

Regular

January 3

2013

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 3, 2013, 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, Jim Hairston, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, and Pamela Drake, Council President Daniel Zeiter, Law Director Harry Welsh, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were in the audience.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to excuse Mrs. Hellinger from this evening's meeting. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 20, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Hairston. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Calling twice and hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold said negotiations pertaining to health insurance were opened the last week of December with the three FOP organizations. Mr. Welsh and Mr. Heston attended this meeting. All involved were willing to help the city save money and an MOU was signed for the 2013 rates. Brian Thompson, of Thompson Benefit Solutions, made the necessary arrangements for this to become effective January 1, 2013. The city could see a cost savings of \$113,000 as the result of these changes which should offset the 33% increase and the payout for those who exceed their deductibles. The actual noticeable savings would be approximately \$50,000 - \$60,000. Mr. Arnold thanked all those involved in making this happen.

- Mrs. Webb referred to the information provided by Thompson Benefit Solutions. The potential savings is \$113,000; there are 131 health insurance members. If 25% (33 members) exceed their \$2,500 obligation the cost to the city would be \$49,500 which would be taken out of the \$113,000. In 2009, 30 members exceeded their deductibles, in 2010 there were 34, in 2011 there were 27, and as of November 5th of 2012 there were 18. The number is continuously decreasing.
- There was no confirmation when Mr. Zeiter asked if the full HSA amount was distributed this week,
- Mrs. Webb said from the employee's perspective nothing has changed other than the increased deduction would be handled through reimbursement.

Mr. Hairston scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on January 14, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre reported:

- He met with the owner of the former Crane Plumbing property and was informed the remaining 70 acres would be cleaned up and graded after the Spitzer project was completed. A couple of retail facilities have expressed interest in the location.
- The sale of the GM property has closed and now has a new owner.

Mrs. Webb thanked Mr. Arnold for his follow up efforts that ensured the changes to the health insurance were effective at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Williams and Ms. Drake had no report.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Welsh provided the 2012 Mayor's Court annual report.

- There were 1,843 cases compared to 1,329 in 2011 for a 38% increase.
- The number of DUI's are down.
- Notice was received today the three FOP bargaining units will open negotiations pursuant to the reopener the Fact Finder established for the second and third years of the contract regarding issues of insurance and wages.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Zeiter said during the upcoming permanent budget discussions he would like to ask for a microphone for each person which was the original request. Council members agreed the new microphone system has not been an improvement.

Mr. Arnold made a motion for Council to confirm the Memorandum of Understanding with the three FOP bargaining units which approved the new health insurance plan for 2013. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO
SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES
THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2013.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 13-01 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. Ms. Drake read Resolution No. 13-01 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-01. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 13-01 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-01

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 13-01 on three separate days. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 13-01 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-01. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 13-01 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 13-02

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF
TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON
APPROXIMATELY 4.56 MILES OF US 30 WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 13-02 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Hairston read Ordinance No. 13-02 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-02. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 13-02 was adopted.

At 7:24 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. Arnold. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Daniel J. Zeiter, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council