

Regular

January 7

2010

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 7, 2010 in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Paul Williams, Larry Arnold, Charlotte Hellinger, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis and Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. Auditor Jane Hammond, Treasurer Linda Stoodt and a number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

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

Mr. Zeiter presented the City of Ontario Rules of Council for approval. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the Rules and Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to nominate Mr. Weidemyre as Council President Pro Tempore. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Cinadr but the motion lacked a second. Mr. Lewis made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Mr. Weidemyre accepted the nomination. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Weidemyre, and the motion to approve Mr. Weidemyre as Council President Pro Tempore was approved.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to reappoint Cathy VanAuker as Clerk of Council. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion was approved.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 17, 2009 were presented for approval. Mr. Cinadr made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. At roll call, five members voted Aye, one Abstain by Mr. Arnold, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold scheduled a Parks Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., and asked Mr. Sowash to attend. The topic of discussion will be to address the request from the Ontario Growth Association to schedule community activities in the park and determine if there are any organizational or liability concerns.

Mrs. Hellinger announced there will be a Utilities Committee of the Whole meeting on January 13, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., to review additional material. Mr. Swinehart and Mr. Gleisinger were asked to attend.

Mr. Weidemyre reminded Council members of the Finance Committee meeting scheduled on January 21, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., when Mr. Yacobozzi from United American Capital Corporation will make a presentation.

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

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins began his report by saying it was a distinct honor to have been elected Mayor of this City and to be sitting here tonight. Mayor Collins then reported on the following:

- He is looking forward to working with every member of Council during the next four years as they serve together and was optimistic about what they can accomplish together.
- During the first four days, he met with department heads and several individual staff members. There is an excellent team in every department of this City.
- The two laid-off employees from the Street Department were brought back to work on January 1st.
- Mayor Collins met this morning with the Ontario Growth Association and assured them of his cooperation.
- Mayor's Court began today with the new Magistrate, Amy Skropits.
- Five appointments were made with one remaining.
 - Fay Krauss – Civil Service
 - Fred Zahn – Planning Commission
 - Dave Rehfeldt – Tax Review Board
 - Lee Kirsh – City Records Commission
 - Debbie Kohler – Recreation Board
- Budget preparations will begin next week.
- Service/Safety Director Roger Heston will officially begin work on Monday, January 11, 2010.
- The annual Police Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, January 12th.
- The employee and spouse appreciation banquet will be held next Thursday, January 16th. This is privately funded by Administration and Council, not by City funds.
- As promised, the monthly State of City report will be published on January 27th in the Tribune-Courier.
- The Ontario Vision Team, which was promised during the campaign, will meet at the end of January or beginning of February.

Mayor Collins ended his report by expressing his concern for Councilman Leon Blackwell, who is very ill, and to remember him in prayer.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston stated that although he doesn't begin work until Monday he donated his time this week. He said he was impressed with the quality of the people he met since he's been here. Every single department has people who are very knowledgeable and the City could run on auto-pilot for awhile. Mr. Heston said he was delighted to be part of this organization and to have the staff that is here. He is looking forward to the next four years.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash said he was honored to have been elected by the citizens of Ontario and to return to the service of Ontario.

Mr. Sowash provided an update to the year-end report. The total charges for 2008 were 1,465. The total case count for 2008 was 1,077. In 2009 the total charges were, 1,513 and the total case count for 2009 was 1,188, of which 98 cases are still pending. The total cases held in Mayor's Court for 2009 was 941.

Mr. Sowash offered his services to Council and Administration and said he would be happy to attend any committee meetings. Mr. Sowash will fill the role as Prosecutor during Mayor's Court. He also is in the process of decreasing the budget in the law office so it will be more efficient to provide the best service to the City.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Williams made a motion authorizing the Auditor to fund the HSA account for the Law Director's secretary. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Zeiter announced the Public Hearing for the rezoning of three properties from R-1 Low Density Residential District to OS Office Service District will be held at the next Council meeting on January 21, 2010. These properties are located north of Park Avenue West and west of Lexington Springmill Road.

A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2010, 9 a.m. until noon at City Hall. This will be an open work session for Council to discuss initiatives.

Mr. Zeiter also reminded everyone of the employee appreciation dinner scheduled for next Thursday. This will be a good way to kick-off the new year with the new Administration.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 10-01**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTORS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARRY M. WELSH, JON K. BURTON AND JOHN D. STUDENMUND TO THESE POSITIONS, ESTABLISHING THEIR COMPENSATION, REPEALING ORDINANCES 04-06 AND 05-29, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 10-01 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay and the motion passed. Mr. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 10-01 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-01. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 10-01 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 09-57 KNOWN AS THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2010 BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$32,000 WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 10-02 on three separate days, Mr. Lewis read Ordinance No. 10-02 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:47 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre and a second by Mr. Cinadr At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

 President of Council

 Clerk of Council