

Regular

March 1

2012

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 1, 2012, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:08 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, Jim Hairston, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, Pamela Drake, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, and Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 16, 2012 were presented for approval. Ms. Drake made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Arnold. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold reported on the Streets Committee meeting held earlier this evening where the 2012 paving plan was finalized and will appear on this evening's agenda. A Streets Committee meeting will be held on March 30, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing the bids received for the paving program. The Streets Supervisor was asked to look at the public light poles to determine if any could be turned off as a cost savings measure.

Mr. Arnold said the informational meetings held with employees pertaining to health insurance options resulted in several good ideas. The Agent of Record was challenged to look for more savings. A Personnel Committee meeting will be held on March 14, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hellinger scheduled a Utilities Committee of the Whole meeting on March 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre announced an Economic Development Committee meeting on March 15, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., to discuss the Industrial Park and possible incentives.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Hairston, Mrs. Webb and Ms. Drake had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins reported on Mayor's Court for the month of February. Past due collections were \$16,057.62, with current collections of \$24,105.50, for a total of \$40,163.12. 105 tickets were written during the month.

The Ontario Substance Abuse Program is sponsoring an awareness event, "Helping those who won't help themselves," on March 11th, 3:00 p.m., at the high school.

Big Lots will hold the grand opening of their Lex-Springmill Road store tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Collins, Auditor Jane Hammond, and Councilman Mark Weidemyre attended an informational session this morning on coping with the loss of state revenue.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston informed Council members of a new drug at the schools called Strawberry Quick. This is crystal meth but resembles pop rocks and is also in a chocolate flavor. It is attractive to kids because it tastes like candy.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 12-02

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-56 KNOWN AS THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2012 BY TRANSFERRING AND APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PAY FOR POLICE PENSIONS.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to table Ordinance No. 12-02, with a second by Mr. Williams. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-06

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 12-06, by accepting the changes and the attachment received by the Streets Committee. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 12-06, as amended, on three separate days. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed.

Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 12-06 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-06, as amended. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 12-06 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-07

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT 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.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 12-07 on three separate days, Mrs. Hellinger read Ordinance No. 12-07 for the second time, by title only.

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO HAVE THE CITY OF ONTARIO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE WEST FOURTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 12-04 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Hairston read Resolution No. 12-04 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-04. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 12-04 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 155.01, RULES OF USE, OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REVISED RULES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE CHARLES K. HELLINGER MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 12-08 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 12-08 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-08. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 12-08 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-09

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR AND OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 12-09 on three separate days. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 12-09 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-09. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 12-09 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-10

AN ORDINANCE GIVING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE BRIDGE PAINTING PROJECT ON US 30 WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 12-10 on three separate days. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Seven members cast their

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votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Ms. Drake read Ordinance No. 12-10 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-10. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 12-10 was adopted.

At 7:26p.m., Mr. Williams made a motion to enter into executive session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider employment of a public employee and 121.22(G)(3) for conference with the attorney to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 9:10 p.m., Mr. Williams made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 9:11 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. Hairston. 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