

## Regular

June 20

2013

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 20, 2013, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:07 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, Mayor Larry Collins, Assistant Law Director Harry Welsh, Auditor Dave Metzger, 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 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 June 6, 2013 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. Williams scheduled a Parks Committee of the Whole for July 5, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Arnold reported on two items:

1. Residents living near the Rock Road bridge contacted him concerning the ruts in their yards created by the bridge demolition team. A member of this team was scheduled to return by a specific date to make repairs but unfortunately he did not show up or return phone calls. The railroad has been notified because they often contract with this demolition company.
2. The decision needs made if the city is going to oversee the 2014 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street paving project rather than ODOT. Concerns resulted from the St. Rt. 309 paving and previous discussions focused on the inferior results based on ODOT's specifications.
  - Mr. Heston said the time spent as the Local Project Authority (LPA) can be deducted from the 20% financial obligation.
  - Mr. Welsh said the specifications they want to request need to be determined then the qualifications are recommended to Council in legislative format.

Mr. Arnold made a motion authorizing the Service-Safety Director and City Engineer to prepare the specifications for the request of qualifications for the engineering on the W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street paving project. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. In response to Mr. Hairston's questions, Mr. Welsh said the engineers are ranked and the top three negotiate. Mr. Arnold added that the city doesn't have to accept the engineer's offers if they are too high, then changes can be made. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Hairston referenced the June MTD/YTD finance report and said the appropriations were \$5 million too high so he will review the line items being questioned. Mr. Metzger said some of the percentage discrepancies had to do with the blanket purchase orders but they should balance by the end of the year.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening where they discussed the potential sale of over 20 acres in the Industrial Park that would bring over 150 jobs. The Economic Development Committee of the Whole will meet on July 5, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss this offer in more detail.

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Mrs. Webb scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on June 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Drake reported on the Safety Committee meeting held earlier this evening regarding Ordinance No. 13-21, concerning unlawful panhandling, and is on the agenda.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Collins reported on the following:

1. After researching block grant money as a means of supporting the Richland County Transit System (RCTS), the Executive Director of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission said Ontario was not on the list to receive money. The pool of money is drying up and those who have been receiving it may not in the future. Permissive sales tax may be used.
2. The committee revamping the OSU campus would like to build housing on city property along Lex-Springmill Road and would involve the city sewer system. Representatives would like to attend the first Council meeting in August to explain the process. They are asking for \$5,000 from Ontario, the Commissioners, the City of Mansfield and OSU; the compiled funds are to study the sewer system. The decision to participate in this project can be made during the August meeting.
  - The land is zoned Business.
  - A Committee of the Whole meeting prior to Caucus on August 1<sup>st</sup> should be considered in order to allow enough time for discussion.
3. Mayor Collins distributed handouts regarding the funding for the Lincoln Highway. Grant money was available for much of the project.
  - Ms. Timmer said the amount of funding offered was lower than anticipated. She prepared estimated costs for the project and sought permission to move forward seeking funding.
  - The Master Gardeners have asked to participate in the landscaping.
  - The costs for the contractors could be used as in-kind against the obligation.
  - Tim Alexander submitted an unexpected invoice for \$2,000 for his work on the Lincoln Highway memorial concept.

Mr. Arnold commented on the recent Streets Committee where a few residents made suggestions on what to do with the remaining stones from the Rock Road bridge. Kevin Titler submitted a drawing for consideration.

- Mrs. Webb said the project was approved based on the fact there would be no cost to the city and now there is a \$2,000 cost.
- Ms. Timmer said there was a \$5,000 grant for this project.

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

Mr. Heston said after many unsuccessful attempts to fix the sporadic blinking of the ceiling light in the Council Chambers, he will contact an electrician to correct the problem.

The density concern for the student housing will need to be addressed before Planning Commission and the Engineer will determine if it will have an effect on the infrastructure.

In response to Mr. Weidemyre's question concerning the recent email issues, Mr. Heston said the virus that affected the email system has been resolved.

Ms. Timmer said the paving contractors have completed everything they were asked to do and have finished the project.

- Mr. Weidemyre was concerned about a spot on Ferguson Road in front of the apartments that isn't smooth and could deteriorate.
- Ms. Drake said there is a hole in the intersection of W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Home Road.

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**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Welsh recommended that motions are made to change the July Council meeting date and for the public hearing for the tax budget on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to move the regular Council meeting of July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to hold the public hearing for the 2014 tax budget on July 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

## ORDINANCE NO. 13-19

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2014.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 13-19 on three separate days, Mr. Hairston read Ordinance No. 13-19 for the second time, by title only.

## ORDINANCE NO. 13-21

AN ORDINANCE FOR UNLAWFUL PANHANDLING AND FRAUDULENT SOLICITATIONS.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 13-21 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. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 13-21 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-21. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, and Ordinance No. 13-21 was adopted.

Jim Henry, 1129 Lewis Road, representing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Committee, came before Council to invite everyone to attend the added festivities in the park on the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Henry heartedly thanked the city for their part in this 11<sup>th</sup> year comeback. An entire day of entertainment is scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup>, a very nice parade and fireworks. Mr. Henry thanked Council, the city, the Police Department, and Evan Hellinger for their great job in preparing for this event.

Auditor Dave Metzger introduced Deputy Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger who began working on Monday.

At 7:45 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. Arnold. 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