

Regular

March 4

2010

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 4, 2010, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:49 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Paul Williams, Larry Arnold, Charlotte Hellinger, Leon Blackwell, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis and Joseph W. Cinadr; Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. Auditor Jane Hammond, Treasurer Linda Stoodt, Zoning Inspector Dallas Strickler, Street Supervisor Paul Gleisinger, Maintenance Supervisor Mike Stransky, and a number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 18, 2010 were presented for approval. Mr. Cinadr made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Lewis 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. Zeiter closed the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Hellinger scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting for March 9, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Blackwell announced a Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting on March 11, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the Finance Committee meeting held March 1, 2010. Mayor Collins presented recommendations to balance the budget. As the result of that meeting the budget on this evening's agenda reflect many of the changes.

Mr. Cinadr congratulated Doc Stumbo on his recognition by the Ontario Growth Association in receiving the Graham Humanitarian Award.

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Collins reported Azul Agave, the new Mexican Restaurant, will have their Grand Opening on March 10, 2010, at noon.

### **SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Heston reported on the following items.

#### Engineering Department

- The Engineer is close to completing the Storm Water Management Plan for 2009-2013. This report is due to the EPA on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in viewing the report may do so in the Engineer's office.
- Over \$60,000 in consultant fees has been paid for mapping 30% of the City's storm sewer system. Consideration is being given to offering an unpaid internship to an engineering student from Ohio Northern University to assist in completing this project. It may be more cost effective to purchase a GPS system rather than to continue renting.
- Bids for the Home Road Lift Station will be opened on March 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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Water Department

- Another water main break occurred a couple of feet away from the last break on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The main is aging and more problems may be noticed in the future.
- Only thirteen of the thirty-one water service shut-off notices this quarter were actually disconnected.
- The Water Department is working on the Consumer Confidence Report and plan to include it in the next billing.

Street Department

Snow and ice removal expenses since the last report:

- 508 gallons of diesel fuel - \$1,270
- 200 tons of salt - \$12,498
- 65 hours of overtime - \$2,080
- Equipment repairs - \$2,000
- Total - \$17,848
- Total for February - \$72,973

Street Department personnel continue to volunteer to change shifts on an as-needed basis to avoid overtime whenever possible.

Zoning Inspector

- There was one new home construction permit issued for \$210,000.

Police Department

- 297 calls were handled since the last Council meeting:
  - 27 crashes (two with injuries)
  - 23 alarm drops (one B & E)
  - 35 suspicious investigations
  - 28 arrests
- There are currently three officers off work due to injury.
- On March 2, while all three officers on duty were investigating a robbery call, two other calls came in. One was an accident call that was handled by the Ohio State Patrol and the other was a trouble call from Wal-Mart that was handled by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Mr. Heston concluded his report by thanking all of the employees for their contributions and cooperative spirit.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sowash had no report.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 10-12 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.01 RATES AND FEES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY BY INCREASING THE FEE FOR TURNING OFF AND TURNING ON WATER SERVICE FROM FIFTEEN TO THIRTY DOLLARS EACH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 10-12 on three separate days. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 10-12 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-12. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 10-12 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 10-13 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to suspend the 24-hour rule for Ordinance No. 10-13. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Two members cast their votes Aye, five Nay by Mr. Williams, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Hellinger, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Cinadr, and the 24-hour rule for Ordinance No. 10-13 failed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 10-13 for the first time, by title only.

At 8:00 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Lewis and a second by Mr. Williams. At roll call, five members voted Aye, two Nay, by Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Lewis, and the motion to adjourn passed.

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council