

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on October 12, 2021 in Council Chambers at Huron City Hall. 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: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Joe Dike, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy.**

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Law Director Todd Schrader, City Engineer Russ Critelli, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of September 14, 2021.**

**YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

With a majority in favor, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**Audience Comments**

The Mayor advised any audience members wishing to speak to approach the podium, state their name and address for the record, and they will have 3 minutes to address Council.

**John Ruf – 807 Salem.** He is here as the Interim Superintendent of the Huron City Schools to make our community aware, and Council included, that we have a levy issue on the ballot on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a 5.6 mil/\$2.1 Million levy that we are looking for from our community. He is here with some members of the Huron Levy Committee, and he wants to make sure that everyone in town knows that we are together as a committee and the school does have a levy on the ballot. Citizens can google their website, and he is available at any time for questions. He appreciates the support they have always had in the relationship between the schools and the City. Thank you.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Resolution 68-2021**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 68-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR HURON TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SQUAD SERVICES FOR ALL PROPERTY AND RESIDENTS WITHIN HURON TOWNSHIP) be placed upon its first reading.**

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

**YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 68-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that the current Fire Protection Agreement expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, and it was a 3-year agreement. They have been meeting over the last several months with the administration, Township and Fire Captains about the new fire agreement before Council for consideration. The overwhelming majority of the agreement remains unchanged, but he pointed out a few notable changes:

- These are typically 3-year agreements, however, that currently coincides with when we are also doing most of our union negotiations. We are proposing a 2-year contract, although it does include a 3<sup>rd</sup> year mutually agreeable renewal. We are trying to offset the fire agreement from the fire union negotiations, so we know the economics of one of those two is set at the time of negotiating the other agreement.
- Historically, the City and the Township have split capital equipment costs, however, that had never been memorialized in the agreement. That is now memorialized as a 50/50 split.
- Because we have employees of the City acting on behalf of the Township, we thought it prudent to add the Township as an additional insured on the City's insurance policy. It is very similar to the Building Official Agreement where we asked them to add the City as an additional insured That was a \$500 expense, which will be charged to the fire budget and split 50/50 by the Township and City.

The Township has reviewed this agreement and the Township Trustees approved the current draft at their meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lasko acknowledged the hard work of the Fire Captains, the administration, the Trustees and the Township, and we are very appreciative to keep this partnership going into the future.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 66-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 68-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 69-2021**  
**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 69-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM) be placed upon its first reading.**

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

**YEAS:** Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 69-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that are two grant applications being requested through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program:

1. The first request has come to Council in previous years – it is a request for \$78,000 + an award fee of \$3,500 = \$8,500, for the replacement of outdated breathing air compressor and fit tester. The City and the Fire Department have made application for this in the past, but have been unsuccessful. They want to try again. If unsuccessful, it is the Capital Replacement Plan in a couple years, but if we can seek grant funding that is preferable. The Fire Department is seeking the assistance of a grant writer to help with the process, and the one-time application fee is \$795 (which also includes the second grant application). Under both grant applications, there is a 5% local match, with 85% covered under the grant. The local match for the first grant application is \$3,900.
2. The second grant application is for \$193,500, which would be used to replace 43 sets of bunker gear. Under both grant applications, there is a 5% local match, with 85% covered under the grant. The local match for the second grant application is \$9,675, which would be accounted for and budgeted for in the fire budget for 2022.

We are seeking permission to apply for these two grants to update this equipment. In the worst-case scenario, the replacement expense is accounted for the Capital Budget. Obviously, we look to subsidize that as much as possible. The only cost at the moment is the \$795 application fee.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 65-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 69-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 72-2021**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 72-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRICKER & ECKLER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, FOR THE PROVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SAWMILL CREEK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00)) be placed upon its first reading.**

