

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPLICATION FOR AN ECOSMART CHOICE SUSTAINABILITY GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is committed to sustainability and environmental stewardship through programs that promote tree planting, energy efficiency, and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, the City administration has identified a grant opportunity as a means to advance the City's sustainability goals by securing funding to expand tree planting programs and enhance energy and environmental education efforts; and

WHEREAS, the EcoSmart Choice Program, approved by the American Municipal Power Board of Trustees, includes a provision to return unused program funds to participating members in the form of sustainability grants which are designed to recognize EcoSmart Choice communities that demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability through local projects focusing on environmental, economic, and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, based on the total kWh purchased through this program, the City of Hudson is entitled to a grant disbursement in an amount up to \$21,859.07, which represents its proportional share of the remaining program funds from the EcoSmart Choice 2024 program year; and

WHEREAS, the City Public Works Department plans on using these grant funds to promote additional tree plantings in public spaces, along with energy and environmental education programs at our public events; and

WHEREAS, the application for the EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant aligns with the City's strategic objectives to promote a greener, healthier, and more resilient community; and

WHEREAS, City Council supports the efforts of the City Manager and City staff in applying for and administering grants that benefit the community and its environmental sustainability initiatives and finds it in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to prepare and submit on behalf of the City any applications and all related paperwork for an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant. Any actions taken in this regard to date are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 2. If the application is approved for the funding, the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to enter a contract with American Municipal Power or other awarding agency and to take all other proper and necessary actions to accept such funding.

Section 3. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-62 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council