

Regular

January 2

2014

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 2, 2014, in the City Offices, with Council President Larry Collins presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Roger Heston, Larry Arnold, Eddie Gallo, Jim Hairston, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, and Pamela Drake, Council President Larry Collins, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 19, 2013 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Gallo. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Heston, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Hearing no one who wished to speak, Mr. Collins closed the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Heston thanked those who supported him during the last four years as Service-Safety Director and that he looks forward to an amicable and productive relationship over the next four years.

Mr. Arnold said he will schedule a Streets Committee meeting after a winter thaw concerning the cracks in the newly paved streets.

Mr. Hairston said he worked closely with the Auditor and Deputy Auditor on the 2014 appropriations and will present the permanent budget by the second meeting in February.

Mr. Weidemyre provided an update on the sale of the land at the Industrial Park. He met with the developer and the agent, the Purchase and Sale Agreement was assigned to another group which is standard procedure. The Westmoreland Company was the successful bidder and will construct the building, leasing it to the occupants. There will be a ten year lease with two five-year options. A motion is necessary authorizing the Mayor to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Construction of the facility will begin between May and June, material handling and installation to begin February 2015, and operations to commence in July 2015. The sale of the property is expected the first of May but until the lease is signed the development company will not close on the sale of the property. Mr. Weidemyre was told this is standard procedure with this company and there is no reason for concern.

Mr. Weidemyre said consideration is being given to enlarging the facility and purchasing more than the original 22 acres. The roadway can be moved toward Beer Road allowing for the additional acreage.

Ms. Drake made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Assignment and Assumption of Purchase and Sale Agreement. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mrs. Web scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on Monday, January 6, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Drake said the cruiser legislation for the Police Department is on tonight's agenda, the funding has been approved and is in the budget. It is necessary to submit the order early or they risk not having cars available.

Mr. Gallo had no report.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided the Mayor's Court Report for the month of December. A total of 152 tickets were written, total revenue was \$22,024.45, total YTD was \$302,545.40.

Mayor Hutchinson said he looks forward to the next four years of working with everyone and keeping communication open. He thanked the public for their support.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

Mr. Arnold commented on the large number of people attending court on Thursdays and the impact to the city with the cases remaining at the municipal building. He thanked Mr. Medwid for his efforts and hearing the cases.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The Ohio Municipal League will hold a New Council Seminar on March 22, 2014 in Worthington. This is not just for new members, the information would be beneficial to all council members. Please notify the Clerk if you are interested in attending.

The floor was opened for nominations for Council President Pro Tem. Mr. Arnold nominated Mr. Weidemyre. Mr. Heston nominated Mr. Gallo. Mrs. Webb seconded the nomination for Mr. Weidemyre as Council President Pro Tem. Six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Heston, and the motion passed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to appoint Cathy VanAuker as Clerk of Council. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 13-51**

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A LICENSE TO BUCKEYE DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC TO EXTEND A CITY EIGHT (8") INCH WATER LINE ALONG THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LEXINGTON-SPRINGMILL ROAD TO SERVE ITS STUDENT APARTMENT COMPLEX AT ITS EXPENSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 13-51 on three separate days, Mr. Heston read Ordinance No. 13-51 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTORS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARRY M. WELSH, JON K. BURTON, JOHN D. STUDENMUND AND ANDREW J. BURTON TO THESE POSITIONS, ESTABLISHING THEIR COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule, with a second by Mr. Heston. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-01 on three separate days. Mr. Heston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 14-01 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-01. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-01 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-02

AN ORDINANCE AWARDED A CONTRACT TO STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2014 FORD INTERCEPTOR SEDANS FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$64,224.00 THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule, with a second by Mr. Gallo. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-02 on three separate days. Mr. Heston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 14-02 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-02. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-02 was adopted.

At 7:26 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre and a second by Mr. Arnold. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council