

Regular

September 16,

2010

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 16, 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: 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, Auditor Jane Hammond, Director of Engineering Jerrod Swinehart, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. Also in attendance were a number of interested employees and citizens.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 2, 2010 were presented for approval. Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Cinadr and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

At this time, Joe Trolian, Executive Director of the Mental Health Board, came before Council to explain the history and the future of the Mental Health and Recovery Services levy and what the levy will provide for Richland County.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to support the Mental Health Levy, with a second by Mr. Williams. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Trolian submitted a document requesting Council endorse the Mental Health Levy. Mr. Zeiter read: We, the Ontario City Council, do hereby endorse the Mental Health and Recovery Services five year replacement levy to appear before voters on November 2.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to endorse the one mill, five year levy replacement for Richland County Board of Mental Health, with a second by Mr. Williams. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Next to come before Council was Matt Dille, 712 N. Rock Road, to bring attention to a community event on September 25th. The Ontario VFW Post on P.A.W. will hold a fund raiser for the Wounded Warrior Project. This project is to raise money and awareness for a very important organization and the work they do. The original intent of the non-profit organization was to support severely injured veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. The purpose of the Wounded Warrior Project is three-fold (1) raise awareness and to enlist the public's aide for the severely injured service men and women (2) help injured service men and women and assist each other, and, (3) to provide unique direct programs and services to meet the needs of severely injured service men and women. The event at the VFW will include live music and food. The VFW is always looking for new members who have served in the military, are currently serving, or those who would like to be auxiliary members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hellinger reported on the Utility Committee meeting where the topic of discussion was increasing utility rates. Legislation was prepared and distributed to all Council members who were asked to review the document before the next Utility Committee of the Whole meeting on September 21, 2010, at 4:45 p.m.

- Mr. Williams said the current rate is \$16 per address per quarter below the cost for water/sewer treatment.
- Mr. Weidemyre thanked Mrs. Hellinger, the Auditor and the Water Clerk for their diligent efforts in researching water/sewer rates and finding a new cost savings procedure.

Mr. Weidemyre reported the contract with the grant writing firm resulted in a 198 page report. Once the list is streamlined he will schedule a meeting to discuss the applicable grants.

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Mr. Blackwell announced a Finance and Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting on September 21, 2010, at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Cinadr scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting on September 21, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The Ontario Growth Association was invited to attend.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins reported on the following items:

- This morning was the meeting with the Government Accountability Office from Washington. The purpose of their visit was to discuss the impact the closing of the GM plant had on the community. They are meeting with six communities across the U.S. The only assistance provided to this area was retraining for displaced workers. No funds have been received. The information they gather will be compiled in a report for Congress and the President's Council on Automotive Industry.
- All 2011 budget requests are in and the information will be put into a work sheet.
- There will be a Board of Control meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.
- Trick-or-Treat will be October 28, 2010.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis asked if there was any information regarding the turn lanes on Ferguson Road. Mr. Swinehart said he has not heard anything pertaining to this request that was submitted approximately 75 days ago, ODOT typically responds in 60-90 days.

Mr. Weidemyre asked if a plan is in place for repairing the streets. Mr. Swinehart said there is currently not a plan but recommended a Street Committee meeting to discuss creating a list. This information will be helpful when working on next year's budget.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Ms. Hammond came before Council to report on two items.

1. A delegation went to Crestline to observe their water billing system. Using the same billing system would save Ontario \$7,400 per year for monthly billing and \$10,000 per year for quarterly billing. The City currently leases three machines at a cost of \$25,000 over the past three years. The new machine will cost \$3,000. The new machine is on order and will save \$4,000 for the remainder of the year. The bills will be perforated and will also include shut-off notices. The next quarterly bill will be produced on this machine then monthly billing will begin with the next quarter. One postage machine will be eliminated along with the sorter machine and the stuffer machine. It currently takes two days to process water bills, with the new machine it will take 20 minutes to an hour. This machine will also be used in the Income Tax Department.
2. The Contingency Fund needs \$25,000 appropriated to pay an unemployment claim for an employee who has been gone for two years. Some of this money will also be used to fund the dental insurance line item.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 10-09**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 10-09 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. Williams read Resolution No. 10-09 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-09. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and Resolution No. 10-09 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ON US 30 WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, RAMPS TO AN FROM US 30 AND LEXINGTON SPRINGMILL ROAD AND STATE ROUTE 314 WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE FOR CITY OF ONTARIO EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. 10-11 was distributed to Council members. When Ms. Hammond asked Council members if they were ready to select an insurance option to advertise, the consensus was to discuss the available options at the committee meeting next week.

- The current insurance can be purchased on a monthly basis since there isn't a contract in place.
- Mr. Sowash said it is acceptable to pass the legislation prior to completing the insurance options so the bid advertisements can be published as soon as the packets are completed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule on Resolution No. 10-11. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-11. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 10-11 was adopted.

At 8:03 p.m., Mr. Williams made a motion to enter into executive session, per Ohio Revised Code, Title 1, Chapter 121.22, Section G, Number 3, pending litigation. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion was approved.

At 8:26 p.m., Mr. Blackwell made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:27 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. Weidemyre. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council