

Regular

August 15

2013

Ontario City Council met in regular session on August 15, 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, Eddie Gallo, Jim Hairston, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, and Pamela Drake, Council President Daniel Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Assistant Law Director Harry Welsh, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, Auditor Dave Metzger, City Engineer Linda Timmer, Streets Supervisor Evan Hellinger, 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 August 1, 2013 were presented for approval. Ms. Drake made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Weidemyre. At roll call, six members voted Aye, one Abstain by Mr. Gallo, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue, came before Council to ask if anything has been done regarding the water situation on Pearl Street and near his property.

- Mr. Heston said the Engineer has been looking into the problem and was working on a potential solution and costs.
- Mr. Hunt asked if this area could be included in the five year infrastructure program so the residents in this area know the city is looking at a way to prevent the flooding.
- Mayor Collins said local mayors were also meeting with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to discuss the area flooding.

Roger Heston, 2419 Ferguson Road, was next to stand before Council to address Ordinance No. 13-29. Mr. Heston said this ordinance was unreasonable and places a severe hardship on him. If this passes it would be the second time his benefits were reduced for a value of \$15,350 during his term and a reduction in pay of over \$1,100 a month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Williams reported on the Utilities Committee of the Whole held prior to Council.

- The Committee agreed to have legislation prepared authorizing \$5,000 toward the sewer expansion project near the OSU campus. This is one-fourth the cost of the project which would be shared with OSU, Mansfield and the County.
- Lettering will not be added to the EQ basin tank.
- Currently, nothing more needs done to the funding for the I/I project.

Mr. Hairston said the Finance Committee of the Whole met prior to Council and determined they would begin meeting in September with the Mayor on the 2014 Temporary Budget.

- Revenue was up \$260,000 for the first six months of the year compared to the first six months of last year.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening where the decision was made for the City Engineer to advertise for qualifications from engineering firms to design the roadway in the Industrial Park. There is a potential tenant and this project could be done in three phases. Funding was also discussed.

Mrs. Webb said the Personnel Committee meeting held on August 7, 2013 was primarily in executive session to discuss perspective litigation.

Mr. Arnold, Mr. Gallo, and Ms. Drake had no report.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins reported the July Mayor's Court collected \$3,974.52 in past due fines, \$18,749.51 in current collections, for a total of \$22,724.03; 174 tickets were written.

The electricity in the band shell was finished and Zara will be completing the project within the next week.

Departmental budget requests for 2013 are due tomorrow and the process will begin in September.

A dedication for the Doris Carr Park is being planned prior to the next Council meeting on September 5, 2013 at the Spring Village park.

Mayor Collins and Council President Daniel Zeiter presented the following Proclamation for Charlotte Hellinger. Mrs. Hellinger was not able to attend this evening's meeting, so her son, George, came forward to receive the Proclamation and Plaque with the Key to the City. Mrs. Hellinger's daughters Ann and Jane were in the audience along with other family members. Mayor Collins declared August 16, 2013 as Charlotte Hellinger Day in the City of Ontario.

Proclamation – Charlotte Hellinger

WHEREAS, Charlotte Nussbaum graduated from Apple Creek High School in 1943, and went on to attend and graduate from Ashland University with a degree in Elementary Education in 1947 and,

WHEREAS, during WWII, while on summer break from college, she worked with her parents at the Will Burt Company in Wooster, assembling bombs for the war effort, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte met and married the late Charles K. Hellinger in 1951 and together two daughters and a son were born to them and raised here in Ontario, and

WHEREAS, the late Charles K. Hellinger served the Village as Ontario as a councilman from 1974 to 1976 prior to being elected as Mayor for three consecutive four year terms, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hellinger passed away in 1986 during his third term in office and now the building we are in tonight is named in his honor, The Charles K. Hellinger Municipal Building, and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Charlotte retired as a third grade teacher from Ontario Local Schools after 24 ½ years of teaching. To this day Charlotte recognizes and greets her former students as she has traveled about town, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte was elected to the Ontario Village Council in 1988 and has won six four year term re-election campaigns, and

WHEREAS, she has chosen to retire for a second time from public service as of July 31, 2013 after having represented the citizens of Ontario for the past twenty-five years, and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the Village of Ontario has grown from 4,100 people to a City of 6,250 people. Ontario has a strong local school system and has become the retail shopping and dining center for north central Ohio and has become a top choice for new residents, and

WHEREAS, this growth has allowed the City to stay strong in spite of the loss of the General Motors Stamping Facility. The building is currently being developed as the Ontario Business Park, which is intended to restore jobs to Ontario, and

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WHEREAS, as the senior member of the Ontario City Council, she has served with seven mayors and more than thirty fellow council members, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte's caring attitude towards Ontario and its residents provides a model of public service to those choosing to serve their community, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of your meritorious service to the City and residents of Ontario, it is my honor and privilege to present you the Key to the City and name August 16, 2013 as Charlotte Hellinger day in the City of Ontario.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.