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

**YEAS:** Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 72-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that, as has been the case in the past, particularly as it relates to anything dealing with Huron Public Power and under certain economic development projects, the City has engaged outside counsel legal counsel given the technical nature of some of those topics. That is the case, as well, with Sawmill Creek as relates to the annexation, the TIF, etc. There is a lot of documents necessary as part of that project. The City engaged Bricker & Eckler originally for costs not to exceed \$10,000 until we were getting in the meat of the project and process. We anticipate these costs exceeding \$25,000, which is why we are before Council seeking authority to go up to \$50,000 to complete the rest of the documents necessary and will include the TIF ordinance, finalizing the annexation, the Development Agreement and the Minimum Service Payment Agreement. He noted that we will be bridging these funds through the Economic Development Fund; however, these funds are reimbursable under the TIF. When the City goes out to issue bonds for the Sawmill Creek renovation, we would roll those legal costs into the bond issuance and reimburse the Economic Development Fund. We certainly appreciate Council's consideration of this request as we try to bring everything in for a landing by the end of the year.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 72-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 72-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 73-2021**

**Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 73-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE FISH CLEANING STATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$36,856.00)) be placed upon its first reading.**

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

**YEAS:** Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 73-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko provided some background relating to the project and to disclose to Council some expenses outside of this request. We previously engaged OHM Advisors to get to 30% plans, which was needed as part of the grant application and discussions with ODNR. That expense was roughly around \$24,000 as part of the design cost. What is being requested here is an additional \$37,000 (approximate), which would cover final design and also handling the bidding process. Between the \$37,000 and the previous \$24,000, this totals approximately \$61,000. As part of that, however, there are also surveying, soil testing and

topographic studies, which equates to roughly \$13,000 of that \$61,000. The design fee and the architectural fee is approximately \$48,000, which is about 10% of the total project cost of \$500,000 and is in line with OHM's contract as approved by Council earlier this year. This is all reimbursable through the ODNR grant. From a cash flow standpoint, ODNR reached out earlier this week to advise that they will allow us to draw down all \$500,000 up front, and justify our costs as the project progresses. If there are any unspent funds, those will be returned to ODNR. From a financing and cash flow standpoint, we very much appreciate ODNR allowing us to draw that down. We have already submitted the invoice to ODNR and should have funds in the account in about 30 days. This does not include construction and inspections, which is usually a different line item. He anticipates, depending on the amount of that, that we may or may not have to come back to Council.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 73-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:           Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 73-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Lasko spoke on several topics:

- **Sawmill Parkway**. Crews are finished on the Sawmill Parkway interim fix. He thanked Mr. Critelli for the connection to the company that did the work. It is significantly better from a ride standpoint. We had received a lot of calls already from folks that are really pleased with the work, which is coming prior to the ultimate reconstruction of the entire parkway.
- **ConAgra**. We had a kick-off call with NAI Harmon Group yesterday to start laying out some really high level dates and benchmarks, and to get consensus on the types of agreements we are going to have to start working on and presenting to Council. The idea of site control and cost of site control is a big part of the process. We have engaged the services of Cushman Wakefield out of Cleveland to update the broker's price opinion for the site so we have a reference point as part of our negotiations. We hope to have that in hand in the next week or two as we dive into the site control and cost standpoint. We are kicked off and are excited to get moving forward.
- **Rye Beach TIF**. The Ohio Department of Taxation issued its final determination regarding the City's application for exemption. This is a TIF established in 2012, but the last step of filing with the State was not completed. This is a non-schools TIF, so all of their revenue will be received 100%. Any non-schools real estate taxes will be deposited into the TIF account. What we are working on at the moment is working with the County to be sure that we have an exact idea about which parcels should start paying into the TIF as early as the first half of 2022. We are going through an arduous parcel-by-parcel analysis so that the City can start realizing those proceeds to bank for future infrastructure projects.
- **City/Township Sidewalk Project**. The City and the Township are exploring a sidewalk installation project that would link the current eastern sidewalk terminus (currently at Gateway) all the way to the entrance of Huron Green. We believe this is instrumental in enhancing walkability between multiple subdivisions and Huron's multiple amenities in town. More than anything, it is going to create a safe connection for those traveling Cleveland Road. OHM is currently putting a design proposal together so that we can review that and potentially get that in the budget for 2022 if Council and the Trustees desire to move forward with at least the design process in 2022.

