

Regular

April 5

2012

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 5, 2012, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Paul Williams, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, Pamela Drake, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Auditor Jane Hammond, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were in the audience.

Mr. Williams made a motion to excuse Mr. Arnold from this evening's meeting, with a second by Ms. Drake. At roll call, four members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to excuse Mrs. Hellinger from this evening's meeting, with a second by Mrs. Webb. At roll call, four members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to excuse Mr. Hairston from this evening's meeting, with a second by Mr. Weidemyre. At roll call, four members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 15, 2012 were presented for approval. Ms. Drake made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Weidemyre. At roll call, four members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the joint Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting held prior to Council where the topic of discussion was Phase I of the Beer Road Industrial Park. There has been outside interest expressed in locating in the park but more information needs gathered by the Engineer. A meeting was held earlier in the week with bonding counsel to discuss financing. Indications are the City's credit rating will be raised and the rate increase could lower the borrowing costs as much as 20 to 40 basis points.

Mr. Weidemyre scheduled an Economic Development Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2012.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins reported on Mayor's Court for the month of March.

- \$9,943.77 was collected in past due fines and \$20,734 in current collections for a total of \$30, 677.77.
- 199 tickets were written in March.

No zoning permits were written in March, one residential fee of \$150, three commercial fees for \$350, and 14 sign fees for \$552.50, for a total of \$1,102.50.

Winter storm debris pick-up will take place April 16 – 20, 2012.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston reported paving contracts were received. Kokosing will be awarded the paving contract, while the patching project will go to Oyster Paving. Notifications will be mailed soon.

The Marshall Park project consisting of a new pavilion and sand volleyball courts is progressing very well. They are on schedule to be completed by the 4th of July.

Railroad representative Solomon Jackson is contacting a company in Columbus to obtain pricing for the demolition of the Rock Road bridge. Two companies in Cleveland will also be contacted for quotes. No information is available on the insurance discussions but Mr. Jackson is aware the City would like reimbursed for the engineering expenses.

\$35,000 of the tree harvest revenue has been spent.

City employees Marc Henke and Gary Woolridge repaired a bad flow preventer in the Municipal Building. The estimate was \$2,700 but was repaired for \$1,500. Appreciation was also extended to the employees of the Water, Streets, and Police Departments for working above and beyond their normal duties.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash presented a draft ordinance before Council pertaining to the purchasing of meals with City funds. Anyone with comments or revisions to this ordinance should contact Mr. Sowash. This ordinance will appear on the next Council agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Auditor Hammond approached Council to ask for a motion to waive the penalty from a quarterly tax payment.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to waive a tax payment penalty for the first quarter and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

- The month end report shows the City is down \$800,000 for the year. Ten days remain for income tax collection.
- Treasurer Linda Stoodt announced to Administration that she is retiring July 5, 2012.

Mr. Zeiter read the following Notice of Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Charles K. Hellinger Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend the City Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDING THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE BY REPEALING SECTION 1139.01 CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of this change. All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

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Logan's Restaurant requested a change to their liquor permit which will have different requirements to the Ohio Liquor Control Board with no quotas and is less restrictive but is not a change in how they are currently doing business. Hearing no objections to this change, Council did not recommend a hearing.

Mr. Zeiter referenced the solicitors asking for donations in the intersection of W. 4th Street and Lex-Springmill. He viewed this has a safety hazard and requested legislation preventing this activity. Mr. Sowash will begin drafting legislation not only pertaining to this matter but also other concerns that don't have regulations in place.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

No legislation was on the Council agenda.

At 7:22 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. Weidemyre. At roll call, four members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Daniel J. Zeiter, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council