Larry C. Collins, Mayor

MORE ABOUT THE LIFE
OF
CHARLOTTE HELLINGER

Charlotte was an accomplished seamstress and even made her own wedding dress and would often sew dresses, suits and draperies.

At one point in her life she was a 4-H Leader.

When her children were in Junior High School they wanted to snow ski so Charlotte took skiing lessons and skied with them for about two years.

At one point Charlotte dabbled at painting, particularly Tole Painting, and one of her pictures hangs today in their cottage at Middle Bass Island.

Charlotte, as we see, did a lot of different kinds of things. She and her husband owned motorcycles and they would often go on short trips together.

Charlotte has always loved cars, all the way back to her first one, a 1939 Plymouth 4-door. She had a 1957 T-Bird, a 1973 Carmen Gia Volks Wagon Bug, and most importantly a 1931 Model A, which her husband bought her and she tore down the engine, rebuilt and repaired, reupholstered and painted the car.

Charlotte also loved to fish and would do so patiently for hours. Her husband loved to fly his airplane and she would often go with him. She got her private pilot license in the mid 60's and soloed, even though it was more of insurance when they flew so she would know what to do in an emergency.

In 1978 they purchased a cottage on Middle Bass Island and her husband would fly her to the island so she could fish – a perfect combination.

Also in 1978, Bedford and Stingel Elementary Schools merged, but the teachers from the two schools had difficulty coming together, so the next summer Charlotte invited all of them, approximately 25, to their cottage at Middle Bass Island. This turned out to be a great team building exercise and brought them together and the tradition has continued the 2nd week of August for over 30 years. There are about 8 of the girls who still go.

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In 2001, Charlotte was voted Encore League Volunteer of the Year for her service at the Renaissance Theater, where she volunteered from 1988 – 2011. Not only did she usher and work the concessions stand, she delivered posters, assisted with mailings and worked in the office.

What can we say, but WHAT A LADY!

George Hellinger said for the past 39 years his parents worked to serve the citizens of Ontario. Charlotte would challenge every current and future council member to do the right thing by keeping Ontario in your heart and working diligently to represent Ontario. George said he was honored to accept the Proclamation and Key to the City for his mother, Charlotte Hellinger.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Welsh said he received a notice from the State of Employment Relations Board that the FOP filed for negotiations. Their contract expires at the end of 2013 and the earliest reopening date is August 1st. Previous discussions were to make changes to the insurance and if that is the intent then he will need to know the specific details soon. Once he is served the notice the first meeting must be held within two weeks.

Mrs. Webb scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on August 19, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Arnold made a motion for legislation to be prepared authorizing the City Engineer and Service-Safety Director to go out for bids for the repair of the Mabee Road water tower. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to allocate \$5,000 for the sewer study at the OSU Mansfield Campus in conjunction with Richland County, City of Mansfield, and OSU Mansfield. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Due to taking large portions of the farmland needed for the Industrial Park and EQ basin, Mr. Heston preferred to wait until late October to discuss the contract and rate per acre.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to authorize the City Engineer and Service-Safety Director to go out for bids for the design of the roads within the Ontario Business Park, with this becoming a three phase project. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Welsh said when the qualifications are received and evaluated, Council ranks them by legislation and negotiation is with the one deemed the most qualified. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to prepare legislation for ODOT to present to Columbus accepting their recommendation resulting from a traffic study to reduce the speed limit on Park Avenue West from 50 mph to 45 mph from Lex-Springmill to Rock Road and Rudy Road to St. Rt. 314. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Mrs. Webb asked they research the cost of changing the signage and who was responsible for payment. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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Mr. Weidemyre asked for an update on the traffic study for Lex-Springmill retiming the traffic signals. Ms. Timmer said the comments they received were for minimal changes. Walker Lake Road has been a problem due to the pedestrian phase. She has asked for a before and after to determine if they should change the light back to when it was working better but she has not received any information.

When Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Webb referred to painting the turn lanes on Walker Lake Road, Ms. Timmer said it was included in the painting contract that was bid at the end of November for 2013 and they have been waiting for the rains to stop.

- Ms. Drake said she was run off the road for the third time at the Walker Lake intersection because of the poor road markings and asked if overhead signs could be installed.
- Ms. Timmer said the existing poles lean and a double cable puts too much strain on them so it would require a major replacement. Plastic markings last ten times longer than paint but they are more expensive.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 13-29

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO RECOVER FROM THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE CITY TREASURER BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION, IF NECESSARY, THE SUM IMPROPERLY PAID TO EACH DURING EITHER 2012 OR 2013 AS HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT MONEY TO WHICH THEY WERE NOT ENTITLED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 13-29 on three separate days. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Williams, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 13-29 for the second time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-29. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Abstain by Mr. Gallo, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 13-29 was adopted.

At 7:44 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, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Daniel J. Zeiter, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council