

Regular

April 21,

2011

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 21, 2011, 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, Charlotte Hellinger, Leon Blackwell, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis, Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, Recreation Director Janet VanCura, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. Also in attendance were a number of interested employees and citizens.

Mr. Williams made a motion to excuse Mr. Arnold from this evening's meeting. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, four members voted Aye, two Nays by Mr. Weidemyre and Mr. Lewis, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 7, 2011 were presented for approval. Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. At roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Cinadr, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. Zeiter opened the floor for the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

Craig Andrew, 3173 Ponderosa Avenue, came before Council asking for clarification of the income tax forgiveness that was changed last year. His understanding was the City adjusted the budget by \$3 million to offset the loss of General Motors. Mr. Andrew said he appreciates the services he receives from the City but doesn't understand increasing the tax rate and reducing the forgiveness at the same time.

- Budget cuts were very deep. The street paving program was drastically reduced, needed trucks and police cruisers were not replaced, and maintenance issues were not addressed, these cuts can't continue long term or it will cost the citizens a lot more money.
- Federal mandates for police radios will soon need purchased. The many budget reductions were made to maintain a positive financial year. The water and sewer lines are getting old, therefore, making infrastructure improvements necessary.
- Residents passed the safety tax and Council unanimously agreed to take away 1% of the 1.5% forgiveness tax. The result was that all residents living within the City limits now pay toward services such as snow plowing, police protection, and street paving.
- Copies of legislation pertaining to the budget and the tax change will be sent to Mr. Andrew. Once the information is received, Mr. Zeiter and Mr. Heston offered to explain any further questions or concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported that he met with CSX Railroad representatives who are very interested in putting a rail spur into the Industrial Park. Used rail can be purchased for this project. Mr. Stickler, representing Calisolar, offered some of the excess rail at the General Motors plant.

Mr. Lewis met with members of the Ontario Youth Sports. They are interested in putting a 20' storage addition onto the restroom at Stowell Park, then roofing the entire building. OYS is paying for all improvements.

- Due to a recent question of how to handle non-resident teams taking over the fields when OYS teams are scheduled, Mr. Heston said letters will be given to OYS that can be shown pertaining to the park rules and that Ontario teams have exclusive use of the fields. Signs are also being printed for the soccer and ball fields.

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Mr. Cinadr rescheduled the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting for May 5, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., to discuss budget adjustments and the income tax revenue.

Mr. Williams, Mrs. Hellinger, and Mr. Blackwell had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins gave the following announcements.

- A Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled on April 26, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at Elmcroft on Walker Lake Road, for Wards 1 and 2.
- The Arbor Day celebration will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at Marshall Park Playscape, with a rain date of April 29th at 2:00 p.m.
- Mayor Collins read a segment from a Proclamation he received, signed by the Secretary of State Jon Husted:

*“Ontario, in Richland County, Ohio, according to said
Federal Census of 2010, has a population of 6,225”*

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston reported on the following:

- The water main for the new Aldi store has been completed. It passed the hydrostatic test and the EPA requirements for bacteria testing.
- The replacement of the water line in front of the Mansfield Memorial Park has begun. Complications necessitated the rental of specialized equipment, increasing cost and delaying completion.
- Last weekend, 2/3 of the roof blew off the administration portion of the Municipal Building. The roof has been made watertight and we are gathering estimates for the replacement. An insurance claim has been filed. A verbal estimate for replacing the roof was \$48,000; selling the copper from the roof could pay toward the deductible.
- Mr. Heston requested the Streets Committee Chairman call a meeting to discuss a possible truck parking ordinance, a possible grant for the paving of W. 4th St. in 2012 or 2013, the Friday Lane Bridge, and this year's street maintenance program for which we now have cost estimates.
- Mr. Heston requested the Utilities Committee Chairman call a meeting to discuss the Rock Road Lift Station situation, water rates, and storm sewer issues.

When the roof blew off of the Community Room section of the building a few years ago Mrs. Hellinger requested the entire roof inspected. Mr. Heston responded that he was not with the City at that time but it was his understanding that inspection was not done. This repair will be a better application than the original with better material and a better application process. The seams will be closer on center with more clips and the material is more of a sealant with screws being used instead of nails. He will receive two more repair estimates.

In response to Mr. Williams' question regarding the water line breaks in front of the cemetery, Mr. Heston said they were digging east of the driveway to install a valve to turn off the water while they were working but put in a tap so the cemetery could have water during the construction period. While digging they hit a very large concrete basin that was probably installed around the time of the original water line so they had to rent a piece of equipment at \$500 per day to break through the basin in order to continue working.

Several plywood roof panels were rotted which indicates the roof has been leaking for some time. Mr. Heston questioned if the Council Chambers ceiling has always been rippled or if it was due to the leaking roof.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. VanCura reported on the following:

Zumba Classes. Offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Stingel Intermediate multi-purpose room for \$2 per person.

Swim Clinic. In early March the Swim Clinic had seven middle school and thirty-eight elementary students participate. Due to the almost tragic incident, with one of the swim team members who helped with the clinic, the Recreation Board now requires two lifeguards on duty at all times. Thankfully, the outcome was successful.

Easter Egg Hunt. Brownie and Girl Scout Troops helped stuff eggs with candy and a Cub Scout Troop stuffed and hid the eggs. Approximately 200 children attended the egg hunt on April 16th. A special thanks to Fred and Debbie Kohler for their continuous support every year with this event.

CPR – Lifeguarding Review Class. Nineteen people attended this class on April 10th.

Lifeguard Certification Class. Class is scheduled for June 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This class is offered in exchange for paid life guarding during the year for Family Swim and Summer Recreation (less the cost of the \$35 book).

Summer Recreation. Registration forms will be sent home with students the first of May for the June 13-16 and June 20-23 program. There were a limited number of positions available this year so unfortunately many of the overwhelming amount of applicants were not able to be hired.

Swim Lessons. Classes will be conducted both weeks immediately following Summer Rec.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 11-12 (SECOND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.11, HUNTING PROHIBITED, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY TO ADD CANADA GEESE AND WILD TURKEYS TO THOSE ANIMALS WHICH MAY BE HUNTED IN THE CITY UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO NUISANCE WILD ANIMAL REGULATIONS.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-12 on three separate days. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Lewis, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 11-12 for the second time, by title only.

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-15

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF AN ADDITION TO THE RESTROOM BUILDING AT STOWELL PARK FROM ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC., GRANTING PERMISSION FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION, AGREEING TO PROVISIONS CONCERNING ITS FUTURE USE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-15 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Blackwell read Ordinance No. 11-15 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-15. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-15 was adopted.

At 7:37 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