- Route 6 Street Lights. Crews are finishing up final wiring and electrification. FirstEnergy has advised us that they are pushed back another 2 weeks from removing the old lights, so we will have to put up with the redundancy for a couple more weeks, but that is nearing completion. The lights look awesome.
- Route 6 Striping. Crews have been out over the last week and a half, primarily making changes to the pavement markings in some of the areas that are not changing, and they have started to remove some of the areas that are changing. We should hopefully be wrapped up sometime next week. Finally, we will then finish with any signs that need to be swapped out based on the revised traffic changes.
- Maritime Assistance Program. This is a program through ODOT. The HJPA has asked the City to partner on a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation. The funding is only available to port authorities in Ohio for projects including, but not limited to, land acquisition, equipment purchases and dredging. Because the HJPA does not own a fully operational port, there are restrictions on which projects they would be eligible for, and dredging appears to be one of the few, if not the only, projects that can be applied for under this funding. We are in communications with the Army Corps of Engineers related to future dredging needs of the river. These funds could serve as the City's potential local contribution, if there was to be one, for future dredging of the river. We can match this funding to the federal resources through the Army Corps of Engineers. Interestingly, one of the ideals the Army Corps is exploring is a process in which they would put dredge material in geosynthetic bags that are environmentally safe and drop them on the floor of Lake Erie to create a reef system that is very positive for fish and wildlife habitats. It is an interesting/alternative way to dispose of dredged materials, rather than dumping them in the CDF. That would leave the CDF available for emergencies, etc., if this were the option of communities start to dredge in the future. There is \$23 Million available over fiscal years 2022 and 2023, and there is a very limited number of port authorities that can make application for this funding. You have to be a port on Lake Erie or the Ohio River, which is a very short list. The Port Authority wanted to apply on behalf of the City, the Township and all users of the river as a potential local match for a future dredging project. He anticipates that that application is going to go in this Friday.
- Zoning Code/Planning. Something staff is looking at and hoping to bring to Council in the future, similar to the sidewalk assessment, is a tree assessment program. This would be for those who need to remove dead, dying and diseased trees from their property. It can be very expensive to remove trees. Through this assessment program, property owners would have the option of, in essence, financing the removal costs through an assessment on their real estate taxes. We are proposing, as well, to amend the code to ensure the services of a certified arborist are engaged to make sure that we are actually removing dead, dying and diseased trees, and not healthy trees. He thinks that we should also consider a requirement that there is a new planning component to any type of removal, as well. We are at the beginning stages, but it is something that he thinks we are wanting to explore. We are getting more and more calls from people with tree needs, and these things can cost several thousand dollars to remove.
- Parking on Standard Street – It has been an issue for a while, but we seem to be getting more and more calls related to parking issues on the street, in the right-of-way, on Standard Street east of Main. This is something the City and legal counsel is exploring to potentially bring legislation to Council as soon as the next meeting that would actually restrict parking anywhere within the right-of-way, and certainly on the south side of Standard Street. Currently, our enforcement mechanism is a 24-hour tire marking, but that does police officers to check cars daily to come back the next day and verify they are there, and the process continues. This would be a quicker and more efficient way to be able to enforce those types of standards when we do have parking violations. We expect to bring that legislation for Council's consideration at the next meeting.
- Parks and Recreation – He is happy to report that he received a phone call this afternoon informing us that the City has been approved for \$8,000 to entirely fund the ice rink proposed for Fabens

Park. This came together pretty quickly, and our Rec Department was able to get in applications very quickly, with Council's approval. The funds are coming from three sources: The Wightman Wieber Foundation, the Rhonda Watt Foundation and the Pat and Louise Murray Foundation. We are very, very grateful for those grant awards coming through. Rec will be working over the next couple of months to make sure we have everything ordered in time, and we've got everything in place. We are really excited to have some alternative recreation activities in the winter. We are truly appreciative of that support.

- Coastal Management Assistance Grant. This grant is through ODNR. They have released their pre-application process for coastal management assistance grant funding. There is \$500,000 available, which does require a 1:1 local match, which is available to communities within a limited coastal area to support funded projects for coastal planning, public access, water quality, land acquisition and habitat restoration. The pre-application deadline is October 17, 2021. Shortly thereafter, on November 1, 2021, ODNR would make pre-applicants aware of whether they are encouraged or discouraged to make formal application. Talking internally with Mr. Steinwart and Mr. Critelli, we are proposing to submit at least 2 pre-applications. One would be a request to secure funding to increase public access to the developing beach behind the water plant. Secondly would be a coastal planning grant that would cover the area between Lakefront Park eastward to the Huron River, and encompassing the northern portion of Main Street, sort of in line with some of the outcomes of our recently adopted Action Plan. Again, if encouraged to apply after pre-application, we will approach Council for permission to make full application in November.
- Fire Department 2021 Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition. The Huron Fire Department has received an American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures to treat patients who suffer severe heart attacks. This program helps to reduce barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, starting when 9-1-1 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. Huron Fire Department paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who do have heart attacks, as they are the first point of contact, by saving precious moments of treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals of incoming heart attack patients. We are truly appreciative of all of the work of our firefighters and EMS staff.
- Upcoming Meetings. There is a Planning Commission and Design Review Board set for Wednesday, October 27, 2022 at 5:00pm in council chambers.

