

Regular

October 18

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on October 18, 2007 in the City Offices, with Council President Dave Metzger 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 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; Recreation Director Janet Van Cura; and Administrative Assistant Kristen Finfgeld. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 4, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Coming before Council was Ben Mutti, 38 Avon Drive, Lexington, to announce a community program taking place on Sunday, October 28, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. I had a report to give to each of the Council members. This was a trip we went on in the spring of 2007 in Manchester, Kentucky, where they experienced quite a bit of breakthrough regarding fighting drugs in their community. During 1998-2001 the community was listed as the pain-killer capital of the nation according to the Drug Enforcement Agency. Since February 2007 they've met at a council chambers, much like we are today, and they decided to change the name to Manchester City of Hope. There are a lot of stories and they also did interviews with the sheriffs. I don't know if we can give this to the Clerk to make copies for all of the Council members, this is all of our interviews and things. We just wanted to let you know about this community that had positive examples and let you know there is a campaign locally now in Richland County. According to Sheriff Sheldon, between 60% and 70% of all of the crime is either directly or indirectly related to drugs. With the 44% reoccurrence rate among DUI offenders, that is a concern we're seeing, that's people getting incarcerated and doing repeated offenses again. We believe this campaign, with its kick off on October 28th, will help incite a greater citizen involvement but also a church involvement. I was meeting with Tom Brennan of the Mansfield News Journal and he mentioned the noticeable absence of churches. We've met with different officials and we want to let you know this is an opportunity for you. We've met with Ontario church pastors and we know that the drug problem does not discriminate no matter what income you make or if you live out in the boondocks. We want to thank you for your community service and let you know that we appreciate you. Thank you.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the Finance meeting held on October 8, 2007 where they discussed Resolution No. 07-34, regarding the appropriations, which is on this evening's agenda. Committee members also discussed the slight increase in cost for the upcoming I&I project and determined additional meetings will be scheduled to review the considerable decrease in the City's current income level compared to the previous year.

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

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender reported on several items.

- Mayor Bender announced the Police Department promoted Howard Thomas to the rank of Sergeant on October 9th.
- The fourth Neighborhood Watch organizational meeting will be held tonight for residents on the northern part of Park Avenue from Home Road to Frazier. All of the previous meetings have been well attended and beneficial.
- City leaf pick-up will begin October 26th through November 16th but these dates will fluctuate if necessary based on when the leaves fall.
- Flu shots will be given by the Health Department in the Community Room on November 12, 2007.
- Trick-or-Treat is October 25th from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. All motorists are encouraged to slow down and watch for children.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au had no report

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Van Cura informed Council members of several events taking place in the community.

- Family Swim will begin Monday, November 5, 2007, from 7:00 – 8:20 p.m. and will continue every Monday evening at the Ontario School's pool. Three lifeguards will be present at each session. Participation forms will need completed for all who attend. This program is free to all Ontario residents.
- Aerobics will begin November 27, 2007, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Stingel Intermediate building. Julie Keyes is the instructor. This instruction is free to all Ontario residents.
- Yoga classes will also be taught by Julie Keyes immediately following Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There will be a \$3.00 fee for this class.
- The 31st Annual Ontario Community Craft Show will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with over 120 crafters. The Lions Club will be collecting toys for Toy Time.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 07-20**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES ON US 30 AND STATE ROUTE 314 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-20 on three separate days. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Shrader read Resolution No. 07-20 for the first time, by title only.

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Mrs. Shrader made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-20. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-20 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-21

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY UNITED WAY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-21 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. Shook read Resolution No. 07-21 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Shook made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-21. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-21 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-22

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THAT THE ORDER FOR DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES AT 3582 PARK AVENUE WEST AND 3588 PARK AVENUE WEST UNDER A CONTRACT FOR LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT AWARDED BY THE CITY FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule on Resolution No. 07-22. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Mr. Weidemyre interjected by saying, this should not be rushed when demolishing someone's property and putting someone on the street. This should go three readings. There isn't a problem demolishing a vacant house but there was someone living at this particular property and we should give them the most amount of time before demolition. Mr. Weidemyre urged everyone to vote no and go three readings to provide the residents the maximum amount of time allowable.

At roll call, two members voted Aye, five Nay votes by Mrs. Hellinger, Mr. Weidemyre, Mrs. Konczak, Mr. Zeiter and Mrs. Shrader, and the motion to waive the 24-hour rule failed.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 07-12 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2007 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-34 on three separate days. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Hellinger read Ordinance No. 07-34 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-34. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Mr. Williams stated he was not at the Finance meeting when this information was discussed and, therefore, would abstain. Five members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, one Abstain by Mr. Williams and Ordinance No. 07-34 was adopted.

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At 7:27 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Williams, and a second by Mr. Shook. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council