

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm. 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.

Roll Call

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for the regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp and Joel Hagy**. Council member not present: **Joe Dike and Matt Grieves**.

Motion by Mr. Claus to excuse Mr. Dike's and Mr. Grieves' absences from the meeting.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Staff in attendance: City Manager Matt Lasko, Assistant Law Director Gary Ebert, Service Director Stuart Hamilton, Planning Director Erik Engle, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Artino to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 11, 2023, as written.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor asked the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Hagy, Biddlecombe (5)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of the motion, the minutes of the regular Council meetings of July 11, 2023 were adopted.

Oath of Office

Swearing in of Connor Rospert as a full-time Patrol Officer for the Huron Police Department.

Mr. Lasko stated that the Huron Police Department started a proactive recruiting process to advertise for employment of a full-time patrol officer locally, state-wide and nationally. Through that process, they received many excellent candidates with experience, education and credentials. Through that process, they have identified Connor Rospert as the top candidate. Officer Rospert is 22 years of age, and has been

Proclamation

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing George Shtaway for his heroic efforts on July 6, 2023.

Mayor Tapp asked George Shtaway and his mother to step up to the podium. Mayor Tapp then read his Proclamation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein. (Applause).

Photos were then taken of George Shtaway and his mother along with Chief Graham and Mayor Tapp.

Audience Comments

The Mayor directed members of the audience having comments to approach the podium, state their name and address Council, and advised that they would have 3 minutes to make their comments.

None.

Old Business**Ordinance No. 2023-19 (second reading)**

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that Ordinance No. 2023-19 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE TO BE PAID BY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 2024 FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY THE COSTS OF SAME TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE FOR COLLECTION WITH OTHER CITY TAXES IN 2024) be placed on its second reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Hagy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2023-19 was placed upon its second reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood stated that Ordinance 2023-19 is before Council for its second of three readings tonight. He said that he didn't have much more information to add from the last meeting, but this is to add the garbage rate to the property tax for each residential unit, which will remove it from the quarterly water bill.

Mr. Hagy asked if there have been any modifications since the first reading. Mr. Swaisgood answered that there have been no modifications.

Ordinance No. 2023-22 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-22 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 161 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL) be placed on its second reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2023-22 was placed upon its second reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood said that he would be addressing both Ordinances 2023-22 and 2023-23. These are amendments to the employment and personnel ordinances. At the last meeting, they discussed all of the details and changes, which were mainly due to poor consistency throughout the codified ordinances. In addition, certain language was changed to align with federal employment laws. The only changes made since the first reading are that the pronouns have been changed to be gender neutral throughout both Chapters 161 and 163 of the codified ordinances.

Ordinance No. 2023-23 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-23 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 163 EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS) be placed on its second reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2023-23 was placed upon its second reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood had nothing further other than to note that the only changes made since the first reading were to pronouns to make them gender neutral.

New Business

Resolution No. 58-2023

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 58-2023 (A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID MOWING CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Hagy, Biddlecombe (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 58-2023 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle said, per recommendations from legal counsel, they formalized an annual authorization process for any outstanding unpaid property maintenance invoices to be certified to the County Auditor to be placed in the property owner's tax duplicate. This legislation will certify the 6 cases outstanding for 2023.

Mr. Hagy noticed that 2 of the 6 cases are on the same property. Mr. Engle explained that they just keep a running tally.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked if these are all vacant properties. Mr. Engle answered that he believes 1 or 2 are, but would have to verify that.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption of Resolution No. 58-2023. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Hagy, Biddlecombe (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 58-2023 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2023-27 (first reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-27 (AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY BY LIGHTING) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2023-27 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood said that he would be addressing both Ordinances 2023-27 and 2023-28. Back in June, Council passed a Resolution of Necessity to require the City to not only do a publication and notice to all property owners, but also send specific notices to property owners with assessments greater than \$250.00. Tonight's ordinances are for the street lighting assessment. The City will be assessing each property, which will bring in approximately \$167,000/year, which is the current amount the City is bringing. There will be no increase to the assessment for street lighting. These ordinances will provide authorization to proceed with the project, which is a requirement, and Ordinance No. 2023-28 will authorize the assessment to be prepared and certified to the County Auditor. This is a process the City goes through every 3 years – this will be a 3-year assessment. In 3 years from now, the City will consider this again. This pays for street lighting utility bill for the entire City (only the City-owned streetlights).

