

Regular

July 18

2013

Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 18, 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, Michele Webb, and Pamela Drake, Mayor Larry Collins, Assistant Law Director Harry Welsh, 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, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 5, 2013 were presented for approval. Mr. Hairston made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mrs. Webb. At roll call, four members voted Aye, one Abstain by Mr. Arnold, 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 he helped with the 4th of July Festival and wanted to take the opportunity to thank the police officers and city employees who spent a great deal of time preparing for the event to controlling traffic after the fireworks.

Mr. Hairston made a motion authorizing the Service-Safety Director to renew the liability insurance for the City of Ontario. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mrs. Webb reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held earlier this evening where the discussion pertained to holiday pay and the rest of the meeting was held in executive session.

Ms. Drake made a motion to amend a motion made June 6, 2013 relevant to the \$1,000 Wal-Mart donation to the command truck to read up to \$5,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Williams had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins requested a Utilities Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting so OSU representatives can explain their new project.

The electricity has not been installed at the band shell so it will not be ready this week for the first concert in the park which is tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m., at the soccer field pavilion. The Northwest Territory Bluegrass band will be performing.

2014 budget requests went out to all departments today and are due August 16, 2013.

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Spitzer's grand opening is at noon on Monday, July 22, 2013, at their new facility on W. 4th Street.

Mr. Williams scheduled a Utilities Committee of the Whole at 5:30 p.m. on August 1, 2013.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston received a press release from Fire Chief Henry announcing hydrant flushing would begin July 29th thru August 3rd. When residents notice flushing taking place in their neighborhood it was advised to run an outside water faucet to avoid getting anything into the water softener or laundry. Should that happen residents can call for a solution.

Engineering for Phase II of the Frazier Road I/I project has been completed; the next step was to prepare legislation authorizing advertisement for bidding. Mr. Heston requested a motion.

The 2013 paving project has been completed. The original bid was over \$622,000 but the final bill was approximately \$499,000, for a \$123,255.26 savings.

Mr. Heston requested a motion for the W. 4th Street paving project which he will be the project administrator and needs legislation prepared allowing him to contract with ODOT.

A motion was needed regarding the city's leased farmland. Although the current farmer has been a good steward of the land, competitive bids need taken which could be done by auction for the 2014 growing season. Mr. Heston added that the land would become worthless if care wasn't put back into the land and the current farmer has been doing that with tile work, adding lime and necessary prevention. If the land was auctioned to different people each year that extra care may not be done. They could wait another year or possibly ask for more rent from the farmer.

Mr. Williams said he has received calls about the road deterioration at the end of Clare that is used as a cut through to Millsboro. If it can't be fixed this year he would like it looked at for next year.

- Mr. Arnold said he would schedule a Streets Committee meeting for members to submit the street names that need repaired but W. 4th Street would probably be done next year and would absorb the paving budget. Mr. Heston thought they could contract with a local company to make repairs.
- Mrs. Webb said Creston and Friday Lane were still on the list because they were not going to be paved until the water lines were moved.

Mr. Williams made a motion for the Assistant Law Director to prepare legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director to advertise for bids and award the construction of the Frazier Road I/I project. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Arnold made a motion for the Assistant Law Director to prepare legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director to contract with ODOT for the city to serve as the lead agency for the W. 4th Street paving project. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

When Mrs. Webb asked for additional information on the history of Simonson Construction, Mr. Heston said the Ashland company's bid was approximately \$250,000 lower than their competitor, Poggemeyer has worked with them in the past and were satisfied with their work.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Welsh had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Zeiter read the following letter submitted by Councilwoman Charlotte Hellinger:

Dear Dan,

I would like to inform you that I am retiring from my position as Councilwoman at Large effective July 31, 2013.

Although it was my desire to fulfill my term, changes to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System have made it necessary to retire early.

It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Ontario since 1988 as a member of City Council. I have enjoyed working for the city and it has been an honor to serve our community the past twenty five years.

If I can be of any assistance during this transition, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Hellinger

Mr. Zeiter said the Richland County Board of Elections was aware of her desire to retire. This was out of Council's hands unless the Republican Central Committee does not make a decision.

The next item Mr. Zeiter addressed was from the Council meeting of July 5, 2013 when Council approved Ordinance No. 13-19. Subsequent to that meeting the Mayor vetoed the legislation by stating his reason on the legislation signed and dated July 5, 2013. The ten required days has passed and now Council can either act on the legislation or let it stand. The legislation was not in force unless Council reconsiders but nothing can be done this evening due to only five members present.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 13- 05**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams read Resolution No. 13-05 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR A REMOTE WATER METER READING SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 13-22 for the second time, by title only.

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ORDINANCE NO. 13-24

AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE PARK LOCATED IN THE SPRING VILLAGE
SUBDIVISION DORIS CARR PARK.

Mr. Hairston read Ordinance No. 13-24 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 25

AN ORDINANCE AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO SIMONSON CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES, INC. OF ASHLAND, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EQ
BASIN FOR THE ROCK ROAD SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 13-25 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:39 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 Ms. Drake . At roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Daniel J. Zeiter, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council