

Regular

August 16

2012

Ontario City Council met in regular session on August 16, 2012, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:16 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to excuse Charlotte Hellinger from this evening's meeting. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 2, 2012 were presented for approval. Ms. Drake made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Arnold. At roll call, six 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.

#### **RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. VanCura presented the following information:

Summer Recreation was held June 11-14 and June 18-21 with over 200 children in attendance each week. Fifty children participated in the swim lessons that were held for eight days.

Lifeguard Certification Class was offered free to students in exchange for paid life guarding during the year for Family Swim and Summer Recreation. Ten Ontario students signed up for the class and received their certification.

Zumba Classes will resume at the Stingel Primary gym beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 6:00 p.m.

Family Swim will begin in November and continue through March. The dates will be announced soon.

The Ontario Community Craft show is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Williams complimented the Streets Department employees for their hard work on Sloboda in correcting the drainage problem; this was a major undertaking and they did an excellent job.

Mr. Arnold reported the Law Director has received the first two chapters of the proposed employee rules and regulations to review as prepared by the Personnel Committee. The anticipated timeframe to roll this out to employees is September.

- Employees filled out questionnaires from the health insurance company to get a better idea of what changes employees are willing to accept in their health insurance benefit when the new bidding process takes place this fall.

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Mr. Arnold said the Streets Committee will be meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. to consider street work could be completed with the remaining funds. The striping at the intersection of Lex-Springmill and Walker Lake is one area that will be discussed.

- Mr. Weidemyre said he would like to see a 5 year plan prepared because there are some major expenses in the future such as paving W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and painting the water tank.
- As a way to help project the 2013 budget, Council members suggested the department heads provide a list based on projects that need done in each of their areas. The culvert at Old Oak Trail and the Elizabeth Road lift station have been mention for quite some time. This list could also include any anticipated retirements so the budget can reflect the necessary payouts.

Mr. Hairston extended a thank you from OYS for allowing the sponsorship sign to be posted at the soccer fields. He expressed appreciation to the Parks Department for their wonderful work on the soccer fields; he constantly hears that Ontario has the best soccer fields. OYS also thanks the city for their work at Stowell Park and the upgrades provided. Mr. Hairston also thanked the Planning Commission on behalf of The Area Agency on Aging for their approval and compromise on the drive at the former Hawkins building.

- When Mr. Weidemyre asked if any pricing was received regarding the purchase of bleachers at the soccer fields, Mr. Hairston said he would look into it.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the ribbon cutting held today at the former GM plant. The group purchasing the property is very community oriented and this was a great day for the area.

- Mr. Weidemyre spoke to the owner of the former Crane property and he is still considering developing that site which would bring more jobs to the area.

Mrs. Webb and Ms. Drake had no report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Collins reported:

In the month of July, Mayor's Court collected \$4,236 in past due fines, \$18,549 in current collections, for a total of \$22,785; 176 tickets were issued.

Concerts in the Park have been well attended with 350 enjoying this week's concert with The Caffiends. The last concert will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with The Ribticklers Band.

The pool committee met yesterday morning to develop a plan to inform the community about the Aquatic Center that is on the November ballot.

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

Mr. Heston said when he is asked to do something extra he is frustrated because there isn't an engineer and that work ends up on his desk and he doesn't have a secretary to do filing. He will try to meet their requests. He is also frustrated with accusations that he didn't follow the rules. When he received the records request he is mandated to do a complete and thorough report. He thought the best way was to have the IT consultants compile the information so it was taken directly off the server. He was told there would not be a charge to the city so he did not prepare a purchase order but the bill came back from the attorney. His blanket purchase order would have covered any minor charges.

Mr. Heston developed a list of 34 questions to ask the part-time engineer applicants. Mrs. Webb and Ms. Drake have volunteered to be part of the interview process. He would like anyone interested to attend every interview so they can score each one.

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**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sowash had no report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Ms. Hammond said she received over 100 resumes for the Accounts Payable position which she would like to complete the process by early September. When Mrs. Webb asked if thought was given to making this a part-time position, Ms. Hammond responded that she is considering changing this to a part time position but there are items within the Working Ordinance that need discussed first with the Personnel Committee, such as 32 hours for benefits.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

## RESOLUTION NO. 12-09

(SECOND READING) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BROWNFIELD COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-09. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Mr. Weidemyre said the company purchasing the plant is a first class operation and everyone will be pleased having them in the community. He has worked with them for over a year and half and they have proven to be straight forward. Racer Trust said this is a unique Agreement and they are going to use this as their template when they sell future plants. Mr. Sowash added that their attorney was a tremendous asset in putting this together. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 12-09 was adopted.

At 7:45 p.m., Mr. Arnold made a motion to enter into executive session per O.R.C. 121.22, Section G, Number 1, to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Arnold made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:51 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, six 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