Mr. Claus asks if this only covers the utility bill, or does it also cover any capital improvements, repairs or maintenance. Mr. Swaisgood answered that this will cover the utility bill and maintenance, operations and minor capital projects. They cannot pay for an entire capital project with this assessment. Mr. Claus wanted to be clear that this is not an increase. Mr. Swaisgood answered that the millage rate is actually a

decrease, and may actually result in a decrease in some cases. For others, higher property valuations may play a role.

Mr. Hagy asked if this is for individual property owners that have a City street light on their property, or is it for everyone? Mr. Swaisgood answered that this is across the board for all property owners – every single property and every single parcel in the City will be assessed. Depending on the assessed valuation is what you pay. There are some lots with such low valuations that they won't pay much. The benefit is to every single property, as everyone utilizes the streetlights throughout the City.

Mayor Tapp clarified that this is just a continuance. Mr. Swaisgood agreed, and said that this has been in place since 2005.

Ordinance No. 2023-28 (first reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2023-28 (AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY BY LIGHTING) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2023-28 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

City Manager's Discussion

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

Economic Development Updates – I mentioned at the last meeting that we were going to be hosting Solomon Jackson, with Norfolk Southern. We did meet about a week/week-and-a-half ago to talk about their holdings within the City, and more specifically, the site where Carmeuse is located. Per Norfolk at that meeting, the lease with Carmeuse does expire in early 2024, and neither party desires to renew. As such, Carmeuse continues to work on site cleanup as required by their lease. Upon vacation, we do believe Norfolk Southern will work with the City to ultimately a sale and development of the waterfront acreage, and just as important, partner with the City to secure what would be a long-term, hopefully in perpetuity, lease for the Nickel Plate property, as well. We will continue those discussions as Carmeuse winds down over the next ¾ of a year.

Potential for Future Residential Development – I have also been reporting on potential for future residential development, potentially in the City or just inside Huron Township. We have been working with a land acquisition company that's looking at several sites within the two jurisdictions. We are aware that at least one letter of intent has been submitted to a property owner for a potential land purchase and ultimate development, and we will keep Council up to date once the identity of those sites is made public.

Lakeway Manufacturing Sale – I just wanted to acknowledge the recent sale of Lakeway Manufacturing, which was recently acquired by another company. We are in receipt of plans for the facility to request approval of a major expansion. I believe they are set to present at Planning Commission, if not in August, then at the September meeting. They are looking at an approximately 11,000 sq. ft. additional – roughly \$1-2 Million in investment. We appreciate the Company's commitment to Huron, and continuing to make investment in that facility.

Infrastructure, Streets and Utilities – We are moving forward on the east side sidewalk project. One piece of that includes adding the segment between Gateway and Anchorage. As we went through the process, we understood that we needed 4 easements to actually put that sidewalk in. We have secured 3 easements from the property owners, and we just received the final easement from the Beachwood Cove HOA. Thank you to those families and the HOA for granting these easements to the City so that we can make that sidewalk connection between those two blocks.

Old Homestead I and II and Chaska Beach Repavement – We have been in communication with the HOA's in Old Homestead I, Old Homestead II and Chaska Beach, and have begun emergency patching in those three neighborhoods. This commenced during the week of July 31st, and will be finished shortly. This is truly an emergency patch in the worst areas of those neighborhoods to get us through the winter, and this in advance and in anticipation of the larger comprehensive concrete patching to occur in 2024.

