

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 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, January 14, 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.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes of the work session and regular meetings of December 30, 2019 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.

- **Patrick McCauley, 609 Winterberry Dr., Findlay, Ohio.** Mr. McCauley appeared on behalf of the State Treasurer of Ohio Robert Sprague to present the City with a Proclamation for its commitment to transparency and open communication by joining the Ohio Checkbook
- **Nick Katsaros (no address provided).** Mr. Katsaros appeared on behalf of FirstEnergy to discuss the power outages related to recent storm activity on January 30<sup>th</sup> and to see if there were any outstanding issues.

**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 his firm is proceeding in a manner outlined in executive session at the last meeting, and as developments come forward, he will keep Council apprised of those in an executive session.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2020-1**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution 2020-1 (A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF HURON WILL PICK UP FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS A FRINGE BENEFIT FOR THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF HURON PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(h)(2)) 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: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Dike, Hardy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 2020-1 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. White and Mr. Swaisgood provided background information regarding Resolution 2020-1.

After discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-1. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-1 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 2020-2**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution 2020-2 (A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF HURON WILL PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HURON PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(h)(2)) 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 five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 2020-2 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. White provided background information regarding Resolution 2020-2.

After discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-2. 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 2020-2 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

### **City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. White discussed the following topics:

- Sympathies to the Harley Dilly family;
- Chapter 1369 rental registration fee analysis;
- Finance Department report regarding income tax collection for the City;
- Quiet zone inquiry;
- US-6 and Rye Beach Road Corridor Updates;
- Vasu Communications/Nickel Plate Beach Cable Extension/Anemometer for Safety Measures;
- Loss of Urban Trees;
- Open Checkbook;
- Potential AMP Ohio transmission partnership;
- Part-time Inspector/full-time Service Director.

Council proceeded to have a discussion regarding Chapter 1369 – Rental Registration/Section 189 – Bed Tax, with input from Mr. Chojnacki, Mr. Swaisgood, Mr. Green and Mr. White.

Mr. White and Mr. Dike had a discussion regarding Rye Beach Road improvements.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Artino discussed the following topics:

- Strategic Planning Sessions January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Huron Public Library and February 3<sup>rd</sup> at BGSU, both from 9:00am to 1:00pm;
- Notice from Ohio Ethics Commission regarding Financial Disclosure filing deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>;
- Communication from Ohio Small Business Development Center/Terra Community College.

### **For the Good of the Order**

- Ms. Crawford – US 6 Project timeline; January HJRD Meeting cancelled, first meeting in February.
- Mr. Claus – quarterly open town hall meetings, scheduling of same – Mr. White offered staff access; considering having work sessions more often.
- Mr. Tapp – town hall meetings; cable and internet service; condolences to Dilly family.
- Mr. Dike – meeting with HJPA; landscaping at west gateway; OHM report.
- Mr. Hardy – Scott Cemetery.
- Mr. Hagy – town hall meetings.

**Executive Session No. 1**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp to go into executive session for a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action (O.R.C. 121.22(g)(3)) and to invite Attorney David Riepenhoff to attend via telephone.**

Members of Council voted as follows:

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

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:18 pm.

**Return to Regular Session**

Council returned to the regular session at 7:39 pm.

**Resolution 2019-79**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy that Resolution 2019-79 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF STACY CHUBAK HINNERS, ET AL., V. CITY OF HURON, ET AL., ERIE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT CASE NO. 2019 CV 0275) be untabled.**

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 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 2019-79 was removed from the table.

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 2019-79 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 Council voted as follows:

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

The Law Director read Resolution 2019-79 by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll for final adoption. Members of 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 2019-79 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Executive Session No. 2**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy to go into executive session for the purpose of confidential business information of an application for economic development assistance, with invitations to the representative of James Murray, Bob Lockett, Greg Henzel, Todd Holtzau, the City Manager, the Law Director and the Finance Director to attend the presentation.**

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

**YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (6)**  
**RECUSE: Dike (1)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

Council entered executive session at 7:42 pm.

**Return to Executive Session**

Council returned to executive session at 8:35 pm.

**Adjournment**

**At 8:35 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Hardy to adjourn.**

Members of Council voted as follows:

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

With a majority in favor, the regular meeting of December 30, 2019 was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 28 JAN 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.*