

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 February 26, 2019 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: **Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, and Sam Artino. Members absent: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, and Glen Ginesi.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Interim Finance Director Mike Spafford, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Police Chief Bob Lippert, Fire Captain Kurt Schaffer and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Motion by Ms. Crawford to excuse Mr. Schaffter, Mr. Hardy, and 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: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (4)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8 and the work session meeting of January 22, 2019, 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: Dike, Artino, Crawford, Hartung (4)

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. The Mayor advised that with only four (4) members present, the three reading rule on the legislation could not be waived as this requires five (5) votes, therefore the legislation could only be placed upon a first reading.

New Business

Resolution 2019-9

Motion by Ms. Crawford that Resolution No. 2019-9 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF

HURON, OHIO, WITH THE HURON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THEIR LAKE FRONT MARKET EVENT TO BE HELD AT LAKE FRONT PARK ON SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2019.) 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 (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Resolution 2019-9 placed upon its first reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White recognized Amy Roldan, Director of the Huron Chamber of Commerce in attendance, noting the success of this event last year, the involvement of the Parks and Recreation Department in working with the Chamber, and explained that if desired, a waiver of the fee again this year could be considered by Council, if desired. Ms. Roldan referenced working with Mr. Steinwart, the success of the event last year and the hope to expand on the event this year.

Resolution 2019-10

Motion by Mr. Dike that Resolution No. 2019-10 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE STATE PRICING PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD F-350 TRUCK FROM VALLEY FORD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$26,931.00)) 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: Dike, Artino, Crawford, Hartung (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Resolution 2019-10 placed upon its first reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced the expense for this purchase was appropriated as part of the adopted budget and recommended by administration for adoption going forward. Mr. Steinwart noted the expense was anticipated and budgeted in the Capital Reserve and the truck would be replacing a 2003 Ford 250.

Resolution 2019-11

Motion by Mr. Artino that Resolution No. 2019-11 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PROVISION OF INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE WHEELER DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$16,750.00)) 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Resolution 2019-11 placed upon its first reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the

Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White recapped the details of the Wheeler Drive Culvert Replacement Project, referencing previous legislation adopted by Council, reviewing grant funding, and explaining this legislation relates to inspection services to be provided by OHM. Mr. Green noted the work is expected to start next week and the contract completion date is May 3rd.

Resolution 2019-12

Motion by Ms. Crawford that Resolution No. 2019-12 (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: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Resolution 2019-12 placed upon its first reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced Exhibit "A" of the resolution and reviewing entries, noting these are all previously budgeted transfers.

Ordinance 2019-3

Motion by Mr. Dike that Ordinance 2019-3 (AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING 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, Crawford, Hartung (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2019-3 placed upon its first reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Ordinance by its title only. The Mayor noted the ordinance could not be introduced as an emergency at this meeting. Mr. White explained adoption of this ordinance will update the Code with legislation adopted by Council and all state changes to the Traffic and General Offenses in 2018. He noted the cost this year from Walter Drane for these updates was \$4,000.

City Manager's Discussion

- Referenced Governor's proposed request to increase the gas tax, noting the preliminary estimates reflect the city receipting approximately \$250,000 for the Street Department from this increase.
- Management Report item: Referenced the Waldock Property License Agreement and pending purchase agreement for the portion of city property determined not needed by the city. He referenced the need for Council to set the price, referencing the survey expense, and previous discussion of the sale price based on the appraisal and additional costs totaling around \$5,000 plus the cost for the survey work. He noted administration will move forward with the preparation of the purchase agreement if Council had no objections. No objections were voiced.
- Management Report item: Provided status of OPC lawsuit, noting OPC has elected to name the Ohio Board of Pharmacy to its lawsuit to compel them to authorize the transfer of the retail dispensary from the Burger King facility. He referenced a pre-trial phone conference last week, reporting nothing substantial was done because the Attorney General's Office will become involved.

- Mucci Farms has submitted an initial site plan for the second phase of its development. He referenced the scheduled hearing on March 27th. He referenced coordination of draft legislation to be prepared for Council and the Planning Commission minus some specific variables pertaining to light measurement. He referenced plans to retain a consultant to take measurements of lumens throughout the city to create and establish benchmarks. He noted the improvement in recent weeks relative to the light pollution, but advised regulations are still recommended. Mr. White explained once their site plan is approved, construction on the second greenhouse is anticipated sometime this summer.

Questions by Council Members:

- In response to a question from Mr. Dike, Mr. White and the Mayor noted the Public Hearing has been set for March 27, 2019. Mr. White commented that information will be provided to the Planning Commission and Council in the event of discussion within the Public Hearing relative to the lighting regulations. Mr. Dike asked for an update on the employment searches of Law Director and Finance Director. Mr. White noted he anticipates interviews next week and appointment confirmation to Council next month. Mr. Dike asked for status on the Studan property violation issue. Mr. White reported the matter is stagnant at the present time, pending prosecution, noting the matter has been reviewed with the Prosecutor and recapped previous code enforcement efforts and actions. Mr. Dike asked for status on the Mobile Home Park. Mr. White reported the city is still awaiting Department of Commerce direction, but would contact the state and provide an update to Council with response. Lastly, Mr. Dike asked if there were any updates relative to economic development and/or Juniper. Mr. White replied he could get something to Council.
- In response to a question by the Mayor as to how long the lighting data survey would take, Mr. White explained the consultant believes it would take approximately 10 hours. Mr. White advised this measurement of lumens will create a necessary benchmark. He advised a report will be compiled in advance of the March 27th meeting.

Mayor's Discussion

- Referenced receipt of the annual report from Huron Municipal Court.
- Referenced the meeting notice from Erie County Health District for the annual Advisory Meeting on March 18, 2019 at noon and asked that any member interested in attending contact him.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Dike referenced the Highway Patrol stats in the annual report from Huron Municipal Court inquiring if there is a speed trap in Huron. The Mayor advised contacting the Highway Patrol.
- Ms. Crawford referenced renewals and new sponsorship for the Grow Huron program.

The Mayor noted one executive session has been requested for potential litigation. Mr. White recognized Attorney Mr. David Riepenhoff in attendance and noted there would be no business following the executive session.

Executive Session

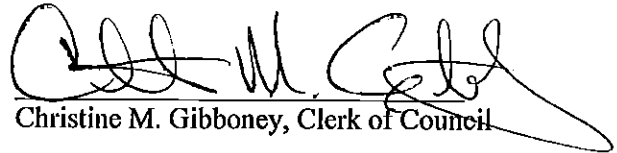
Motion by Ms. Crawford that the regular meeting of February 26, 2019 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss potential litigation. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (4)

NAYS: (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 6:51p.m. The City Council members in attendance, City Manager, and Attorney David Riepenhoff attended. Because only three council members remained for the executive session, there was no quorum and the executive session ended. The Mayor declared the regular meeting of February 26, 2019 reconvened at 7:03p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of February 26, 2019 adjourned at 7:03p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council