Huron Public Power – We have mentioned in previous reports that we were looking to undertake a rate study for Huron Public Power. We have engaged with Sawvel & Associates out of Findlay to carry out that rate study, which will look at our distribution and capital costs, along with our revenue history throughout the utility, and future projections to ensure that our rates are meeting with the needs of current capital projects and future capital projects. I am sure that will be something, once it's received, that will be vetted by the Utilities Committee, Finance Committee and ultimately, Council, as well.

School Zone Signage Removal – If people have noticed, we have removed the school zone signage in front of Shawnee School and submitted the required paperwork to ODOT. We are storing the signs at the Service Complex in case they are ever needed for future projects. We are going to retain the flashing beacons in their current place until they are ultimately relocated to the entrance of Bald Eagle Drive as part of the Cleveland Road East Sidewalk Project.

Zoning Department – As part of the Main Street Downtown Plan, we did hear from many folks of the desire to explore creation of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area ("DORA"). These currently exist in Sandusky, Milan and Port Clinton, and they are governed by the State of Ohio. We have met internally to begin discussing the possibility of such an area within the City and begin to understand the potential safety and operational challenges in such a district. We are very early on in the process. Ultimately, if this moves forward, this will be subject to significant public feedback and stakeholder feedback, as well as Planning Commission and Council. I would envision several work sessions, as well, with the public.

Parks and Recreation – As relates to the Berlin Road Park's final plan, we will be holding a joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting to have our folks at City Architecture, who we have engaged to do the Master Plan, to look at their final recommendations and improvements for the site. This has been scheduled for August 22nd at our next regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

Finance Department – For folks that weren't at the Finance Committee meeting preceding this meeting, the City yesterday had a meeting with Moody's Credit Agency in Chicago. We traveled there to go through a bond rating exercise/presentation with the company to, hopefully, enhance our credit rating. If this occurs, it will generally result in more affordable financing rates for the City. We believe we are in a very strong financial position with minimal debt and a robust future capital plan, which will provide us with a good chance to see our credit rating increase. I believe we are going to know the results next Monday, which we will share with Council and the Finance Committee.

2024 Budget – Looking forward to the 2024 budget, we have completed initial meetings with all departments to review draft budgets and capital requests for 2024. Over the next few weeks, departments will be refining their budgets in anticipation of final meetings in late August and early September. A big thank you to Mr. Swaisgood and all of the department heads for being prepared to start this process in anticipation of final budget adoption in early December.

Personnel Administration Updates – We still have an open position for Maintenance I within our Streets Department. The starting hourly rate is \$21.14. Applications can be emailed to Andrea Rocco at andrea.rocco@huronohio.us, or they can be dropped off at City Hall.

Charter Amendment – To close the loop on the charter amendment that has been in front of Council for three readings, we have submitted the necessary paperwork to the Erie County Board of Elections to ensure the inclusion of that proposed charter amendment on the November ballot.

Upcoming Meetings – BZA on Monday, August 14th at 5:30pm in Council Chambers; Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 16th at 5:00pm in Council Chambers; and the City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30pm, which will also include a joint session with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hagy asked, with regard to Carmeuse, are they responsible for taking down the structure part of it? Mr. Lasko said they believe so, but Solomon wasn't 100% sure. They believe that both removal of slag and the buildings themselves are a requirement, but he is still looking for 100% confirmation of that.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked when he refers to the sale of the Carmeuse site, that would not include Nickel Plate Beach? Mr. Lasko answered that as most know, that site is east, so what they discussed in their meeting with Solomon Jackson is that, if not sold or donated to the City, that there would be some type of in perpetuity lease that the City would retain that, if sold, would be assigned to the new property owner. Regardless of ownership, if not owned by the City, the City would still retain a lease.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked if we have a timetable when Trivan will announce where they are interested in building? Mr. Lasko answered that once they have met with them and provided them with potential sites, they sort of removed themselves from the process given that's a truly private transaction. He couldn't, in good conscience, provide a date based on the state of their negotiations. Certainly, they do keep in good contact with us – almost weekly – so if there is any breaking news, so to speak, they will be sure to let the community and Council know.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked, as far as the DORA goes, he has had a bunch of different residents reach out to him in favor of that. The only thing he's concerned about is making sure that it doesn't affect the civic organizations, like the Lions Club, that apply for temporary permits during things like River Fest or the

