

Regular

October 4

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on October 4, 2007 in the City Offices, with Council President Dave Metzger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Bobby Shook, Charlotte Hellinger, Paul Williams, Mark Weidemyre, Debbie Konczak, Dan Zeiter and Carol Shrader; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Service/Safety Director Chuck Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 20, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

Mr. Metzger invited representatives of the United Way forward for their presentation to Council. Commissioner Ed Olsen stated the Richland County United Way Campaign is officially underway. He pointed out misnomers of the program based on feedback received from residents of Richland County who don't realize the reach of the twenty-eight agencies and eighty-four programs is much larger than people realize. The jurisdictions receiving services within Richland County indicate Ontario receives thirty-two service deliveries per one-hundred residents; Lexington received thirty-three per one-hundred while Madison Township, with a much larger population of 14,000 receives twenty-four per one-hundred. Three years ago the Center for Individual and Family Services was selected as the number one mental health clinic in the State of Ohio.

Kathy Moore explained United Way is not just for Mansfield residents but serve the entire county. She clarified another misnomer by stating they do not support Planned Parenthood but they do support Camp [Avery Hand](#) for the Boys Scouts. The Allocations Committee, consisting of fifty volunteers, determines how the money that was raised in Richland County will be distributed. The goal last year was \$1.94 million which was exceeded by reaching almost \$1.97 million; this year's goal is \$2,030,000. The need is there. Agencies must approach the Allocations Committee explaining their measurable outcomes and how they anticipate reaching those outcomes. The administrative costs are very low with a staff of six, eighty-three cents of every dollar goes directly to the programs that service the communities in Richland County; twelve cents goes towards raising the yearly goal in the form of maps, forms and brochures; the remaining five cents goes for the administrative costs. Mrs. Moore asked Council for their support and endorsement.

Cindy Wallace, Director of Children's Programming at the Center for Individual Family Services, explained this program to Council. Approximately 4,000 people are serviced at this agency with 6,800 being children; there were nearly three hundred services provided for children in Ontario during the past service year. Services are available 24-hours per day, seven days a week for children and adults in crisis; the 24-hour Richland County Help Line receives 35,000-40,000 calls per year. Children in the service area are committing suicide and there is a great deal of bullying, depression, anxiety and eating disorders.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to support and endorse the United Way of Richland County. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Metzger asked Mrs. Thomas to prepare a resolution supporting the United Way for the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Calling twice and hearing no one who wished to speak, Mr. Metzger closed the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre scheduled a Finance meeting for October 8, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Konczak presented information from the Personnel meeting held on August 26, 2007 when they discussed a request from Chief Smith to decrease the number of patrol officers and increase the number of sergeants to provide better supervisory coverage. This item is on tonight's Agenda.

Mr. Shook, Mrs. Hellinger, Mr. Williams, Mr. Weidemyre, Mr. Zeiter and Mrs. Shrader had no report this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender gave the Zoning Report for the month of September stating there were twenty-nine actions taken resulting in \$1,805 in fees with a valuation of \$3,108,250.

Other public announcements included:

- Saturday is the Richland County's annual household hazardous waste collection day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Richland County Transfer Station located at 621 Newman Street.
- Trick-or-Treat will be held Thursday, October 25, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Motorist are encouraged to drive slowly and watch for children.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au reported on the following projects:

- The annual leaf pick-up is scheduled to begin on October 22 through November 16. This is for leaves only, no sticks or limbs. The leaves should not be placed in the gutter or in the streets to avoid clogging the catch basins.
- One of the ten unfit dwellings is down with three being demolished tomorrow morning.
- The flu shots will be administered by the Health Department in the Community Room on November 12 from noon until 4:00 p.m.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 07-19

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Shook made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-19 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Resolution No. 07-19 for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-19. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-19 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-33

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT, AMENDING AND REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 139.01(a)(4)(5) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Konczak made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-33 on three separate days. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Konczak read Ordinance No. 07-33 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Konczak made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-33. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 07-33 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. Williams. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council