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Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 16, 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, Larry Arnold, Charlotte Hellinger, Leon Blackwell, Barry Lewis, Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Auditor Jane Hammond, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. Also in attendance were a number of interested employees and citizens.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 2, 2011 were presented for approval. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

Joe Trolion, Executive Director for the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, came before Council to thank them for passing the ordinance to ban bath salts and the other synthetic drugs plaguing the community for the past year. Addressing this issue locally shows how much they care about this community and want to make sure people stay healthy. Mr. Trolion thanked them on behalf of himself, the treatment providers, the Board, the consumers and their families, and the lives they have saved.

Sam Van Cura, 777 Cypress Drive, came forward to express his support for the School Resource Officer. He felt it was important to have a SRO which has created respect from the students toward a law enforcement officer as well as enhance their understanding of how approachable an officer can be. In the last two years violent acts have dropped 86% in our buildings.

Mary Bennett, 1010 St. Rt. 314 South, President of the Ontario School Board, came before Council to say they are pleased with the partnership with the City and having the School Resource Officer in the school every day. They appreciate Chief Smith's initiative in supporting the program and the City's cooperation in implementing the SRO. Officer Bartolucci approaches his responsibilities with professionalism, dedication and heart. He has become an important part of the student's safety and well being. A positive rapport has been established between the students, their families, and the Ontario Police which extends beyond the school and into the community. This is a win-win situation.

Daryl Hall, 1054 Crestfield Street, Ontario Local Schools Superintendent, stated as a school the highest priority used to be academics but is regrettably now student and staff safety. Numerous safety precautions have been implemented in the school which include: controlled access during school hours, all exterior doors are locked and all visitors must be buzzed into the buildings, the installation of 82 cctv security cameras in the buildings and the parking lots, panic buttons for office secretaries, telephones in each classroom for 911 calls or paging purposes, sets of 4 cameras per bus for each bus in the fleet, communication system between/within buildings which include cell phones and two-way radios. These are great security devices but only a person on scene can make decisions and improvise based upon what is called for in various situations. The SRO has the ability to react under pressure and protect the safety and security of the students and staff. Anyone who would suggest the removal of the SRO makes our children less safe and needs to think again.

Doris Farina, 133 Alexander Drive East, was next to address Council. In the 70's and 80's there were no officers in the schools and you couldn't imagine some of the things that happened. This Resource Officer will continue to make a continued difference for these children. My

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grandchild and great nieces and nephews live in Ontario primarily because of the schools. We encourage you to continue to have the Resource Officer available, it is amazing how the kids communicate with a policeman and learn to trust them.

School Board member Tom Beck, 330 Maple Lane, was next to stand before Council to reiterate how valuable it is to have an officer in the schools. At the last School Board meeting the Resource Officer gave an annual report summarizing the past 3-4 years by charting crime, events, and occurrences and how they have declined with the presence of a SRO which is good for the safety of the students.

Next to approach Council was Craig Andrew, 3173 Ponderosa Avenue, asking if there were any community service projects his group could help contribute to the City and that he has not received the additional information he requested.

- Mr. Heston will work with Mr. Andrew on community projects.
- Mr. Zeiter is still compiling the requested information and will get it to Mr. Andrew as soon as it is complete.

Kelly Stamper, 3670 Snodgrass Road, came forward to say she didn't understand why anyone would question having a Resource Officer in the school when it isn't costing the City anything. Police presence can only be a benefit in the schools, not only to protect the children but also as a mentor and a good example. A child may think twice before acting out or bringing drugs into the school with an officer present. Prevention and accountability are huge and a police presence can only put a positive spin on that. It's all about the children so please vote to keep the officer in the school.

Vicki McCoy, 1137 Lewis Road, read a letter from Jenise DeMoss, a 2011 graduate from Ontario, expressing her gratitude for the personal attention and support she received from the SRO which was instrumental in her succeeding during her senior year and enrollment into the Army.

Mary Beth Wright, 2356 Park Avenue West, told Council members when she recently spoke to the mother of one of the students involved in the incident that happened at the high school a few years ago, she felt much safer having her daughter go back into the school with a Resource Officer present. The officer should remain in the schools.

Mr. Zeiter referred to the staff reductions that were to take place if the levy failed and asked if this position was more important than a teaching position. Superintendent Hall responded by saying no licensed position cuts were necessary this year. If they had to make that decision it would be very difficult. Safety has a place and he doesn't know where they would be or what they would do without a Safety Resource Officer.

Carrie Benham-Daniel, 137 Sloboda Avenue, said she moved to Ontario after she researched the schools and put her confidence in the School Board for making the determination of what staffing was needed in the school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams recognized retired teacher Phil Giffin for the impact he had on teaching his children, who are now adults, and that he is still coaching track.

Mrs. Hellinger scheduled a Utilities Committee of the Whole for June 21, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Blackwell reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on June 14, 2011 when they discussed insurance changes for the upcoming year and changing the vacation structure for the Captain of the Police Department.

Mr. Arnold, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Cinadr had no report.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins distributed a letter from the U.S. Department of Energy as it pertains to the \$275 million loan guarantee to Calisolar. The last item to agree on is the cost of the building.

Mayor Collins received a call today from another company interested in the GM building that would bring 800 jobs. He directed the contact to RACER Trust who is in charge of selling the building in case Calisolar would prefer a greenfield site in lieu of the GM building.

The Vision Team has concluded their meetings and will present their finalized document at the next Council meeting.

Concerts in the Park begin June 21st at 7:00 p.m. featuring The Rib Ticklers Band; July 12th is an 18 piece group, The Big Band; August 16th will showcase three bands beginning at 5:00 p.m. with food and events for children; September 13th is The Colonial City Quartet Gospel music.

In response to Mr. Arnold's question as to when Calisolar must make a commitment, Mayor Collins said the Department of Energy has set a date for them to take over the facility by October 1, 2011. Calisolar has not responded to RACER Trust on the price of the building and electric will be the main source of energy.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston encouraged all Council members to participate in the 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 2nd. He also extended an invitation for the public to attend all of the events.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 11-20**

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN 15.058 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 1980 WALKER LAKE ROAD FROM R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B BUSINESS DISTRICT UPON THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES GILBERT.

Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 11-20 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-20, with a second by Mr. Blackwell. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-20 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-28

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IN COOPERATION WITH THE ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-28 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Lewis, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 11-28 for the second time, by title only.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11- 07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRIENDS BUSINESS SOURCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF COPY PAPER THROUGH THE RICHLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 11-07 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. Mrs. Hellinger read Resolution No. 11-07 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-07. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 11-07 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-31

AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GLEDHILL ROAD MACHINERY COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY, CENTRAL HYDRAULIC SYSTEM, SNOWPLOW HITCH, WHELEN LIGHT SYSTEM, SALT SPREADER, AND REAR TOWING HITCH FOR THE SUM OF \$33,541.52 THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-31 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Blackwell read Ordinance No. 11-31 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-31. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-31 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-32

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF COUNSEL FEES FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS DURING 2011 WITH THE BOARD OF RICHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-32 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. Lewis read Ordinance No. 11-32 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-32. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-32 was adopted.

At 7:30 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. Lewis. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

 President of Council

 Clerk of Council