

Regular

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Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 21, 2012, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:22 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 Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 7, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre 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

Barry Lewis, 2070 Princeton Street, came before Council to say the executive sessions were rude. People come to Council meetings then have to wait anywhere from 30 minutes to 1 ½ hours before the meeting begins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams reported on the Parks Committee meeting held earlier this evening where members of the Make It Ontario Committee provided additional information and said they would like to place the pool on the November ballot.

Mr. Arnold said the Personnel Committee has been meeting weekly to review the personnel policy and procedure manual. A preliminary manual was prepared a few years ago but never implemented. Different sections are reviewed each week and they will continue meeting until the process is completed. Mr. Arnold extended gratitude to Mrs. Webb, Ms. Drake and Mr. Heston for their efforts in updating the manual.

Mr. Arnold provided a Streets Committee report. Mr. Arnold responded to comments in the newspaper and reiterated the Rock Road bridge does not belong to the City of Ontario. Norfolk Southern has asked for the city's opinion but they own the bridge. The next meeting with the railroad is July 20, 2012, when they will have their final answer to what will be done with the bridge. If the decision is made to tear down the bridge the railroad representatives know the city would like the road widened as a safety measure.

- The street paving program was completed in a timely manner and all streets look good. The miscellaneous items, such as crack sealing, still needs scheduled.
- The insurance company may consider the widening of the street as an upgrade because it would be improving the road. Mr. Arnold said it is a safety issue and the engineer working on the project said the road should be widen because they shouldn't have a double road opening into a single road and then back into a double road.
- A cul-de-sac in Chambers was added to the paving project.

Mrs. Hellinger announced a Utilities Committee meeting on July 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre said the Miscellaneous Engineering account is depleted. He asked Council members how they wanted to proceed in funding this account or if they preferred to use the money from the Engineer's Salary line item. The second item addressed was the Estimated Tax Revenue legislation that needs passed by July 15th but was just submitted by the Treasurer. Mrs. Stoodt was not aware a public hearing notice needed published in the newspaper 10 days before it could be voted on. A special Council meeting will need scheduled to meet the

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deadline because there will not be enough members present at the next meeting to suspend the rules and vote.

- Mr. Zeiter commented:
 - Council had to have a special Council meeting last year for the Estimated Tax Revenue because it was not submitted in time.
 - Mr. Zeiter requested the Mayor and Service-Safety Director create a list of engineering items needed and their approximate costs. Although the Rock Road bridge does not belong to the city, a local engineering firm was paid for preparing an estimate on widening the road.
- Mayor Collins said if the city had an engineer they wouldn't have incurred the expenses for the engineer brought in on the Rock Road bridge. A lot of the engineering requests are from the Zoning Department and plans that need signed. Because they don't know what is coming, it would be difficult to create a list but they can document what they have already spent and estimate some things because they don't know all of the details.
- Mr. Williams said all of his questions were answered in the memo prepared by the Auditor and Mrs. Webb said she received the breakdown in Contingencies that she requested.

Mr. Weidemyre scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on July 9th at 3:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins said the Mayor's Court Report for May showed past due collections of \$6,089 and current collections of \$23,690.0 for a total of \$29,779.01.

At this time, Mayor Collins invited retired Zoning Inspector Dallas Strickler forward to receive a Proclamation:

Proclamation for Dallas Strickler

WHEREAS, Dallas Strickler was born across the line in Crawford County, and moved to Ontario when he entered the first grade and has lived in Ontario ever since, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school and college he was employed by the Ontario Local Schools for 33 years as a teacher and a coach. Dallas coached football, girls and boys basketball, track, and he even coached swimming for 2 weeks. He was also Athletic Director for a period of time, and

WHEREAS, Dallas excelled in making a positive impact through his teaching and coaching and has endeared himself to hundreds and perhaps thousands of students who were privileged to be under his leadership. Dallas Strickler was a great role model to so many people in our community through his presence, his leadership and his quiet and gentle spirit, and

WHEREAS, after he retired from the Ontario Local Schools, Mayor Charles Jones approached him about being the Zoning Inspector for Ontario. Dallas promised to serve for two years, and twelve years later he once again entered the retirement zone as of May 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, Dallas has served the residents and businesses of Ontario faithfully over these twelve years and has performed his job with distinction and respect for every person he dealt with over the years, and

WHEREAS, he is leaving a great legacy for those who follow as Zoning Inspector and also leaving behind some daily tasks that did not always make him happy, such as reminding people to mow their lawns, having to tell businesses their temporary signs were not allowed, telling people they needed a permit when they had the shed half built or the swimming pool almost finished.

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NOW THEREFORE, on behalf of City Council and the City Administration, we thank you for your years of service to the City of Ontario and wish you the very best in your second retirement and declare Monday, June 25, 2012 as Dallas Strickler Day in Ontario.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 21st day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.

Larry C. Collins, Mayor

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

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 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at the Charles K. Hellinger Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, for the proposed 2013 Tax Budget of the City of Ontario.

All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Mr. Hairston made a motion authorizing the Law Director to contact bond counsel and prepare a resolution for the next meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

A special Council meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of enacting legislation on the Estimated Tax Budget.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 12-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUESTED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 12-05, on three separate days. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Williams read Resolution No. 12-05 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-05. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 12-05 was adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO WRITE A LETTER EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM BROWNFIELD COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR THE ONTARIO STAMPING PLANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 12-06, on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Arnold read Resolution No. 12-06 for the first time, by title only.

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

At 7:56 p.m., Mr. Arnold made a motion to enter into executive session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (3) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending in imminent court action and 121.22(G)(1) employee compensation. Mr. Hairston seconded motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 9:22 p.m., Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 9:23 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. Williams. 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