

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 28, 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 August 28, 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, Sam Artino and Glen Ginesi.** Members absent: **Joe Dike.**

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Dike 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, Artino, Ginesi (6)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineer Doug Green, HFD Captain Mike Hohler, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

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

Audience Comments

- Casey Harrington, 305 Ohio Street. Mr. Harrington expressed his support for a community wellness center with the amenity of a pool, referencing the benefits to the community and asking for City Council support to continue to look into the possibility of such a center.
- Westin Brown, 401 Gateway Blvd. Mr. Brown explained he is sophomore at Huron High School, a member of the cross country and swim team, and asked the City to support looking into a Wellness Center for the community. He referenced the need for additional gym space and the lack of a pool for practice.
- Tom & Julie Lesnet, 404 Riverside Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Lesnet expressed their support of a wellness center, referencing the benefit of having an urgent care component. They noted the lack of gym space for practice and urged City Council to consider support.
- Craig Johnson, 1001 Beachside Lane. Dr. Johnson expressed his support of the Wellness center and noting this would be an asset to all residents. He referenced the viability of the citizen group and their work to this point, and also referenced the progressive development within the community over the last 10 years adding that a Wellness center would be a great amenity to the community. He also referenced a letter of support from the School Superintendent and explained that major donors are waiting to hear of city support, stating that the group is not asking the city for any financing at this time, but is looking for support from the city to continue looking

into the possibility of a center. The Mayor referenced having a conversation with a member of the YMCA fundraising board last evening noting he was told the YMCA has suspended operations and will not be pursuing a center. The Mayor noted he is awaiting a confirmation letter. Lastly, the Mayor announced that Jim Ellis, of Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP) be in attendance for a special Council work session on September 11, 2018 at 5p.m.

- Max Hardy, 1007 Harborview Drive. Mr. Hardy, a senior at Huron High School expressed his support for a wellness center and encouraged City Council to provide continued support.

New Business

Resolution 2018-70

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-70 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IWORQ SYSTEMS FOR THE PROVISION OF BUILDING AND ZONING SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES AT AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,795.00)) 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: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (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 summary, explaining the Building and Zoning Departments have worked with the county to research new compatible software for Building/Zoning needs. The annual cost for the program is \$4,795.00. Mr. Spafford explained the access that the county auditor will have to log in and view permits and noted a mobile platform is included in the package. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-70. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-70 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-71

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-71 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED RELATIVE TO THE BERLIN ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT) 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, Artino, Ginesi, 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 explained the resolution will allow the city to submit an application for a potential grant/loan through OPWC in the amount of \$487,500.00 for a water main replacement project on Berlin Road. He reviewed the scope of the project which provides for a new 8" main and paving with a total estimated project cost of \$1,437,760.00. Discussion of the history of issues in this area, future expansion, discussion on a 16" line, and coordination with the county ensued. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-71. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-71 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2018-23

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-23 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1505.01-FIRES PROHIBITED, OF CHAPTER 1505-OPEN BURNING, WITHIN THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON 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: Crawford, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi, 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 Ordinance by its title only. **Motion was made by Ms. Crawford that Ordinance 2018-23 be passed as an emergency measure.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Mayor directed the clerk to call the role on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being five or more votes in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on the emergency measure. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this amendment was requested by the HFD and discussed at the Safety Committee level. Ms. Alkire recognized Lt. Soisson of the HFD, noting he had brought the recommendation to Administration and reviewed the current ordinance language which limited open burning and explained the amendment will allow for open burning in fire rings, chimineas, etc. She explained the language in the ordinance was based on Bowling Green's ordinance and noted the amendment was endorsed by the Safety Committee. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-23. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2018-23 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2018-24