Rotary Festival, and things like that. Also, is it possible to have multiple DORA zones in one jurisdiction. Mr. Lasko answered that he believes they have looked at that and it's three non-contiguous. It is determined by population. Mr. Biddlecombe said it would be interesting – he would think that Main Street would be one major district, but the other thought is the Sand Bar down by the beach.... Mayor Tapp said we're not like Sandusky, where it's a square block. Mayor Tapp said that have concerns about safety with South Main Street, but he thinks would be something to discuss in meetings with the public and the Safety Committee. There is still a lot to explore.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

I want to thank Chief Graham for his kind words for Sergeant Orzech and Officer Rospert – congratulations on your swearing in tonight. I want to thank the Council for the cameras – we talked about that, it was a great presentation. The cameras are great – sometimes it's better than what we see on TV. Again, I would like to thank George Shtaway and his mother for their heroics on the Huron Pier. One other thing – I have gotten a lot of calls about the internet cables that are going in in the City. All I can say is, just be patient. The outcome is going to be very good. I know there are issues here and there, but we are staying on it and Mr. Hamilton is staying on it every day. It's made it kind of touch sometimes, but believe me, Mr. Hamilton is right on it. His extension is x1104. There is a lot of stuff going on in this City. Thank you to the staff and Council for working so hard.

For the Good of the Order

William Biddlecombe – I would like to thank staff for all their hard work. I would like to commend George Shtaway on his efforts that saved a citizen from the water. I'd like congratulate and welcome Officer Rospert, and I would like to thank and comment Officer Rospert and Sergeant for their work at Vacationland Federal Credit Union.

I would like to announce that the next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00pm, and that will be the first one located at the high school. The Back-to-School Ice Cream Social is Wednesday, August 16th at 6:00pm, and that will be at the Boat Basin.

I would like to congratulate Macie Majoy, who was named a Sun Belt Conference representative for the NCAA Woman of the year, and tomorrow, August 9th from 5-9pm is a Dine to Donate at Chipotle in Sandusky to support to Huron girls' soccer team.

Boat Basin events coming up: We have Movies by the River – August 9th is Lightyear. Boppin' on the Basin on August 12th is the annual All Classics Festival, and the band Super Beatle will perform at 7pm, and then on August 19th, the band Eddie and the Edsels will perform at 7pm.

Good news – we've got high school sports starting again. Home games coming up: Girls' Golf on August 8, 14 and 22; Boys' Golf on August 14 and 17; Girls' Tennis on August 21. Huron Football starts this week with a scrimmage at home against Toledo Start on August 11, and that will be at 7pm. We open the season on the road against Norwalk St. Paul on Saturday, August 19 at 7pm. Please come out and support all of our local events, programs and student athletes, and Go Tigers!

Mr. Artino – I guess I would like to say thank you to Mr. Shtaway – he is a fine example of a young man. He stepped up to the plate and did what he had to do at a pretty tough time. Some people, at times, might panic themselves, so great job. Welcome, Officer Rospert. Chief, there's nothing wrong with a little on-the-job training. We are glad to have you onboard, and I am glad to see this email about our City Manager and staff. This has been a very, I know I can speak for Council and for staff, emotional and touchy issue for us. As I said right from the start, we leave no one behind, and that just proves it right there. Thank you very much.

