

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Sam Artino on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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. After the Pledge of Allegiance was completed, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Joe Dike, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Benjamin Chojnacki, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Executive Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener, Fire Captain Doug Nash.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 28, 2020 be approved as printed and received. 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: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Audience Comments

The Mayor asked that any member of the public wishing to speak step to the podium, address counsel, state your name and address for the record, and there is a 3-minute time limit.

None.

Old Business

Legal Discussion regarding ConAgra Property Swap. Mr. Chojnacki gave an update on the status of the negotiations between the City, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Attorney General.

Legal Discussion regarding Showboat Property. Mr. Chojnacki stated that if this matter is to be discussed it would be appropriate to discuss in an executive session.

New Business

Resolution 2020-6

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution 2020-6 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES FOR A TOTAL NUMBER OF ONE HUNDRED

EIGHTY HOURS WITHIN THE CONTRACT TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$80.00) PER HOUR) 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 2020-6 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. White, Mr. Swaisgood and Captain Nash provided background information and answered questions from Council regarding Resolution 2020-6.

After discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-6. 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 2020-6 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2020-7

Motion by Mr. Tapp to move the Council's consideration of Resolution 2020-7 to after Executive Session #2 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official

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

There being a majority of votes in favor, the motion passed, and Council's consideration of Resolution 2020-7 will take place after Executive Session #2.

Ordinance 2019-33

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance 2019-33 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1369.01-DEFINITIONS, 1369.02-PURPOSE, 1369.03 RENTAL LICENSE/CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, 1369.04-FEES, 1369.05-MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES, 1369.06-ENTRY AND INSPECTION, 1369.07-REPORTS AND REINSPECTION, AND 1369.08-CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF CHAPTER 1369 - TRANSIENT RENTAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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: Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority of votes in favor, Resolution No. 2019-33 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. White provided background information regarding Resolution 2019-33.

Mr. Swaisgood announced that the Finance Committee would hold a special meeting on March 10th to discuss the cost analysis on the fees and to recommend a fee to Council for consideration.

Ordinance 2019-34

Motion by Mr. Hardy that Ordinance 2019-34 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 189.02-DEFINITIONS, 189.03-IMPOSITION OF TAX, 189.07-STATEMENT AND CHARGE OF TAX, AND 189.08-REGISTRATION OF CHAPTER 189 - LODGING TAX OF THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority of votes in favor, Resolution No. 2019-34 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. White provided additional background information and answered a question from Mr. Dike relating to Ordinance 2019-34.

Mr. Dike stated that he would like to see proceeds of the registration and bed tax go toward police and fire.

Mr. Claus stated that the proceeds from the rental registration would be earmarked to fund the expenses relating to the registration program itself.

Ms. Crawford suggested that Council consider allocating some of the funds to increasing the City's exposure in the Lake Erie Shores and Islands publication(s).

Mr. White stated that the City would be adding a full-time police officer, and that 2020 will serve as a barometer measurement of the amount of funds generated by the bed tax, and Council can adjust the appropriations to include a modification, but the general account of the City supports millions of dollars in law enforcement and fire subsidy right now. The City won't know what this is going to look like until 2022.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. White discussed the following topics:

- US-6 Corridor Phase I Project;
- US-6 Corridor Phase II Project;
- Safe Routes to School Project along Jim Campbell Blvd.;

- US-6 Rye Beach Road Project;
- City Hall Improvements/Council Tour;
- N. Main Street/Showboat Property Scouring Issue/Repairs;
- Policies re: Access to Pier/Permanent Upgrades;
- Nickel Plate Beach – KS Associates Report;
- Economic Development Committee;
- Finance Committee Activities;
- Code Enforcement – 315 Wexford.

Mr. Green provided additional information regarding the 315 Wexford code enforcement matter.

Asked by Mr. Dike if there might be any issues with the Army Corp. of Engineers with a permanent structure at the pier, Mr. White explained that any changes would be coordinated with them, because the pier itself is the property and responsibility of the Corps.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Artino discussed the following topics:

- Economic Development workshop with ECEDC;
- Thank you from Ben Smith, Mayor of Milan;
- Annual Report from Huron Municipal Court;
- Next Steps for Strategic Plan;
- Communication Processes.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Hardy – thanked Ms. Welkener for her assistance with the Scott Cemeteries accounting.
- Mr. Tapp – thanked everyone for attending; discussed ECEDC workshop;
- Mr. Claus – thanked everyone for attending; discussed use of quarterly Town Hall Meetings;
- Ms. Crawford – provided recap of Huron Joint Recreation District meeting; KS Associates report/Safety Committee meeting; Sheila Ehrhardt illness.

Executive Session #1

Motion by Mr. Tapp to move into executive session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding a pending or imminent court action.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. 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, the motion passed.

Council moved into Executive Session #1 at 7:06pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:21p.m.

Executive Session #2

Motion by Mr. Tapp to move into executive session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official and to invite Mr. Chojnacki, Mr. White, Mr. Swaisgood and Mr. Spafford to join the meeting.

Mr. Artino stated that there may or may not be legislation after the executive session.

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

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

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

Council moved into Executive Session #2 at 7:22pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 9:00pm.

Resolution 2020-7

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution 2020-7 (A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CATHY RAMEY AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT) be placed upon its first and final 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, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 2020-7 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the matter. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-7. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-7 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Adjournment

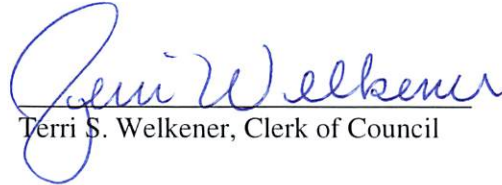
Motion by Mr. Claus to adjourn the meeting.

Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

With a majority in favor, the regular meeting of February 11, 2020 was adjourned at 9:01pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 25 FEB 2020

Upon approval by the City Council, the official written summary of the meeting minutes will become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio recording, excluding executive sessions, in accordance with Section 121.01(III) of the Administrative Code.