

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 23, 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 October 23, 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, Trey Hardy, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, and Sam Artino. Members absent: Glen Ginesi.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Interim Finance Director Mike Spafford, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Street Foreman Steve Didelot, 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

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

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

New Business

Resolution 2018-80

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-80 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE STATE PRICING PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE TRADE IN OF A 2012 BOBCAT E50 EXCAVATOR TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 YANMAR VIO55 EXCAVATOR, FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT, FROM WELLINGTON IMPLEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$29,650.00)) 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: Hardy, Crawford, 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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced the executive summary, condition of the 2012 excavator, and the purchase of a new 2018 for the Water Department. Mr. Gibboney referenced the

importance of this equipment to the Water Distribution Department in daily operations and explained the 2012 unit was out of service for a month during the last repair. He explained that this purchase was originally being planned for 2019, and the department had planned for another piece of equipment to be purchased this year so these purchases can be switched out and also referenced the trade in of the 2012 excavator to offset cost. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-80. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Schaffter (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-80 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-81

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-81 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ODNR- DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION OF A NAVIGATIONAL AIDS GRANT REQUEST) 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, 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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this application is similar to the one previously approved for areas where buoy placement has been approved by ODNR. The requests for new buoys in this application were received from Huron Lagoons Marina and the Chaska Beach Association and include the areas of Mudbrook Creek, the Huron River, and Lake Erie. In response to a question from Mr. Dike; Ms. Alkire confirmed that Officer Lobsinger is in charge of the placement and removal of buoys for the areas that have already been approved, noting these buoys will be removed this weekend and all will be stored by the city. She advised that additional discussions with the private associations will be needed relative to future storage and Huron Lagoons has advised that they can store the buoys for the area near HLM. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-81. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Schaffter, Hardy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-81 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-82

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-82 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION PERTAINING TO UNIFORM RENTAL FOR SERVICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FOR A 60 MONTH TERM) 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, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced the current agreement with Cintas and the total annual expense to the Service Department (Water & Streets) of \$6,000 per year for the uniforms. Mr. Didelot and Mr. Gibboney noted their satisfaction with the service. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-82. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-82 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- Referenced correspondence in Council packets from Dr. David Dreffer regarding a gift offer of 7 acres of land to the city. Mr. White recognized Dr. Dreffer's daughter, Julie Spitzley, in attendance and referenced the work and dedication of Dr. Dreffer in the community throughout the years and as a member of the HJRD Board. He referenced the location of the land being near Woodlands School and Maple Ave and the use of the land to be for recreation and/or education and noted the HJRD Board and HPRD staff have endorsed the offer. Ms. Spitzley addressed Council, noting her father's involvement with the community and his desire to donate this property for education/recreation use and to have the Parks Board be in charge of the property following Council approval. She noted that her family did offer the property to Huron City Schools but they were not interested in it at the time. Mr. Dike referenced the matter being discussed at the HJRD meeting and inquired about the possibility of a pathway through Maple Ave. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the history of Maple Avenue, the roughly 120 acres of vacant land, the lack of sanitary sewer in this area and the fact that because Maple Ave was never constructed contributed to why the land has not been developed. Mr. Dike inquired if, in the past, the city has spoken to the property owner about the acreage. Mr. White responded that he didn't believe the city has ever approached this from a strategic point of view, but noted the opportunity to have several hundred homes on this property, adding that Council could identify this as a long term objective if desired. Mr. Hartung recognized the residential developments that Dr. Dreffer established within the community, provided background on Maple Avenue and the Grand Forest Beach allotment areas and inquired about getting the tax and legal documents associated with the proposed property offered to the city. Ms. Spitzley referenced a 1.98 acre parcel on the east side of this parcel that the family owns and noting that they will be holding on to the property at this time. Mr. Dike asked if the 7 acre property has been mentioned for discussion with Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP). Mr. White noted it has been discussed as a potential location and encouraged Council to review the aerials of this area. The Mayor and Mr. White thanked the Dreffer family for the generous gift offer and the Mayor noted if all members were in agreement, Mr. White will work with Ms. Spitzley to formalize the acceptance. No objections were voiced.
- Referenced a roadway repair needed on Wheeler Drive adjacent to Thunderbird Hills, where a box culvert has failed, explaining this narrow roadway is the only access for residents in the neighborhood. The estimated cost to make repairs is approximately \$300,000 and Mr. Green has made inquiry to OPWC for emergency funding- if awarded this could be an 80/20 split and if

