

Regular

May 1

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Ontario City Council met in regular session on May 1, 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, Mark Weidemyre, Leon Blackwell, Barry Lewis, Paul Williams, Charlotte Hellinger and Joseph W. Cinadr; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Service/Safety Director Charles 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 April 17, 2008 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Blackwell 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 and Mr. Lewis announced a joint Finance/Safety Committee meeting scheduled on May 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., to discuss tornado warning devices and a new generator for the City.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender informed Council members of several items.

- The Emergency Management Agency of the Ohio Department of Public Safety has paid the City of Ontario \$16,027.50 for reimbursements from the 2007 flooding on August 20th and 21st. Outstanding money remains to the Police Department for equipment use which will be reimbursed by Shelby.
- Applications are submitted to FEMA for reimbursement during the near blizzard conditions of March 7th and 8th 2008, when crews worked non-stop for 24 hours clearing the roadways.
- Richland County Services provided the City with a plaque for supporting the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign. This is the second year the City has participated in this program.

At this time, Mayor Bender requested Police Chief Rod Smith to come forward to receive a Proclamation honoring May 15, 2008 as Police Memorial Day.

National Police Week

Whereas, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Police Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of Ontario play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Ontario; and

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Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the Ontario Police Department, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Ontario unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Ontario, I do hereby proclaim the week of May 11-17, 2008 as Police Week in the City of Ontario, and urge all citizens to join in commemorating our police officers, past and present, with appropriate ceremonies and observances.

I further call upon all citizens of Ontario to observe Thursday, May 15th, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to those who have become disabled in the performance of their duty.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my Hand and caused the seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 1st day of May, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

Kenneth A Bender, Mayor

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au provided several updates.

1. Restoration work has begun on the I&I project on the west side. Streets, driveways and parking lots are being repaired. Following this, seeding and lawns will be taken care of.
2. Advertising has begun for the paving projects with the bid opening to be on May 23, 2008.
3. Flags are being displayed on the street poles in preparation for Memorial Day and the 50th Anniversary Banners are being hung along with the flags.

Mr. Lewis addressed Mr. Au and stated he was told by the Law Director to contact the City Engineer concerning marking property pins on the west side of P&R Manufacturing to identify the boundaries of the company and the City in order to plant trees for a greenbelt. After discussing this with the Engineer he was told it would not be a problem because the measurements were already marked on the map and it would just be a matter of locating the pins and placing the flags. Once Mr. Lewis left the office, the Engineer was instructed to disregard his request. Mr. Lewis added it has been over five years and he would like the hill marked and trees planted.

Mr. Au said the Engineer is currently concentrating on the paving project and until it is completed there is not time to locate the pins. Also, there are numerous other things that need done and once they are completed, Mr. Lewis's item will be added to the list and it will be done when they get the time.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 08-18

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1146 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 1133.02(12), 1133.02(17), 1133.02(21), 1133.02(34), 1133.02(71), 1133.02(63.1), 1133.02(141) AND 1145.27 TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 08-18 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Four members cast their votes Aye, three Nay votes by Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Weidemyre and Mr. Lewis, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 08-18 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-11 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2008 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND TRUST & AGENCY FUND.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 08-19 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 08-19 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-19. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 08-19 was adopted.

At 7:17 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, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Council President Pro Tem

Clerk of Council