Mark Claus – I also want to congratulate Officer Rospert. He definitely had a... it's great to see him on board, officially, but he... baptism by fire was his activities of a couple of weeks ago. I appreciate the heroic efforts and quick thinking of a 13-year-old. As Mr. Hagy said, that's pretty amazing. I also wanted to share a little bit – I got an email from a resident, and it's just kind of a positive story about something that we've heard a lot of negative about. This is an actual email from a resident. I have left out the name for privacy purposes, but I just kind of wanted to read it. This was sent to Mr. Lasko, but copied to me:

I have to let you know that an Oster's resident called me last night and he was so excited I couldn't get him off the phone. Another resident took him to see his new mobile home location and he absolutely loved it! He said he cried and I thought he was going to cry on the phone with me. He was saying how he wasn't sleeping well and how much the fear of being homeless again was affecting him. Matt, sometimes in your job I suspect you will have to sit there act calmly and take unfair criticism but how many times do you change people's lives dramatically for the better? Your patience under fire, your resolve to turn this negative into a positive, and your openness to allow others to help truly distinguishes you from just a "City Manager" to a person who cares and demonstrates that with the skills that God has given you. From a Huron resident.

I thought this was a good thing to share, and I don't want to embarrass Mr. Lasko or put him on the spot, but it's not only Matt, but a lot of people, a lot of staff members are involved in this – he has just been taking the brunt of it. I would also like to point out that there are some citizens, in particular, that have been really involved in helping. I don't want to miss anybody, but I'm going to mention three women in particular that have been involved, helping these people a lot – Sheila Preston, Roxanne Goss and Stacy Hartley have all been very involved in helping in various capacities, as well as several social service organizations that have helped the residents at Oster's. This is all ongoing, as we all know – GLCAP, Erie Metro Housing, Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, Jobs & Family Services, Firelands Forward and Care & Share. I apologize if missed any organization or individual people, and there are a lot more that have helped. Those three women are kind of the top of the list. As we know, there is still a ways to go. We are probably close to halfway, or a little over halfway there, at least in terms of committed to new locations and relocations. Things have gone well, and he hasn't heard a negative story from anybody who has actually relocated. I just want to get that out there and make sure everybody is aware of the progress, turning a presumably negative situation into something positive.

Mr. Hagy – Congratulations to Officer Rospert, and Chief, I know the new guy's gotta take the garbage out, but you're taking it a little too far.... And to Mr. Shtaway, you know, not many young folks have an opportunity to have an impact like you did, so congratulations.

Executive Session(s)

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.


The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Hagy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of August 8, 2023 was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Adopted: 22 AUG 2023



Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

*****OATH OF OFFICE*****


"I SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF OHIO AND WILL OBEY THE LAWS THEREOF, AND THAT I WILL, IN ALL RESPECTS, UPHOLD AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY AND WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF PATROL OFFICER UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER."



CONNOR ROSPERT

BY THE AFFIXING OF MY SIGNATURE, I DO HEREBY SWEAR THAT THE COMMISSION ISSUED TO CONNOR ROSPERT IS GIVEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF HURON AND ITS MUNICIPAL CHARTER, SECTION 12.01, AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME AND AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE TO THIS OATH IN MY PRESENCE.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.



MATTHEW LASKO
CITY MANAGER





MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2023, George Shtaway (age 13) and his mother, both of Willard, were walking on the Huron Pier when they heard yelling; and

WHEREAS, George and his mother shortly realized that the call for help was coming from the water and ran to the edge of the pier, where they saw a man struggling in the water; and

WHEREAS, George immediately retrieved and threw a life preserver ring, several of which are positioned on the pier, to the man in the water; and

WHEREAS, shortly after George threw the life preserver ring to the man, the Huron Police arrived and led the man out of the water via a ladder on the pier; and

WHEREAS, George's quick and heroic actions directly resulted in or substantially contributed to the survival of another; and

WHEREAS, today, August 8, 2023, we are honoring George for his heroic efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Monty Tapp, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Huron and its citizens, do hereby recognize George Shtaway for his kindness, and thank him for his heroic efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Huron, Erie County, Ohio on this 28th day of August, 2023.


Monty Tapp, Mayor

