

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Work Session Meeting Wednesday December 27, 2017 at 5:30p.m.**

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Wednesday December 27, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike and Sam Artino. Members absent: Glen Ginesi.

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

**New Business**

**Mucci Farms Update**

Mr. White and Ms. Alkire provided an update on the status of the annexation, noting the city is still awaiting a newly filed plat and reported that Mucci's attorney is working with the title company to get this completed. Ms. Alkire referenced the timeline, noting the city has six months to consider acceptance of the annexation.

Mr. White referenced the financing of the electrical substation, noting that administration has reviewed and discussed 3-4 options and reviewed same. He noted upon review of all the options, administration is leaning to recommendation of a series of notes for phase of the project. A review of the anticipated operation schedule and anticipated revenue ensued. Mr. White discussed potential power rates and referenced that he would provide Council a table to reflect proposed rate structures to be considered, noting that administration was drafting a tier structured rate similar to the structure the city has for water sales to the county. Mr. White referenced the electric rate from AMP Ohio, noting the city will be able to lock in a 5-7-10 year rate with them.

A brief discussion regarding OPC, LLC and the utility volume they will require ensued. Mr. White referenced that OPC has not inquired about utility rates for any needed service nor have they asked for tax abatements. A discussion regarding dispensaries ensued. Mr. White referenced that licenses have not been issued by the state at this time and briefly reviewed state regulations relative to operations and location parameters. He noted that as long as a parcel is properly zoned for such a facility they would be able to locate within the city, explaining that the city's involvement would be through the Planning Commission.

**Items on the Council Agenda**

Mr. White distributed exhibits related to the year-end legislation for transfers, appropriations and the 2018 Municipal Budget exhibit and reviewed same. He referenced healthcare insurance expenses and noted the need to further discuss the surplus policy and transfer for 2018.

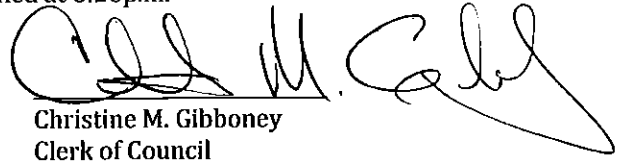
**Other Matters**

The Mayor referenced that Judge Steuk had prepared packets to be distributed to Council members, explaining that the Judge had journaled an entry on Friday. Mr. White referenced that the matter relates to merit compensation and reviewed the timeline from receipt of a request from Judge Steuk pertaining to merit compensation requests for municipal court staff, amount of compensation relative to the city's budgeted amount for 2017, and recapped email conversations. The Mayor noted that Judge Steuk is willing to come in and discuss the matter with Council members.

The Mayor noted that Council members would be getting new iPads for the first meeting in 2018. He asked for input as to whether members preferred the city purchase the iPads or be provided a

reimbursement/stipend for these. Brief discussion ensued, with some members commenting that they were not in need of an iPad.

The work session meeting of December 27, 2017 adjourned at 6:28p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney  
Clerk of Council