

Regular

December 15

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Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 15, 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, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis, Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Auditor Jane Hammond, Treasurer Linda Stoodt, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, 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 December 1, 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

Don Hipsher, 582 N. Rock Road, came before Council to express his appreciation to 4th Ward Councilman Mr. Blackwell for his hard work, consistency and professionalism while serving the past four years. Mr. Hipsher thanked Mr. Blackwell for his honesty during their conversations and not trying to hide anything. Mr. Hipsher said he hoped that Mr. Blackwell would continue to stay involved.

Auditor Jane Hammond, 2411 Park Avenue West, thanked Mr. Cinadr, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Blackwell for their help while serving on Council and hope they stay involved in some way. Ms. Hammond extended holiday wishes to everyone and is looking forward to good things in the New Year.

Jim Hairston, 3342 Elmstone Court, thanked Mr. Cinadr, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Blackwell for their hard work and all they have done. Mr. Hairston asked for background information that prompted the Engineer's legislation, Ordinance 11-61, that appears on this evening's agenda.

- Discussion pertaining to this legislation took place during executive session.

Michele Webb, 94 Woodbine Drive, came forward to also address Ordinance 11-61. The changing of Council members makes this difficult to vote on. Mrs. Webb suggested tabling the ordinance to allow more time for discussion and research on this topic during committee meetings.

Pam Drake, 1648 Spring Village Lane, expressed gratitude to Mr. Cinadr, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Blackwell for all of the good work they did while on Council and realizes there will be challenges ahead. Ms. Drake also felt there is a lot to research and take into consideration before voting on Ordinance 11-61, which is why she feels it should be tabled so they can have time for more discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council members exchanged holiday greetings and expressed gratitude and well wishes to 1st Ward Councilman Mr. Cinadr, 2nd Ward Councilman Mr. Lewis and 4th Ward Councilman Mr. Blackwell for their four years of dedicated service and leadership to the City of Ontario.

Mr. Blackwell said it was a pleasure to serve the citizens of Ontario and with the members of Council.

Mr. Lewis said it was an interesting four years and he does plan to continue attending meetings.

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Mr. Cinadr agreed it was an interesting four years and was proud that Ontario, Ohio is now recognized by the postal service. The Postmaster General has delayed all changes and closings until at least May 2012.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins gave the following report:

- The microphone being used tonight by the Council President is the one being considered for purchase with the new sound system.
- The City offices will be closed December 23rd, December 26th, and January 2nd for the holidays.
- In November the Court collected \$10,333.30 in past due collections, \$14,187 in current collections for a total of \$24,520.30. A record high of 165 tickets were written in November.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash expressed best wishes for the holidays and thanked the out-going Council members for their involvement. Democracy depends upon citizens willing to step forward and participate in order for our system to function.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Zeiter extended holiday greetings, then thanked Mr. Cinadr, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Blackwell for their service and acknowledged that everyone brings their own perspective which benefits the City.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-59

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-59 on three separate days. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Four members cast their votes Aye, three Nays by Mr. Williams, Mrs. Hellinger, and Mr. Cinadr, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 11-59 for the second time, by title only.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-17

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE ROCK ROAD RAILROAD BRIDGE SO THAT THE CLOSED PORTION OF ROCK ROAD MAY BE SAFELY OPENED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 11-17 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 Resolution No. 11-17 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-17. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 11-17 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-18

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LEON BLACKWELL, JR. FOR HIS SERVICE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule on Resolution No. 11-18. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Blackwell, and the motion passed.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to read Resolution No. 11-18 in its entirety. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Blackwell, and the motion passed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 11-18 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Blackwell, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Resolution No. 11-18 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-18. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Blackwell, and Resolution No. 11-18 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-19

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BARRY M. LEWIS FOR HIS SERVICE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule on Resolution No. 11-19. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to read Resolution No. 11-19 in its entirety. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Lewis, and the motion passed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 11-19 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Lewis, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Hellinger read Resolution No. 11-19 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-19. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Lewis, and Resolution No. 11-19 was adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-20

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH W. CINADR FOR HIS SERVICE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Williams made a motion to waive the 24-hour rule on Resolution No. 11-20. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Cinadr, and the motion passed.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to read Resolution No. 11-20 in its entirety. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Cinadr, and the motion passed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 11-20 on three separate days. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Cinadr, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Williams read Resolution No. 11-20 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-20. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Cinadr, and Resolution No. 11-20 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-60

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-60 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. Blackwell read Ordinance No. 11-60 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-60. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-60 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-61

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-56 KNOWN AS THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2012 BY MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-61 on three separate days. Hearing no second, the motion failed. Mr. Lewis read Ordinance No. 11-61 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-62

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-62 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. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 11-62 for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-62. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-62 was adopted.

At 7:36 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. Cinadr. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Daniel J. Zeiter, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council