

Regular

March 20

2008

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 20, 2008 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 Dan Zeiter, Leon Blackwell, Barry Lewis, Paul Williams, Charlotte Hellinger and Joseph W. Cinadr; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Assistant Law Director Ryan Hoovler; Service/Safety Director Charles Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to excuse Mr. Weidemyre from this evening's meeting. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to excuse Mr. Weidemyre was approved.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to excuse Mrs. Thomas from this evening's meeting. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to excuse Mrs. Thomas was approved.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 6, 2008 were presented for approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hellinger scheduled a Parks Committee meeting on Monday, March 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Cinadr stated that he met with postal officials in both Mansfield and Ontario and was happy to report to Council and the community that Ontario, Ohio 44903 or 44906 could now be used for all outgoing and incoming mail. The 44862 zip code is specifically designated for Ontario, Ohio post office boxes. Mr. Cinadr continued to say, this has been cleared with Mansfield where all of the incoming and outgoing mail is processed and that he also spoke today with Robin Costa, Postmaster at the Ontario Branch.

President Metzger thanked Mr. Cinadr for his efforts, commenting that many have attempted to accomplish this in the past years and residents have been waiting a long time for this to take effect.

Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Williams had no report this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender thanked the Service Department for the work they have been doing. During the weekend of March 8th crews worked almost 20 hours clearing roadways of nearly twenty inches of snow.

Mayor Bender requested Council reconsider the paving program that was rejected on February 7th. He added, in 2007 phase one of the two year project in the Willowood/Rosewood area was completed and he would like to continue with the second phase of that paving project. On February 28th, the Streets Chairman said he doubted they would pave anything this year. Mayor Bender said with the continuous increase of costs it would be beneficial to re-evaluate the paving project for this year. Since 1996 over a quarter of a billion dollars have been

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received from tax valuations on properties that have built in Ontario and they deserve the road system to be maintained.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au read the press release that will be published soon regarding debris pick-up from the winter storm.

The City of Ontario Street Department, starting Monday, April 14 and ending Thursday, April 24, will be picking up winter storm debris, sticks and branches less than six-inches in diameter. The items must be carried to the edge of the roadway. We will not be picking up landscaping waste, leaves and other items not pertaining to the winter storms. This is in residential properties only. This excludes commercial, industrial and (wooded) vacant lands.

Mr. Au said this is the worst year for potholes not only in the City streets but also in the commercial parking lots. Mr. Au cautioned everyone to be careful and pointed out the speed limit at the railroad underpass at Harding Yard has been reduced to 20 mph. This area of the road has been patched on weekends but it will require major renovations; several contractors have worked this area in the past. Mr. Au will discuss this with the engineering consultants since the road can't be built up very much because of the overpass and it will be difficult to dig deeper because of the existing concrete. Nothing permanent can be placed in the potholes until the asphalt plants open in approximately one month when they will be able to purchase hot mix; the cold mix that is currently being used is a very temporary fix.

Mr. Zeiter asked if it would be beneficial to rent a roller to pack the cold mix tighter when it is filled into the potholes. Mr. Au explained a hand tamp is currently being used but the problem is the dampness involved in the potholes.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hoovler had no report.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 08-16

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES UPON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3641 PARK AVENUE WEST WITH PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 038-60-181-05-000.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 08-16 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 08-16 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-16. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 08-16 was adopted.

At 7:14 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. Blackwell. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council