

## Regular

November 17

2011

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 17, 2011, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:26 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, Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, Water Distribution Manger Evan Hellinger, Recreation Director Janet VanCura and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were also in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 3, 2011 were presented for approval. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Keith Poland, 3359 Elmstone Court, came before Council to inquire about the status of the Rock Road bridge. Mr. Arnold provided an update by explaining URS performed a core sample on the bridge and will submit their comprehensive final report to the City by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The report will include their recommendations for the bridge. A Streets Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled on December 5<sup>th</sup> to review these findings and the public is welcome. Following this meeting an informational session will be held at the Ontario Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The funds used to pay for the study will be submitted to the insurance company for consideration of reimbursement. This report will be submitted to the railroad company since the railroad will not share the results from their bridge assessment.

- Mayor Collins said the residents living in the area affected by the bride being closed will be notified by letter of the time and location of the meeting.
- A bid was received for \$2,100 to get the road opened for traffic but the contractor has not been contacted. Mr. Heston said the contractor is not an engineer and does not know the results of the core samples so there would be no guarantee the road would be safe.
- Mayor Collins said the railroad owns the bridge but wants to cooperate with the City. Safety is most important and the City Engineer doesn't feel the proposed fix will work. The Mayor wants to save the bridge but not at a large expense to the City.
- Mr. Poland agreed the repairs should be safe and would like to save the bridge but at no cost to the City, the repair costs should come from the insurance company.

Next to come before Council was Don Hipsher, 582 N. Rock Road, to ask about the feasibility study for the swimming pool complex.

Mayor Collins responded to Mr. Hipsher's questions.

- A committee from the community has been discussing this for several months.
- The master plan includes a swimming pool which was previously presented to the voters but narrowly defeated. He was asked to look into it again to see if the community would want the pool if it was self-supporting because Council does not want to endure any cost to the City. The committee will be looking at private funding, grants, and the people of the City to cover the expenses.
- The committee is meeting in a few weeks to determine if now is the right time to pursue a swimming pool and possibly stop the feasibility study since there have been changes since they first met.
- Larry Brandstetter was selected from three applicants to perform the feasibility study. Brandstetter Carroll does a lot of major swimming pool work throughout the United States.
- The cost of the feasibility study for the swimming pool and rec center is \$15,000 and is being funded by the selective tree harvest project which promotes healthier forests.

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## **RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. VanCura provided the following information.

HONKIN HAULN HANDS ON TRUCKS was held October 16<sup>th</sup> at Marshall Park with approximately 130 children experiencing various service trucks as well as fire trucks, police vehicles, a school bus and an ambulance. Each child received a driver's license as well as a key chain.

FAMILY SWIM is held on Monday evenings from 6 – 7:15 p.m. Three life guards are on duty for this free activity.

ZUMBA CLASS is held at the Stingel Primary gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 – 7:00 p.m. The cost of each class is \$4.

The 35<sup>th</sup> ONTARIO COMMUNITY CRAFT SHOW will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Richland County Fairgrounds from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Ontario Lions Club will be collecting toys and donations for TOY TIME of Richland County. Items from the Ontario High School Art and Industrial Arts students will be offered.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Arnold scheduled a Streets Committee of the Whole meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. A town hall meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the Ontario United Methodist Church. The engineering report on the Rock Road bridge will be discussed.

Mr. Weidemyre commented on two items.

1. The Ontario Growth Association's tree lighting ceremony will be held at City Hall on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Weidemyre requested a Safety Committee meeting to address the letter he received from a resident about the deer population and the damage being done to private property. Mr. Williams will contact the Game Warden for guidelines before scheduling a meeting.

Mr. Cinadr provided the following report:

1. Finance Committee minutes from the last two meetings have been distributed.
2. The Finance Committee meeting held this evening resulted in recommending to Council the legislation for the 2012 temporary budget.
3. A letter from Sherrod Brown was received stating he opposes the decision to close the mail processing facility in Mansfield. The process will be finalized in March 2012 and could involve a loss of 115 postal jobs at this location.

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Collins had no report.

## **SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Heston presented the following updates.

- Lexington-Springmill, between Walker Lake Road and Bedford Blvd., is deteriorating and will require cold patching to get through the winter.
- The stop light in front of Target has had five seconds added to the sensor so vehicles turning right won't trip the light as quickly.

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- The house that was of concern on Westlawn included in tomorrow's Sheriff's auction.
- The logging of the selective harvesting generated \$56,000 of which \$15,000 will be used for the swimming pool feasibility study and the balance will be deposited into the parks account. More than half of the trees removed were ash and many trees were beginning to rot from the inside. Removing the trees will make the woods healthier. The Contingencies line item is used when accounts are low and in need of additional funding.
- A very in-depth engineering study is being performed on the Rock Road bridge. For safety reasons any decisions pertaining to the bridge can't be made until the results of the study are received. The City Engineer said the proposed temporary fix to the bridge would not work because the bridge must be repaired from on top and one of the main problems with the bridge is the water infiltration between the stones. In the winter, as a safety measure, icicles must be knocked off the bridge; the sealant that was applied several years ago is no longer working. The Engineer feels the bridge won't make it through the winter because of the water problems and to fix the bridge approximately 16' of earth must be removed from the top to get to the stone but once the dirt is removed the bridge will collapse. One of the top companies in the country has been hired to inspect the bridge. Mr. Heston said he wants to get the road opened but he wants it to be 100% certain that it is safe.

Mr. Williams thanked the Water Department for how quickly they repaired the water line break. There was some difficulty shutting off the valve and asked how many other valves in the City are the same way. Mr. Hellinger said 50 to 60 valves need repaired at a cost of \$4,000 each.

- Mr. Heston said a valve replacement program should be in place that would repair 7 to 8 valves every year.
- Major expenses are coming up in 2013 when the largest water tank will need drained, blasted and repainted at an estimated \$200,000 - \$300,000.
- Ms. Hammond pointed out they need to prioritize their projects otherwise they are going to be spending more than they are getting in.
- Mr. Hellinger has a five year plan and the Engineer has a long term plan.

## **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sowash had no report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to amend the City of Ontario Rules of Council by changing the last sentence in Section 26 on Page 6 to include the words *or his designee*. The sentence would then read: The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall assist the Chair in maintaining order during the Council meetings. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion was approved.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-56

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-56 on three separate days. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Seven members cast their

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votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 11-56 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-56. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-56 was adopted.

At 8:22 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, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

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Daniel J. Zeiter, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council