

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Special Meeting Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

The Mayor called the special meeting of Huron City Council to order at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 4, 2020 via Webex teleconference. 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.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy.**

Motion by Monty Tapp to excuse Joe Dike from the regular session.

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

**YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

Staff participating in the Webex teleconference: Interim City Manager Mike Spafford, Law Director Benjamin Chojnacki and Executive Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

**Executive Session**

**Motion by Monty Tapp to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, and inviting Mr. Dike, Mr. Spafford, Todd Schrader, Gary Ebert and Benjamin Chojnacki to the meeting.**

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

**YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of adoption, the motion passed.

Council moved into executive session at 5:36pm.

**Return to Regular Session**

Council returned to regular session at 5:48pm.

**Resolution 2020-41**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 2020-41, as amended (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, WITH SEELEY, SAVIDGE, EBERT & GOURASH CO., LPA FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR be placed on 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, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 2020-41 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Spafford said this is the culmination of a lot of work put together on a short-term basis with Todd Schrader and Gary Ebert of SSE&G. This contract would name their firm as our new law director. He appreciates the expediency in getting this put together. For the benefit of the community at large, the contract includes 60 hours/month at a rate of \$10,000 per month, which comes out to an hourly rate of approximately \$167/hour. Included is a couple of days of in-office work as well. He is looking forward to getting going – there are a lot of things on the docket. He is excited to have them aboard.

Mr. Hardy said that he doesn't have any questions, but wanted to thank Mr. Chojnacki and his firm for all they have done for us. They provided great representation and really took us to the next level in some of the things they did for the City. He really appreciates that and wishes Mr. Chojnacki the best of luck in the future. He is looking forward to working with Gary and Todd and keeping that same level of professionalism with our law directors here in Huron. Mayor Artino said that he agrees with everything Mr. Hardy said, and hopes that he can remain friends with Mr. Chojnacki.

Mr. Chojnacki reiterated his appreciation on behalf of himself and his firm, and said that we are in good hands with Mr. Schrader and Mr. Ebert.

The Mayor asked if there was further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-41. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-41 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.


### **Adjournment**

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

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

**YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (6)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the special meeting of June 4, 2020 adjourned at 5:56pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 09 JUN 2020

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