

December 4

2008

Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 4, 2008 in the City Offices, with Council President Dave Metzger presiding. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Dan Zeiter, Mark Weidemyre, Leon Blackwell, Barry Lewis, Paul Williams, Charlotte Hellinger and Joseph W. Cinadr; Mr. Metzger; 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. Williams made a motion to excuse Mayor Bender and Law Director Thomas from this evening's meeting. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 20, 2008 were presented for approval. Mr. Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter scheduled a Finance meeting on December 18, 2008, at 5:45 p.m., to discuss tabled Ordinance No. 08-51, pertaining to money for the Charter Commission. Also, the Committee will discuss the potential donation to the Ohio Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park that was presented at the last Council meeting. The last item they will review will be the legislation for additional funding needed to complete the year for the Police and Fire Pension Fund.

Mr. Weidemyre thanked the Police Department and the Springfield Township Fire Department for helping with the tree lighting held earlier this evening. He also thanked Mr. Stransky for having everything set up and the tree prepared.

Mr. Blackwell reminded Council members of the Personnel Committee meeting on December 12, 2008 at 4:15 p.m., to review health insurance bids so legislation can be on the December 18th agenda.

In response to a couple of questions regarding the status of Ontario obtaining a zip code, Mr. Cinadr said he did not have an update.

Mr. Lewis, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Hellinger and Mr. Cinadr had no report this evening.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au had no report.

Mr. Weidemyre asked the status of getting a generator for the Police Department. Mr. Au said they are currently resizing the generator which will be natural gas, and it will be spring before they can start on it.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hoovler announced that Charter Commission members will be sworn in on December 18, 2008 at 6:45 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Williams complimented Chief Smith on the report he submitted to Council members. He added that he did an excellent job by including all of the detailed information.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 08-45

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-11 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, FOR 2008 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 08-45 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-45. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Three members cast their votes Aye, four Nays by Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Weidemyre, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Hellinger, and the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-45 failed.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-23

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BONDS FOR CITY OF ONTARIO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 08-23 on three separate days. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 08-23 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-23. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 08-23 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 008-08 KNOWN AS THE 2008 WORKING ORDINANCE, FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 08-34 on three separate days. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Four members cast their votes Aye, three Nay votes by Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Cinadr, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Blackwell read Ordinance No. 08-34 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-49

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.1(2) OF ORDINANCE 97-60, AND 04-38, 04-55, 05-08, 05-48, 08-20 AND 08-46 TO ALLOCATE THE BALANCE OF INCOME TAX FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BE DISBURSED.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 08-49 on three separate days. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Lewis read Ordinance No. 08-49 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-49. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 08-49 was adopted.

At 8:11 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Blackwell 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