

Regular

March 6

2014

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 6, 2014, in the City Offices, with Council President Larry Collins 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 Larry Arnold, Eddie Gallo, Jim Hairston, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, and Pamela Drake, Council President Larry Collins, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested employees and citizens were in the audience.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to excuse Mr. Chitwood from this evening's meeting. Ms. Drake seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 20, 2014 were presented for approval. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Hairston. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mayor Hutchinson invited his daughter Brandy Grove, representing Newhope Industries, to come forward to receive a Proclamation.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month March 2014

WHEREAS, more than 1,700 individuals served by Richland Newhope, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people and,

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution and,

WHEREAS, opportunities for citizens with development disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community and,

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Randy Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Ontario, do hereby proclaim March, 2014, as **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** and recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability, recognize ability at work, and see what he or she CAN do.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I (we) have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal the 6th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold reported the Mayor and Service-Safety Director reviewed the Walker Lake/Lex-Springmill intersection proposed improvements submitted by the Streets Committee and changes will be made soon to improve the flow of traffic. Also, stanchions may be used to prevent left turns into McDonalds.

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Mr. Gallo said the Parks Committee discussed the band shell updates, completion date, and the possibility of renting. Zara Construction and Pioneer will continue to work on the band shell once weather permits. The OYS Board shared their recommendations pertaining to safety and improvements to the ball fields.

Mr. Hairston scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on March 13, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the status of the city cars. He also pointed out the monthly report fluctuates because the encumbrances from the previous year could spread over several months or show up at one time.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the following:

- The developer of the extended stay hotel project scheduled for next summer has been approved by Marriott and will begin this summer. The city will need to expedite the construction of the street. Brian Cooper is working on the TIF for this project and legislation should be coming soon. The developer is also working on bringing a restaurant to this location. The same developer is going to purchase and develop the property at the corner of W. 4th Street and Home Road.
- The Westmoreland Group will attend the Planning Commission meeting next week so they can move forward at the Industrial Park. Their real estate appraiser was in town to evaluate the property.
 - The remaining two streets in the Industrial Park need named as soon as possible, please submit any suggestions.
 - RCDG and the State are considering our application for 629 funds for the Industrial Park. The numbers were submitted and if approved this could finance up to 50% of the roadway.
- Avita has been diligently working on the interior of the former Lazarus site and the project is on schedule to occupy the first floor this fall.

Mrs. Webb reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held earlier this evening pertaining to health insurance options. The discussion will continue at the Personnel Committee meeting scheduled on March 13, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Drake announced a Safety Committee meeting on March 13, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. The purpose is to discuss preparing legislation in an attempt to prevent the sale of stolen property through pawn shops.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided the following report:

- Concerts in the Park will continue this summer.
- The Mayor, Water Department Supervisor, and Water Clerk visited municipalities utilizing the Sensus and Neptune water meter reading systems. Positive feedback was received from each location.
- OGA is looking into placing a sign at St. Rt. 30 and Lex-Springmill. Mr. Hipsher and Mr. Kohler are working on this project and were given many options during their visit to Wooster. They will contact ODOT and check on funding.
- Potholes are being fixed as weather permits.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported:

- The EQ basin is fully functional and working as designed. Cosmetic finishing and the pouring of a concrete slab under the stair case will take place when weather permits.
- A traffic light actuator was purchased and installed in one of the snow plows. The street lights are currently being set for low priority emitter.
- The specs are being finalized for the water meter reading system and then they will be ready to go out for bids.

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- The city received 3,000 tons of road salt at the beginning of the year which should get them through the remainder of the season.
- The first Mansfield waste water treatment contract meeting was held last Friday. Negotiations will continue as several items still need to be addressed.
 - Legislation was passed August 1, 2013 authorizing the Service-Safety Director to go out for bids on the water meter reading system.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion authorizing the Mayor or Service-Safety Director to go out for bids to lease the city's farmland. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Don Hipsher, 582 N. Rock Road came before Council to express his appreciation to all of the city employees who were working out in the cold to make the streets safe. He saw two employees replacing a mailbox when the temperature was only 6 degrees. This is going above and beyond but is greatly appreciated.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 14 – 07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-12 BY ASSIGNING THE POSITION OF THE CLERK OF THE WATERWORKS TO WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 14-07 for the third time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-07. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-07 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-08

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 10-48 BY AMENDING THE CITY OF ONTARIO JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT TO COMPANIES WHICH RECEIVE AN OHIO JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules, Ms. Drake read Ordinance No. 14-08 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-09

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

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Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-09 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 14-09 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-09. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-09 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-11

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-11 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 14-11 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-11. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-11 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY CHECK FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO FUND THE CITY'S INDIGENT DRIVER'S INTERLOCK AND ALCOHOL MONITORING FUND AND TO SET UP A REVENUE ACCOUNT TO HOLD THOSE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-13 on three separate days. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Hairston read Ordinance No. 14-13 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-13. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-13 was adopted.

At 7:36 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. Gallo. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council