

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday October 24, 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, October 24, 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, and Sam Artino.** Members absent: **Glen Ginesi.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineer Doug Green, Police Chief Bob Lippert, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Ginesi 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, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Mr. Ginesi excused.

There were no minutes available for approval; the next item on the agenda was Audience Comments.

**Audience Comments**

- Rob Smith, on behalf of the Huron Public Library. Mr. Smith provided an overview of the recent Poetry Contest organized by the Huron Public Library, noting that 66 entries by 24 people were submitted. He distributed copies of the booklet containing 40 poems. He referenced the poetry reading was well attended, and another reading will be planned during National Poetry Month in April. He also mentioned another contest in the future.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2017-75**

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-75 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN TRANSFERS AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY) 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 (6)**  
**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 Assistant to the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White noted the entries on Exhibit "A" all reflect previously budgeted transfers and reviewed same. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-75. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-75 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 2017-76**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-76 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT STATE PRICING AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STATEWIDE MUNICIPAL LEASING FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR SUV'S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE AND 21/100 DOLLARS (77,712.21)) 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: Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Schaffter (6)**

**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 Assistant to the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White recognized Chief Lippert, the vehicle replacement program he initiated, and the benefits that have been realized by the program implementation. Chief Lippert explained that in the five years since the program began, the fleet has been overturned and he added that he does not anticipate a purchase in 2018. A brief discussion ensued relative to assignment of vehicles. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-76. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Schaffter (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-76 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 2017-77**

**Motion by Ms. Wassner that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-77 (A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-54, ADOPTED JULY 26, 2016 RELATIVE TO PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OKLAHOMA WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AND RESURFACING PROJECT) 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: Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Schaffter, Hardy (6)**  
**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 Assistant to the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this resolution and the next legislatively terminate the property owner assessment process relative to the waterline assessment portion of the Oklahoma Water Line Replacement and Resurfacing Project. He recapped the estimated costs associated with the water line assessment portion of the project, the legislative history, and the discussions initiated by City Council and subsequently the Finance Committee with regard to the opportunity available to waive the property owner assessment. Mr. White explained the recommendation of the Finance Committee to waive the assessment as well as to establish policy for this type of utility capital project (water line replacement) in the future, noting that there would no longer be assessments to property owners on this type of project as this expense will be incorporated into the water rate in the future. He explained the basis of the Finance Committee recommendation which included the Water Fund budgets, debt falling off, bulk water sales, and efficiencies within the plant, all of which contributed to the opportunity to waive the assessment. Mr. White referenced the funds available and explained that there was no need to adjust the water rates at this time. The Mayor referenced the property owners concerns voiced, and thanked administrative staff and the water department for getting the city to the point where this opportunity could be considered. The Mayor referenced the policy change going into the future. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-77. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Schaffter, Hardy (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-77 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance 2017-40**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-40 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-28, ADOPTED DECEMBER 13, 2016, RELATIVE TO PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OKLAHOMA WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AND RESURFACING PROJECT 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: Artino, Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike (6)**  
**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 Assistant to the City Manager to read the Ordinance by its title only. **Motion was made by Mr. Artino that Ordinance 2017-40 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: Artino, Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike (6)**  
**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 explanation under the previous resolution. The Mayor noted adoption of this resolution will finalize the termination of the assessment process. 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: Artino, Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Ordinance 2017-40 had been adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Ordinance 2017-41**

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-41(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 (6)**

**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 Assistant to the City Manager to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White reviewed the revenue and expense entries on Exhibit "A" of the Ordinance. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2017-41. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Wassner, Hartung, Dike, Artino (6)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Ordinance 2017-41 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**

- Referenced the Candidates Forum last week, commenting that the topic of Mississippi Lime was mentioned. Mr. White noted he is in contact with Mr. Randy Witte of MI Lime, explaining that Mr. Witte has noted they are working on capital upgrades to the smoke stacks and in response to some concerns expressed by the community, he has offered to take those concerned individuals through the plant. Administration has recommended the possibility of coordination of some type of community appreciation day. Mr. White stated that a resident referenced that the Ag piles were reducing significantly. Mr. Dike inquired about the decrease to the piles and inquired as to why this is happening. Mr. White referenced that the city had been working with the county for a couple years to see if they would take the material for alternative daily cover at the landfill and the matter went through conditional approval from the EPA and the county and over the last several months the material has been taken offsite to the landfill. Mr. White noted that other landfills would have to get approval from Erie County to use the material.