authorized to make application, the city should have an answer within a week. Mr. Didelot noted the area has been filled in with stone which has already sunken down, adding that there is a metal plate over the area now. Mr. Green explained the application process and reported repairs can take 2-3 months, suggesting repairs be made this year and temporary pavement applied until next spring when the permanent pavement could be applied.

- Referenced the manhole depression area on Jim Campbell/US6/Center Street and the failing catch basin on US6 at the Drug Mart Plaza area. Mr. Green advised the contractor has stated he would be able to start work in two weeks.
- Referenced Chamber of Commerce event to launch the 433 App to be held at the Roof Top deck at the Old Fish House.
- 2019 Healthcare Insurance- quote received for a 2 year fixed price contract with a 9% increase over the 2 year term.
- Recognized Mr. Spafford who has been working with the County Auditor relative to the expansion of bed tax on transient rentals. County is offering a service to collect the tax. Administration will put information together for an agreement for Council consideration.
- North Main Street Package Upgrades: referenced a recent accident with a drunk driver crashing into the bowling alley. Mr. Green is looking into safety bollards for this area and possibly others on North Main.
- Curbside Leaf pick-up begins on Monday October 29th – information has been included in water bills, social media, and website. Pick-up will be done from east to west on a rotating basis- no set dates for neighborhoods. Service scheduled to continue through December 7th. Mayor Hartung suggested an article in the Register as well.
- Ohio Patients Choice (OPC) lawsuit against the City- Ms. Alkire referenced the suit being filed in Erie County in Judge Tone's Court. She explained that she has noticed the city's liability insurance carrier, a claim has been opened and assigned to the firm of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder and she has provided them a summary of the case. She advised as more information is received there will be future discussions. Mayor Hartung referenced discussion at the work session meeting on this topic, explaining that City Council has no intention of changing the opinion on this matter, noting Council has worked in good faith and explained that discussions on the lawsuit topic will be held in regular meetings as much as possible but advised there will be executive sessions needed when discussing strategy. He advised questions are to be directed to the Law Department. He noted the city will continue to fight this lawsuit.

Questions from Members:

- Mr. Dike referenced the Chamber 433 App event, noting how the app will be a great benefit to the community. He referenced emails he had sent to administration regarding his intentions for further development on two properties on North Main Street, noting there would be some encroachment on city property and not knowing if he needed to start discussions with Council or Planning/Zoning. Mr. White commented that being such a small community, anyone can get ensnared in a potential conflict of interest and referenced Mr. Dike's investments and improvements in this area of Main Street explaining that a recent survey of city property identifies that the intended work will encroach on city property. He noted he had reviewed the information with the City Engineer and Law Director and would like to prepare a summary for Council in order to render a decision in the matter.

Mayor's Discussion

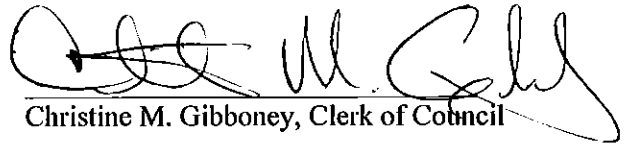
- Referenced discussion at the work session meeting relative to Sunshine Laws, records retention, and scheduling a work session presentation/training by the State for Council members and Department Managers in the first part of 2019

- Referenced Council correspondence including: a FEMA map revision notification relating to Concord Glenn Phase III removing this area from the special flood hazard area. He also referenced notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control with regard to a liquor license notice.
- Wished HHS Football team good luck for Friday's game.

For the Good of the Order

- Ms. Crawford recognized the HHS Cross Country runners.
- Mr. Schaffter recognized the HHS Soccer Team.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of October 23, 2018 adjourned at 7:07p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Cotncil