

Regular

September 1

2011

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 1, 2011, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Paul Williams, Larry Arnold, Leon Blackwell, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis, Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, Director of Engineering Jerrod Swinehart, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were also in the audience.

Mr. Williams made a motion to excuse Charlotte Hellinger from this evening's meeting. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 18, 2011 were presented for approval. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Blackwell 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.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came before Council asking if there was an update to his concerns regarding the sign located at Fischer's Party Room, 3678 Park Avenue West.

- Mayor Collins said the owners of Fischer's Deli applied for a change of use permit which will be on the next Planning Commission agenda.
- Mr. Hunt received the sign ordinances he requested. In 1971 a sign was not allowed to be within 15' of the right-of-way line; that was amended in 1975 to 10' of the property line. The sign was installed in 1976 and is 2' 6" from Mr. Hunt's property line, 4' from his driveway, and 17' 4" from the white line. When a pick-up truck backs out of his driveway the tailgate is almost on the white line before the driver can see past the sign which causes a safety concern.
- Mayor Collins said Mr. Hunt will be permitted to speak on this matter at the Planning Commission meeting.
- Mr. Blackwell commented that he didn't understand why the sign was approved in 1976 since it is 2' from the neighboring property and is located in the right-of-way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold reported on the most recent Streets Committee meeting. Crack sealing will be handled by City workers on Rosewood, Rock Road, Lex-Ontario, Park Avenue West, St. Rt. 309, Shelby Ontario, Milligan, Walker Lake, a portion of W. 4th Street, Lindaire Lane, Shangri-La phase II, and the Chambers area. He advised everyone to drive with caution when near the work crew.

Mr. Arnold said the Utilities Committee met earlier this evening. The main topic pertained to customer water service deposits and the determination was made not to make any changes to the current ordinance.

- Mr. Zeiter asked Mr. Arnold to contact the Auditor regarding foreclosed properties and if they could become a potential problem in the future.

Mr. Arnold made a motion authorizing Administration to apply for the OPWC grants offered by the State which are due in October and to prepare legislation. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, at roll call six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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Mr. Weidemyre reported on this evening's Economic Development Committee meeting where they continued the conversation of purchasing additional land for the Industrial Park. The Committee decided to place the project on hold at this time. During a discussion unrelated to the Industrial Park, Committee members also turned down an offer for the City to purchase additional property.

Mr. Cinadr said 2012 budget reviews would begin next month.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Blackwell, and Mr. Lewis had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins presented the following proclamation to Modern Woodmen of America Agent Greg Boyce.

LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Life insurance protects families financially in the event of death by aiding surviving family members with current and future financial commitments. While 44 percent of U.S. households say they do not have sufficient life insurance, surveys indicate that the majority of Americans find life insurance as a vital part of a financial plan; and

WHEREAS, families often find themselves with financial hardships when a family member dies with inadequate life insurance. These occurrences often force families to find other sources of income; and

WHEREAS, individuals, families and businesses can benefit greatly from the guidance of an experienced life insurance professional when deciding what kind and how much insurance is necessary; and

WHEREAS, in order to raise the awareness of life insurance needs and move consumers to take the necessary precautions to ensure financial security of their families, the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) and an alliance representing hundreds of prominent life insurance companies and organizations have chosen September 2011 as "Life Insurance Awareness Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry C. Collins, Mayor of the City of Ontario Ohio do hereby designate September, 2011 as

LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout Ontario and urge our citizens to learn more about life insurance and its benefits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 1st day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.

Larry C. Collins, Mayor

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In response to Mr. Zeiter's questions:

- Mr. Swinehart said Kokosing will take care of the sink hole at the second entrance going west on Walker Lake Road into Meijer.
- Mayor Collins said he received a letter from the pastor of the unfinished church on Park Avenue West stating the property has been sold, it is in contract, but it is unknown when the exchange of ownership will take place.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 11-44**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-08 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2011 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-44 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. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 11-44 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-44. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-44 was adopted.

At 7:25 p.m., Mr. Blackwell made a motion, per Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G)(1, 4) to discuss employee compensation and collective bargaining. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Blackwell made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. At roll call six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to authorize the Law Director to proceed with the issue discussed during executive session. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion was approved.

At 7:37 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Blackwell and a second by Mr. Weidemyre. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

 President of Council

 Clerk of Council