Mr. Hagy asked if the reef system to be created from dredging spoils would start after the CDF is full. Mr. Lasko said the expectation is that that is an alternative resource, which would be done in the next wave of dredging versus filling up the CDF. The recommendation is the reserve what space is left for emergencies, and in the interim do this type of reef system as the main way of doing dredging in the future. Mr. Hagy asked if want to fill the CDF so we can use that space. Mr. Lasko answered that we may. The thought was to leave some space for emergencies. We can certainly look into whether we can still fill it up a little bit more, and potentially leave a smaller portion for emergencies. The funding isn't only for the type of dredging where you create reef systems – you can also dredge and put it in the CDF. What we would be applying for is simply assistance with dredging. Where that material goes would be a local decision and Army Corps decision. We do have some time to make that final decision, and wouldn't necessarily have to disclose that as part of the grant application, we would just be applying for local dredging funding. More dialogue will be needed before a decision is made.

With regard to the assessment(s) for sidewalks and/or trees, Mr. Hagy asked what happens if the house is sold. Mr. Lasko answered that the assessment would stay with the property. Assessments run with the property.

Mr. Claus asked what is meant by emergency dredging - if the reef system was discontinued in the future, you would still need a place to put the dredging, so we would obviously want to have that available as long

as possible. He understands that we will have to look at it several different ways and see what the options might be. Mr. Lasko said that while his is a novice on this topic, the thought would be if there some type of event within the river that immediately or very quickly made it hard to get through the river from a commercial standpoint and otherwise, it is quicker to just dredge and dump it in the CDF versus the process of bagging and doing the reef system option. The thought would be to leave a little room in the CDF for that type of emergency. What the chances of that emergency – he doesn't know. A third option would be to expand the CDF or create a new CDF. Those options exist as well. Our understanding from the Army Corps is that those are more expensive options. He thinks where it goes is still open for discussion. This reef system is alternative to open lake dumping, which has since been banned. This is a way to do the same thing, but in an environmentally sustainable way that is also good for fish habitat and sea life, etc. There will be a lot of Council and public consideration. Mr. Claus asked if we would be able to use any of that grant money for dredging the boat basin. Mr. Lasko answered that it would only be for the river proper.

Regarding the Rye Beach TIF, now that we are identifying all of the properties that it would apply to, Mr. Claus asked if any of that will be retroactive. Mr. Lasko answered that it would not be retroactive, because to do that we would be taking money away from those that have already received the real estate proceeds of the last 8 or 9 years. The only positive, if there is one, is that the majority of the projects that have made investments were also tax abated, so there was no revenue stream to capture. It was a minimal loss to the City that could have been put into the TIF Fund. As those tax abatements roll off, which there will be a lot of over the next couple of years, those will start paying into the TIF Fund (non-schools portion) and Firelands Scientific, which has no abatement on it, will start paying their 32% into the TIF immediately. Unfortunately, we cannot collect anything retroactively, but he thinks the damage is nominal because of the abatements that were in place on these projects.

Mr. Claus asked if the street lights on the bridge itself could be updated. Mr. Critelli answered that, as an ODOT project, he would have to check with them. The car bridge and railroad bridge are both slated for updates/repairs in 2023. Could the same type of lamp mounted on the poles by the boat launch be mounted on the existing poles. Mr. Lasko said that the existing lights at the entrance to the boat basin will be removed because the new lights have been installed right next to them. He thinks it is a good question, but it will not be the City's call. Anything we can do to push ODOT from a design box to be a little bit out of the box as it relates to the bridge, would be beneficial. Mr. Critelli said that he would attempt to coordinate with ODOT while they are in the design phase.