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that Ordinance 2018-24 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-45, ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2017, RELATING TO EXHIBIT "A" APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018) 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: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (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 Ordinance by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White reviewed the expense entries appearing on Exhibit "A" of the ordinance: \$10,000 for the purpose of the Zoning software acquisition (Resolution 2018-70), noting the offset of decreasing the part-wage budget; and \$17,000 for the purpose of annual physicals for the Fire Department, noting that this expense has typically been charged to the health insurance fund, but explaining it is a component cost of operations and would fall under the services agreement with the Township and invoiced accordingly. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-24. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2018-24 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- Jim Ellis of Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP) will be in attendance for a special work session meeting on September 11, 2018 at 5pm to discuss the Wellness Center feasibility study and options. Encouraged attendance by all interested entities.
- Meeting reminder: Huron Joint Recreation District (HJRD) – September 4, 2018
- Leaf Pick up Service: Schedule to be issued; two (2) pick up cycles for residents planned. This program is in addition to the weekly yard waste pick up service.
- Referenced an inquiry about greenhouse lighting at Ohio Patients Choice (OPC)- members asked to direct any inquiries to Administration for follow up with OPC.
- US Route 6 Corridor Project: Recapped previous community outreach and information on this corridor. Final design plans will be displayed for public inspection and potential public informational meeting to be determined. Final plans due to the state in December.
- Referenced Erie County Bed Tax expansion relative to inclusion of transient rentals and recent discussions on the matter. Referenced correspondence from a resident on By the Shores who provided information on a neighborhood rental advertising accommodations for 20 people at a cost of \$1,167 per night. Provided an overview of the effect on neighborhoods and potential safety issues. Staff is recommending consideration to implement this expansion.
- Referenced that Mr. Spafford has submitted the necessary grant funding request form to Jobs Ohio to receipt the grant funding relative to the electrical substation.
- Reference correspondence from FEMA relative to the city's inquiry, on behalf of a resident, of a potential error in the flood map. FEMA agreed that the map is incorrect; however, they will not cover costs to remedy the issue. A full topographic survey map will be needed; estimated cost of \$30,000. It was noted this error is affecting approximately 20 residents who are presently defined

as being in a flood zone. The Mayor provided a brief history of the matter and noted that the base flood elevation FEMA has in that area is off by approximately 12'. Administration will pursue looking into options that may be available and bring information back to Council.

- Two executive sessions requested: 1) Pending litigation 2) Collective Bargaining Matters/Contract Negotiations. No business expected to follow these executive sessions.

Mayor's Discussion

- Referenced a letter from resident Jerome Kraker reporting several potential Zoning Code violations. Zoning Inspector Doug Green reported he has logged the complaint, a letter has been issued to the property owner last week, and HPD has been notified to look into the junk vehicle portion of complaint.
- Asked for paving program schedule status. Mr. Green provided an update on the paving schedule, noting the contracted completion date for the entirety of the base bid is mid-October.
- Extended good luck to the Huron Tigers Football Team.

For the Good of the Order

- Ms. Crawford referenced information she had provided to Administration for advertising in the 2019 Lake Erie Shores and Islands Travel Guide noting she believes the city needs to have a stronger presence in the guide and referencing she had also provided this information to Mr. Ginesi for the Economic Development Committee. Mr. White noted that there are discretionary funds available and the city has been represented in the guide in the past, noting he would provide information to Council with recommendations. She referenced a Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 29, 2018 at 5pm. Mr. Artino asked if the city could contact local businesses and coordinate advertising in the LESI Travel Guide. Mr. White noted the Chamber does support advertising efforts with local businesses.
- Mr. Ginesi commented on the completion of the sidewalk areas on Main Street and inquired about previous discussions in continuing this concept south on Main Street to the railroad tracks. A discussion regarding some areas on Main Street that need attention ensued; Mr. Green provided explanation of how these would be addressed. Mr. Ginesi expressed strong support in amending the city ordinance relative to the transient rental bed tax, referencing the many years this has been discussed and noting he believes the city must have this in place for January 1, 2019. He referenced the impact these numerous transient rentals have on the community and asked Council to support moving forward on this effort. Mr. Ginesi noted his support of a Wellness Center for the community, but noted he would not want to make a formal statement until Council does its due diligence in the review and discussion of the final report.

Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the regular meeting of August 28, 2018 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss pending litigation. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

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

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 7:16p.m. The City Council, City Manager, and the Law Director discussed matters relating to pending litigation. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of August 28, 2018 reconvened at 7:55p.m.

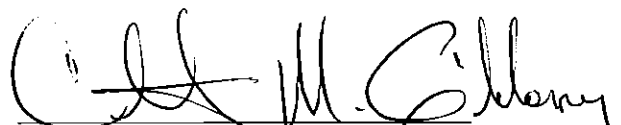
Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the regular meeting of August 28, 2018 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss collective bargaining contract negotiations. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

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

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 7:55p.m. The City Council, City Manager, and the Law Director discussed matters relating to collective bargaining contract negotiations. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of August 28, 2018 reconvened at 8:04p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of August 28, 2018 adjourned at 8:04p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council