NO THROUGH TRUCK SIGNAGE AT ANDREW L. FABENS MEMORIAL PARK; AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.01, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.02, TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE, 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: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

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 Ms. Crawford that Ordinance 2018-28 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: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on the emergency measure. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this ordinance

will prohibit trucks from traveling over the culvert area within the Park and referenced discussion at the Safety Committee level in support of the effort. Ms. Crawford also noted the recommendation and Council adoption of speed limit signage in the park. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-28. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2018-28 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

The Mayor referenced the next item on the agenda, the absence of two members and noted two members will be recusing themselves; asking if members wished to introduce this ordinance and then table for further discussion. A brief discussion ensued.

Ordinance 2018-29

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-29 (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ELECTRIC SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HURON PUBLIC POWER AND MUCCI FARMS, ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL SERVICE-LARGE-HIGH USAGE CUSTOMER ELECTRIC RATE, ESTABLISHING A LARGE CUSTOMER INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE, 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: Crawford, Hartung, Dike (3)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Ginesi, Schaffter (2)

Ms. Alkire noted the motion had failed as there were not enough votes to introduce the ordinance, noting the ordinance would be placed on the next agenda.

City Manager's Discussion

- Reviewed the Mucci Farms phases of operational completion relative to the need and timeline for the Huron Public Power- Mucci electric agreement (Ordinance 2018-29). Advised any council members with questions in regard to the agreement and anticipated revenue to contact administration, noting that further discussion will occur when this legislation is on the next agenda.
- Referenced a gift of 7-8 acres of property adjacent to Maple Avenue and Woodlands School being offered to the city by Dr. Dreffer which was presented at the recent HJRD meeting. He explained the Dreffer family wants to restrict this property to parks & recreation and/or educational uses and noted that Council would have to formally accept this gift if desired.
- Provided summary of the CHIP program through Erie Regional Planning, explaining a balance of the funding is still available to eligible residents and administration will get information out to the local media.
- Referenced Monday's Finance Committee meeting where the 2019 proposed budgets for the HFD, HPD, and Municipal Court were reviewed. Several more meetings have been scheduled.
- Referenced discussion at the work session meeting this evening relative to the county's bed tax expansion to transient rentals and the recommendation by Council to move forward to incorporate an expansion to bed tax on transient rentals within the city, noting legislation will be prepared for a future meeting.

- Referenced inquiry/concern expressed last week by a resident relative to the Nevada Medical Group (NMG), explaining NMG was awarded a provisional medical marijuana processing license by the state. Mr. White referenced the material provided by staff in response to the inquiry, explaining the city was contacted in the first week of December 2017 regarding the specific zoning of Sawmill Parkway and that was the extent of the city's involvement. He added that the zoning information was included in an application that the city was not aware had been submitted and noted that the city has not heard from this company since the December 2017 inquiry. He referenced the property address is currently an auto parts fulfillment business located at 1710 Sawmill Parkway, noting the property does have acreage. He explained a full public vetting through the Planning & Zoning process would be required of NMG.

Questions from Members

Mr. Dike made the following inquiries/comments:

- Confirmation on medical marijuana licenses issued by the state within the city: 1 processing license for NMG, 1 cultivating and 1 dispensary license for OPC? Mr. White replied that was correct and noted that OPC has an application pending for processing.
- Was the Dreffer land offered to Huron City Schools and why didn't they accept? Mr. White replied that it was offered, but that he didn't think the schools had interest in holding land. He did note that the schools are part of the Huron Joint Recreation District; therefore the city could work with the school for some type of education component at the site if the city were to accept the offer.
- Lighting on the lighthouse. Mr. White referenced the past discussion of a donation of lighting and the subsequent vandalism to these lights the city had placed. Mr. Green explained he has received a quote for lighting and installation which will be submitted to the Coast Guard and Ohio Historical Preservation office for approval.
- Updates on the Wellness Center. Mr. White noted administration has met with representatives from the community group and established weekly communications.
- Status to his previous inquiry regarding a speed bump request. The Mayor and Ms. Crawford referenced the recent Safety Committee meeting where this was addressed; noting that speed bumps had been banned previously and the committee supported the continuation to ban speed bumps.
- Referenced the new Goodwill facility on Lake Erie Blvd and congratulated a member of the public in attendance on the expansion of his Yoga business.

Mayor's Discussion

- Referenced contact to the city from Chaska Beach and another inquiry from HLM regarding desire to be included on a grant application for buoys. The Mayor noted the past discussion at the Safety Committee level, submission that has been made and approved for the placement of buoys in order for them to be enforceable, and suggested that these requests be referred to the Safety Committee to follow the same protocol. A brief discussion ensued as Ms. Crawford referenced being aware of the requests and noting they have both been advised to submit information and provided a timeline.
- Referenced a ribbon cutting ceremony at Goodwill on October 5th at 8:45a.m.; correspondence from Bricker & Eckler regarding a seminar on construction practices; and wished good luck to the Huron Tiger Football Team.

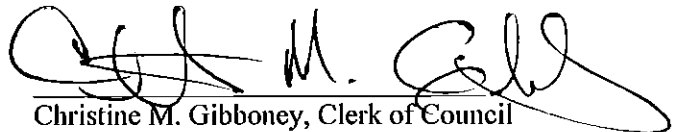
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- Ms. Crawford referenced document retention and public records relative to the ongoing records requests being made and inquiring about contact between the public and council members via in person discussions, personnel cell phone calls or texts, or personal email. She explained that when she gets texts or emails to her private or business account she is forwarding these to her city email address inquiring if this is standard practice or if there is a procedure or does there need to be a

standard procedure established for all Council members. Ms. Alkire advised Ms. Crawford this was an appropriate measure to take; explaining that communications whether using private or business email or cell phones regarding city business are public records and recommended the city establish a set policy for Council. She referenced the city's departmental record retention schedules, noting the schedules can be distributed to Council. She explained that if a request for Council members records were to be made, and if the records were not voluntarily provided by members then a third party subpoena would be required. Ms. Alkire suggested that this could be a topic for the next Council work session, if desired. The Mayor agreed a work session discussion on this topic would be recommended. He referenced a discussion with a resident this morning relative to transparency concerns pertaining to the difference between meeting notes and the general summarization of meetings in the meeting minutes, explaining that someone looking online is not seeing all the detail of the meeting. The Mayor referenced that Erie County is posting an audio of their meetings as opposed to having the minutes typed verbatim, recommending that this option be discussed as well. The Mayor noted that discussion on this topic could be held at the next regular work session and also referenced a need for a Goals/Objectives work session meeting as was held last year in November.

- Mr. Ginesi noted he had a meeting with the same person the Mayor met with, Mr. Hinnars, regarding his concerns relative to transparency and noting he has drawn the same conclusion as the Mayor with regard to the minutes. Mr. Ginesi also referenced having a conversation with Mr. Burnside following the presentation at the last meeting regarding the Wellness Center and strongly advised him that a conclusion be reached on the effort as soon as possible.
- Mayor referenced a Mayor's Proclamation which has been prepared for Christ Episcopal Church on the celebration of their 180th year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of September 25, 2018 adjourned at 7:03p.m.


Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council