

Regular

December 16,

2010

Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 16, 2010, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Paul Williams, Charlotte Hellinger, Larry Arnold, Leon Blackwell, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis, and Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, Auditor Jane Hammond, 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 December 2, 2010 were presented for approval. Mr. Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Linda Fulmer, 1634 Bowers Road, came before Council to present information about the Little Buckeye Children's Museum located at 44 W. 4th Street in Mansfield. The closest children's museum to this area is 85 miles away. The museum is intended for children and their families to enjoy.

- The museum was originated by three moms, one being an Ohio State professor.
- The intention is to focus on play for child development.
- Twenty-four interactive exhibits will be on display.
- Teacher workshops will be offered.
- There will be field trips and outreach to the community.
- Service and staffing will be by in-service and pre-service teachers.
- Ontario graduate, Kevin Herring, has donated his talents and designed the portfolio promoting the museum.
- The organizers are looking for 100 Charter Members as well as corporate and municipal funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members of Council and Administration expressed holiday greetings and words of appreciation during their respective reports.

Mr. Blackwell reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held December 9, 2010, to review the insurance bids submitted for City employees. The Committee made a unanimous decision to recommend that Council rejects all bids.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to reject all health insurance bids submitted to the City of Ontario at the bid opening of November 11, 2010. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Blackwell continued his report. Due to the rejection of all bids, a Resolution was prepared for this evening's Agenda authorizing the Service-Safety Director to prepare a health insurance bid packet based on the specifications in the legislation. The current HSA deduction for single coverage is \$2,050 and family coverage is \$4,100. These are not standard deductions, therefore, the proposed deductions are \$2,500 for single and \$5,000 for family. This increased amount does not change the employee contribution but causes the City to contribute more.

Mr. Cinadr referred to the November 4, 2010, Economic Development Committee meeting. The minutes stand as written and further work will need to continue next year.

Mr. Cinadr said, as a native of Cleveland and supporter of the Cleveland Indians he would like to pay tribute to Bob Feller who passed away yesterday. Mr. Feller was a large contributor to

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the City of Cleveland, the Cleveland Indians, the State of Ohio, and was the first major league member to volunteer for service in WWII and served four years.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins said the November Zoning Report shows three permits totaling \$41,900.

The November Mayor's Court Report was distributed. A total of \$20,647 was received with \$16,000 going to the City, \$4,000 to the State, and \$7,196 from past due fines. The total past due fines collected since March is \$107,595.

Many of the warrants and fines issued are on a license block. Motorists are not able to renew their license until their fines are paid.

City Offices will be closed December 23, 24, and 31.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston provided the following report.

- The Rock Road lift station had a pump starter failure and we are currently operating on one pump instead of two. Over 650 gallons were bypassed through the new SSO pipe.
- Snow and ice removal costs for 136 lane miles since Dec 1st are as follows: 700 gallons of diesel fuel at \$1750, 416 tons of salt at \$24,877, 101 hours of overtime at \$3,232, 25 tons of grit at \$438, for a total of \$30,295.
- \$17,325 has been spent on repairs this season on the aging truck fleet.
- Street salt is being mixed with calcium treated grit. Grit costs \$3.50 per ton while a ton of salt is \$59.80. Through this and other cost saving measures, the estimated savings so far this year is \$7,000 with an anticipated \$50,000 in savings for the season.
- Earlier today, the Street Department Supervisor, the Street Foreman and Mr. Heston attended a free Manager's Snow and Ice training seminar in Ashland sponsored by ODOT. Topics covered were plowing and salting methodology, equipment care, overtime management, route management, materials conservation, budgeting strategies, resources for weather information and more.
- Christmas trees carried to the curb will be picked up beginning Tuesday, January 4th through Friday, January 14th. There will be a press release and a posting on our website – www.ontarioohio.org.
- The Water Department repaired three main breaks and installed a water tap on N. Home Road.
- Water meters have been read and zero readings are being investigated.
- The lab is scheduled for recertification through the EPA in January at a cost of \$2,800. The rehab of well #2 was completed at an approximate cost of \$20,000. Every other year one of the three wells is rehabbed. All well pumps will be serviced as scheduling permits.
- Oyster Paving is preparing an estimate for resurfacing the large dig up in front of the Mansfield Cemetery.
- Materials contracts will go before the Board of Control tomorrow and once approved will be mailed to the contractors for signature.

Two expressions of appreciation were received from citizens for actions taken by police officers.

1. Sergeant Adam Gongwer. Parents commended his courteous and professional handling of their daughter's first accident. This first encounter was a positive reflection on the Ontario Police Department.
2. Detective Jon Sigler. The Intake Division of the Richland County Prosecutor's office acknowledged his communication skills, responding to their requests in a timely

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manner, submitting requests for charges that are always complete, ready for review for Grand Jury, and being highly committed to his work.

Mr. Lewis said he received several complaints about the poor street conditions during the last snow. The main streets should have been attended sooner and he understands the side streets can't always be attended. Mr. Heston said he received many compliments on the streets and only one complaint. When the temperature is below 13 degrees the salt doesn't work efficiently. The salt doesn't work below 10 degrees which is the reason grit sprayed with calcium is also being used. The more traffic the better the salt works.

Mr. Zeiter asked Water Distribution Supervisor Evan Hellinger to contact the Engineer and prepare an estimate to fix the water line and pave the driveway in front of the cemetery to avoid multiple repairs each year. The estimate should be given to Utilities Chair Charlotte Hellinger.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT A HEALTH SURVEY OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND INCLUDE THE RESULTS THEREOF IN SPECIFICATIONS FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE FOR CITY OF ONTARIO EMPLOYEES, AND TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THIS INSURANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 10-17 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Blackwell read Resolution No. 10-17 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-17. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. When Mr. Weidemyre asked how quickly this process could be done, Mr. Heston responded six weeks. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 10-17 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-51

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-13 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2010 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 10-51 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. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 10-51 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-51. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 10-51 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 10-52

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31,2011.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 10-52 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. Lewis read Ordinance No. 10-52 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-52. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Mr. Williams stated this is a temporary appropriation. The Mayor presented a guideline and there are things that were cut, that had to be cut, but they didn't want to cut. This was done through negotiations and compromise due to the current finances and economic times. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 10-52 was adopted.

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. Arnold. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council