

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-4

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM BY CONSTRUCTING A NEW SUBSTATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-6, passed on March 13, 2018, the City issued \$3,500,000 Taxable Electric System Improvement Notes, Series 2018 (the Outstanding Notes), in anticipation of bonds, which Outstanding Notes mature on April 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the City should retire the Outstanding Notes with the proceeds of the Notes described in Section 3 and other available funds of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance as fiscal officer of this City has certified to this Council that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement described in Section 1 is at least five years, the estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 1 is 30 years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes described in Section 3, to be issued in anticipation of the Bonds, is April 5, 2038.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Huron, Erie County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Authorized Principal Amount of Anticipated Bonds and Purpose. It is necessary to issue bonds of the City in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 (the Bonds) to pay costs of improving the municipal electric system by constructing a new substation, together with all necessary appurtenances.

Section 2. Estimated Bond Terms. The Bonds shall be dated approximately March 1, 2020, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 7% per year, payable semiannually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in 30 annual principal installments on December 1 of each year that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are substantially equal. The first interest payment on the Bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2020, and the first principal payment on the Bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2021.

Section 3. Authorized Principal Amount of Notes; Dating; Interest Rate. It is necessary to issue and this Council determines that notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to retire the Outstanding Notes. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature one year from the date of issuance; provided that the Director of Finance may, if it is determined to be

necessary or advisable to the sale of the Notes, establish a maturity date that is any date not later than one year from the date of issuance by setting forth that maturity date in the certificate awarding the Notes and signed in accordance with Section 6 (the Certificate of Award). The Notes shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4% per year (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 30-day months), payable at maturity or at any date of earlier prepayment as provided for in Section 4 and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The principal amount of the Notes and the rate of interest on the Notes shall be determined by the Director of Finance in the Certificate of Award.

Section 4. Payment of Debt Charges; Paying Agent; Prepayment. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America or in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, as determined by the Director of Finance in the Certificate of Award, and shall be payable, without deduction for services of the City's paying agent, at the designated corporate trust office of The Huntington National Bank or at the designated corporate trust office or other office of a bank or trust company designated by the Director of Finance in the Certificate of Award, after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the City and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose, or at the office of the Director of Finance if agreed to by the Director of Finance and the Original Purchaser (as defined in Section 6) (the Paying Agent). If agreed to by the Original Purchaser, the Notes shall be prepayable without penalty or premium at the option of the City at any time prior to maturity (the Prepayment Date) as provided in this Ordinance. Prepayment prior to maturity shall be made by deposit with the Paying Agent of the principal amount of the Notes together with interest accrued thereon to the Prepayment Date. The City's right of prepayment shall be exercised by mailing a notice of prepayment, stating the Prepayment Date and the name and address of the Paying Agent, by certified or registered mail to the Original Purchaser and to the Paying Agent not less than seven days prior to the Prepayment Date. If money for prepayment is on deposit with the Paying Agent on the Prepayment Date following the giving of that notice, interest on the principal amount prepaid shall cease to accrue on the Prepayment Date. The Director of Finance may request the Original Purchaser to use its best efforts to arrange for the delivery of the Notes at the designated office of the Paying Agent for prepayment, surrender and cancellation.

Section 5. Execution of Notes; Book Entry System. The Notes shall be signed by the City Manager and the Director of Finance, in the name of the City and in their official capacities, provided that one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the Original Purchaser and approved by the Director of Finance. The entire principal amount may be represented by a single note and may be issued as fully registered securities (for which the Director of Finance will serve as note registrar) and in book entry or other uncertificated form in accordance with Section 9.96 and Chapter 133 of the Revised Code if it is determined by the Director of Finance that issuance of fully registered securities in that form will facilitate the sale and delivery of the Notes. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the Director of Finance and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. As used in this section and this Ordinance:

“Book entry form” or “book entry system” means a form or system under which (i) the ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes and the principal of, and interest on, the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) a single physical Note certificate is issued by the City and payable only to a Depository or its nominee, with such Notes “immobilized” in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose. The book entry maintained by others than the City is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in the Notes and that principal and interest.

“Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes or the principal of, and interest on, the Notes and to effect transfers of the Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

“Participant” means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

The Notes may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized, (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single Note made payable to the Depository or its nominee and immobilized in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive the Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, the Director of Finance may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the Director of Finance does not or is unable to do so, the Director of Finance, after making provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository, and shall cause the Notes in bearer or payable to order form to be signed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The Director of Finance is also hereby authorized and directed, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Notes, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City.

Section 6. Award and Sale of the Notes. The Notes shall be sold at not less than 97% of par plus accrued interest by the Director of Finance to the original purchaser identified in the

Certificate of Award (the Original Purchaser) in accordance with law and the provisions of this Ordinance and the Certificate of Award. The Director of Finance shall sign the Certificate of Award evidencing that sale to the Original Purchaser, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the Original Purchaser, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The City Manager, the Director of Finance, the Director of Law, the Clerk of Council and other City officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance. The Director of Finance is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City, to combine the issue of Notes with one or more other note issues of the City into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code.

The Director of Finance is authorized to (i) engage the services of a municipal advisor and (ii) request a rating for the Notes from one or more nationally recognized rating agencies in connection with the sale and issuance of the Notes. The expenditure of the amounts necessary to engage a municipal advisor and/or secure any rating and to pay the other financing costs (as defined in Section 133.01 of the Revised Code) in connection with the Notes is authorized and approved, and the Director of Finance is authorized to provide for the payment of any such amounts and costs from the proceeds of the Notes to the extent available and otherwise from any other funds lawfully available that are appropriated or shall be appropriated for that purpose.

Section 7. Application of Note Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

Section 8. Application and Pledge of Bond or Renewal Note Proceeds or Excess Funds. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

Section 9. Provisions for Tax Levy. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

In each year to the extent the net revenues from the municipal electric system are available for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds and are appropriated for

that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of such net revenues so available and appropriated.

In each year to the extent receipts from the municipal income tax are available for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds and are appropriated for that purpose, and to the extent not paid from net revenues of the municipal electric system, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of such receipts so available and appropriated in compliance with the following covenant. To the extent necessary, the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds shall be paid from municipal income taxes lawfully available therefor under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio, and the Charter of the City; and the City hereby covenants, subject and pursuant to such authority, including particularly Section 133.05(B)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, to appropriate annually from such municipal income taxes such amount as is necessary to meet such annual debt charges.

Nothing in the two preceding paragraphs in any way diminishes the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of the City to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Notes and the Bonds.

Section 10. Certification and Delivery of Ordinance and Certificate of Award. The Clerk of Council is directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Ordinance and the Certificate of Award to the Erie County Auditor.

Section 11. Satisfaction of Conditions for Note Issuance. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Bonds have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the City are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

Section 12. Retention of Bond Counsel. The legal services of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, as bond counsel, be and are hereby retained. The legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes and the rendering of the necessary legal opinion upon the delivery of the Notes. In rendering those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, the City or any other political subdivision, or the execution of public trusts. That firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation for those legal services and shall be reimbursed for the actual out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in rendering those legal services. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm.

Section 13. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

Section 14. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Ordinance are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof. Reference to a Section means a section of this Ordinance unless otherwise indicated.

Section 15. Declaration of Emergency; Effective Date. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective so that the Notes can be sold at the earliest possible date, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Notes and thereby preserve its credit; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed: March 12, 2019



Brad Hartung, Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk of Council