- Lighthouse: Administration has continued to talk to the Coast Guard to get authorization to take over the account for the lights on the lighthouse and administration would like to bring a proposal to Council, noting this would be a minimal expense. Also, the city was recently contacted by Mr. Bickley of Harbor North who has offered to provide the labor to install lighting on the Lighthouse in the event the city is able to take over the account.
- Mucci Farms: Referenced a recent meeting with BGSU, Mucci Farms and legal representation to discuss the electrical substation and residential component of the project. The Huron Township Trustees objection to the annexation petition has resulted in Mucci Farms rescinding its application and re-submitting another application under another avenue through state law which does not require a public hearing. He noted the process is expected to take another 25 days or so before the final step to the city. Mr. White referenced the city's obligation to construct the substation and the concern now due to the delay as the timeline to be operational for Mucci Farms is October 2018. He noted Council direction is needed as staff is trying to meet the October 2018 deadline which requires action on the substation. He noted a report will be provided to City Council at the next meeting which will outline the several options relative to the substation including options such as a revenue bond through AMP Ohio or the route of a capital investment group. The Mayor asked that information on the substation be emailed out as soon possible to allow time for review. Mr. White stated he would do so by the end of the week.
- Referenced attendance at the Business Leaders Round Table at BGSU Firelands.
- IAFF Contract: Mr. White stated that his understanding is that Council is supportive of a stagnate year /1 year extension of the current IAFF contract due to the ongoing discussions relative to overall operations and the operation of Station 2. He stated that if this was correct, administration will work with staff and provide a final report to Council to summarize the financial implications to the 2018 budget and request formal action from Council. The Mayor replied this was fine.
- 2018 Proposed Budget: nearing completion with the Finance Committee, noting the conservative approach with regard to revenue as anticipated new customers have not been included in the budget.
- Referenced the Library levy on the ballot.
- Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP): Referenced the meeting and tour in the spring to the Rootstown facility, which some Council members attended. Explained that IWP has expressed interest in a facility within the city and has met with the city and various potential partners. A proposal was requested and has been received, noting their typical fee is \$50,000; but the proposal submitted is for \$25,000. Mr. White stated he was seeking Council direction to pursue offsets to the \$25,000. He noted that he has had preliminary conversations with Mr. Zimmerman about potential assistance from the Township, and has talked with BGSU Firelands, and Firelands Regional Medical Center and would pursue these efforts further. The Mayor advised contacting the schools as well since they are part of the Huron Joint Recreation District.

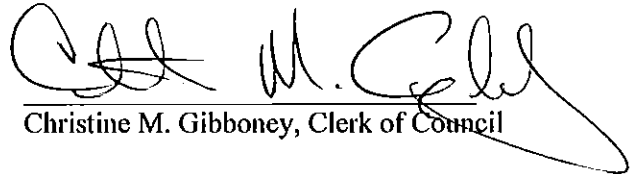
#### Mayor's Discussion

- Referenced invitations to the Erie County Health Department Open House-Detox Unit, and the OML Conference in November. He noted there is no MPO meeting this month.
- Thanked Mr. Smith for his work and reporting on the Poetry Contest.
- Referenced Mr. Ginesi's suggestion last month to set the annual Council Goals/Objectives meeting in conjunction with the budget process, noting that he would work with the Clerk to get some dates to set this meeting.
- US 6 Corridor Project Public Informational Meeting to be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Huron Library from 6-8pm. Encourage the public to attend.
- Wished the Huron Tigers Football team luck at their upcoming game.

**For the Good of the Order**

- Mr. Dike thanked his neighbor, Mrs. Richards for attending the meeting.
- Mr. Hardy commented that Huron is the exception to the norm as many communities are struggling for funding and forced to cut services and programming. He recognized the work of city departments and staff and the volume of economic development underway, noting he feels privileged to be part of the Council that helps support this effort.
- Mr. Schaffter suggested that the substation information be distributed to the Finance Committee as well.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council