

Regular

July 2

2009

Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 2, 2009 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 Paul Williams, Dan Zeiter, Charlotte Hellinger, Leon Blackwell, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis and Joseph W. Cinadr; Mr. Metzger; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Service/Safety Director Charles Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of employees and interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 4, 2009 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Matt Work, Director of Environmental Health, came before Council to explain the opportunity for an EPA grant through the Ohio Department of Health to provide 75% funding for repair and replacement of failing sewer systems. Mr. Work distributed information from the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department pertaining to the ARRA HSTS Homeowner Grant Program. The information was received last week and nominations are due by July 10, 2009. Anyone participating must apply through a governmental agency such as the county government, cities, or sewer districts; Health Departments are not included. Mr. Work asked Council for a supporting resolution to enter into the grant. He will work with Administration to make sure the terms are met while the Health Department will provide the logistics. A homeowner must pay 25% up front and meet the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (AARA) requirements. This program is for one, two, or three family homeowner occupied units, and small businesses do not qualify.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to have a resolution prepared supporting the ARRA HSTS Homeowner's Grant Program. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion.

Mr. Work responded to several questions.

- November 1, 2009 is the final date to have the process approved by the Health Department.
- The EPA will grant their awards by July 17, 2009.
- If the Health Department is successful in receiving a grant then advertisements will go out informing homeowners they can begin the application process for pre-qualification. The City will be the responsible agency to ensure the ARRA requirements are met.
- A list of City approved contractors will be provided to the qualified homeowners.

Mrs. Thomas informed Council members that the motion will not tie the City to anything. The resolution will be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Au said this would not apply to very many homeowners but he was in support of the program.

Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to support the grant program passed.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter reported on the joint Finance/Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting held prior to this evening's Council meeting.

- Based on information received from the Treasurer, the total revenue versus expenses was down \$4,357.85 for the year.
- The next Finance/Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting will be held July 23, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Blackwell commented on the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting that was held this evening. Although a number of personnel issues were discussed, nothing was completely resolved. Legislation may be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Mr. Weidemyre asked if the streets being paved were going to be ground or just along the edges. Mr. Swinehart responded, due to signs of deterioration only the edges will be done. This will make the crown higher which helps with maintenance, snowplowing and drainage.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender provided an update on the Mansfield Makes Sense Committee.

- The Ontario 4th of July Festival invited the committee to hold a rally which will be at the high school football stadium at 2:00 p.m.
- The purpose is to sell the facility, first to General Motors as the best and most efficient facility in their stamping division, and secondly, to create an international market to other investors.
- National media has been invited to attend the rally. This will promote Ontario, the facility, the trained work-force, and demonstrate the community support.
- Several elected officials have been invited to attend the rally: Senator Sherrod Brown, Congressman Jim Jordan, Representative Jay Goyle, Senate President Bill Harris, and Governor Ted Strickland. The 90th District State Representative, Margaret Ruhl, has confirmed her attendance.

Mayor Bender concluded by saying, Rock Road is in the process of being paved so there are no stripes along the berm.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Ontario Substance Abuse Program Director Veronica Cain came before Council to highlight the program during the past year.

- The Life Skills Training Program was expanded and offered to all students in grades 6 – 8 (406 students). This program is proven to reduce the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use.

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- The Ontario Substance Abuse Program (OSAP) prevention programs continue to grow. No Use Inc., the high school drug free group, had over 129 different students participate in at least one of the activities. ADIOS, the middle school drug free group, had over 117 students participate. Warrior Pride, the fourth grade drug free group, had 80 different participants. The Drug Free Senior Trader Card Program had 37 seniors participate and present to each classroom, grades K-5, three times during the 2008/2009 school year. Nearly 1,300 students received direct training or participated in OSAP programs during July 2008 – June 2009.
- Additional activities for students, parents, and the community included: Parent Technology & Drug Information Night, Truck or Treat, Powder Puff Football Game, Chili Dinner, Fourth of July Festival, Post Game Party, two Middle School Fun Nights, High School Dance/Concert, monthly Warrior Pride meetings, and the weekly meetings for No Use, Inc. and ADIOS are held prior to school.
- Students in grades 6-12 participated in a survey to measure drug/alcohol use, availability of drugs/alcohol, and attitudes towards use. These measures will help monitor over time the effectiveness of random drug testing which was implemented during the 2008/2009 school year.
- Five web pages are available through the Ontario Schools website: Substance Abuse, No Use, ADIOS, Intermediate (Warrior Pride and Trader Cards) and Primary (Trader Cards). The Substance Abuse page can be accessed directly at www.ontarioschools.org/substanceabuse.html or from the City of Ontario's website at www.ontarioohio.org/link.htm.
- The Middle School and High School groups were awarded first place for the Informed Teens Challenge for the 2008/2009 school year. Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) provided the challenge to all schools in Richland County. Both groups received a plaque and gift certificates from the challenge program for earning points in their various activities. The plaques read: Congratulations on being a model for your school and community and by taking part in drug, alcohol, and violence prevention programs. Thank you for leading by example.

Miscellaneous Matters

Mr. Metzger announced the next Council meeting will be held on July 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 09-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EXPRESS PUBLISHING AND PRINTING FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTRAL PURCHASING.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 09-14 on three separate days. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Cinadr read Resolution No. 09-14 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 09-14. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 09-14 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 09-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO CODIFIED 921.01(a)(3) (4) RATES AND FEES FOR WATER SUPPLIED BY THE CITY.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 09-45 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Three members cast their votes Aye, four Nays by Mr. Zeiter, Mrs. Hellinger, Mr. Weidemyre, and Mr. Lewis, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Lewis read Ordinance No. 09-45 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-46

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO CODIFIED 929.11(b) AND ENACTING ONTARIO CODIFIED 929.091 RATES AND FEES FOR SEWER SUPPLIED BY THE CITY.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 09-46 on three separate days. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Three members cast their votes Aye, four Nays by Mr. Zeiter, Mrs. Hellinger, Mr. Weidemyre, and Mr. Lewis, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 09-46 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:35 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. Cinadr. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council