Ms. Crawford asked about the parking spaces on Standard Street on the west side of Main, which now have the new parking restrictions. The spaces have not yet been marked, and it had been discussed that the first parking space would be eliminated by the stop sign. Mr. Lasko said that he reached out to Mr. Didelot this morning regarding those spaces, and while the signs are up, the spaces are not delineated, and we do want to also create a no parking area just before the stop sign. As soon as he receives an update from Mr. Didelot, he will pass it on to Council. Mr. Lasko confirmed that the parking restrictions would be enforced.

Mr. Hardy said the last time they did the bridge, we asked about the lights, and the they are attached to poles that go down into the ground on either side. They don't attach to the bridge itself. That was ODOT's stance – they don't want anything attached to the bridge. Mr. Claus suggested that maybe they could attach the new lights to the existing poles.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Artino congratulated the firefighters and the Fire Department for this award – another job well done.



### For the Good of the Order

- **Ms. Crawford** – HJRD had a meeting last week, and Brian Croucher gave us a summary of the summer. They had a tremendous summer -programs were full and went well, and they were looking forward to Pumpkin Fest. They were excited and happy to have everything up and running. That is great news about the ice rink, we didn't have that news at the meeting. Winterfest will be coming up. It is nice that the fish cleaning station documentation is starting to move through. That has been through HJRD for months, if not years, as it has materialized. She thinks we have always been one of their first choices for a fish cleaning station, and Avon Lake is their second choice. This is not just stainless tables and a place for these guys, this is quite a system with grinding, etc. On top of the traffic we already have there, this is state of the art when it comes to the outdoorsmen. Congratulations to the Fire Department – you read those specs and until your husband has a 99% blockage in his heart, that stuff doesn't quite mean the same. She hopes that our community never has the appreciation that she has for that award they received, but she is extremely grateful for all of our city services, for everything they do going over and above. We are blessed and very fortunate to have these guys.
- **Mr. Claus** – Condolences to the Nissen family. There was a big turnout for the Pumpkin Fest – it was a great event. Congratulations to the Fire Department. Thank you to Mr. Lasko and his team, and thanks to the School Board for coming out tonight.
- **Mr. Tapp** – Thank you to Mr. Ruf and he appreciates him showing up tonight and giving us his take on the voting and stuff. Schools make a strong community – that's where we are at. Congratulations to the Fire Department. The Fire Department and Police Department have had rough three week. It is kind of tough on them. We are small community, and when things happen these guys are right there and in the middle of it. When you see them, tell them thanks. He was there for Mr. Nissen's gym class and the square dancing. That was a once-a-year ordeal there. He was a great guy and he will be missed.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Condolences on the passing of Gary Nissen. If you went to McCormick Junior High in the 70's, 80's or 90's, then you went through Mr. Nissen's class. He was a great teacher and an all-around great guy. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Pumpkin Fest. Kids had a great time. Thank you for everything put into that. Congratulations to the Fire Department on the EMS Gold Plus Achievement Award.
- **Mr. Dike** – Congratulations to the Fire Department – they are doing some great things for the community. Condolences to the Nissen family. He did suffer through his gym classes and got yelled at a lot. Regarding the school levy, he hopes that people get behind it. He has children coming up, so he hopes there are strong schools. Best of luck in that regard. There are a lot of exciting things being reported on by Mr. Lasko. Thanks to his team and his hard work. He sees the new USGS building and they have that all lit up and coming over the bridge it looks awesome. There are lot of great things going on in this community.
- **Mr. Hardy** – Congratulations to the Fire Department. Strong communities are built around a good school district and a good school base, so he knows it is an extra ask and extra money from the community, but that's why the community is here and the community needs to get behind this and support the levy.

Mayor Artino thanked the school levy committee. He knows how important it is to have strong schools, not only for our children, but also for economic development. Anybody that's on Council knows that's one of the first things that a developer looks for. He, too, would like us support that school levy.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Adjournment**

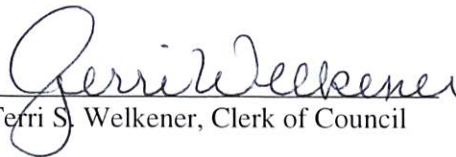
**Motion by Mr. Hagy to adjourn the meeting.**

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of October 12, 2021 adjourned at 7:13pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 26 OCT 2021

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