

Regular

April 17

2014

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 17, 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 Neil Chitwood, Larry Arnold, Eddie Gallo, Jim Hairston, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, and Pamela Drake, Council President Larry Collins, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Assistant Law Director Jon Burton, 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.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 3, 2014 were presented for approval. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Hairston. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gallo reported on the Parks Committee held prior to Council where they discussed suggestions submitted by the OYS Board for possible projects over the next three to five years.

- Mr. Gallo attended a meeting for the Friends of Maize Memorial Dog Park and distributed an updated proposal to Council members. Representatives of this committee have already made a presentation to Council.

Mr. Hairston said the Finance Committee met last week in conjunction with the Utilities Committee to discuss upcoming projects. Brian Cooper attended and explained funding the projects with a note so the projects could all be done this year. The projects will be sent out for bid in order to receive accurate costs for the projects. Attorney Grassbaugh was included in a conference call to explain the TIFs for the hotel project, Beer Road Industrials Park, and the student housing.

Mr. Weidemyre reported the Economic Development Committee met this evening to discuss Ordinance 14-17. A new convenience store/gas station is going to be located at Home Road and W. 4th Street but need the city's permission to install the underground storage tanks.

- The Fed Ex project is moving forward and a ground breaking ceremony will take place in the near future.
- Progress was made on the TIFs so the hotel project will begin earlier than anticipated. The city will need to be the contractor in order to use TIF funds to pay for the project. Estimates will be coming in soon for the roadway.

Mrs. Webb scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on April 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Working Ordinance and make changes that coincide with the FOP contract and to also look at the wage ordinance.

Ms. Drake informed Council members she would not be attending the next Council meeting.

Mr. Chitwood and Mr. Arnold had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided the following report:

- The cost to participate in the 2014 Richland Public Health mosquito contract is \$1,923.82.
- The Railroad is looking into allowing the city access onto their property where the Rock Road bridge was located so work can be done to improve the landscaping.

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Mayor Hutchinson invited Robert Taylor forward to receive a Proclamation in honor of his father, Cleo Taylor.

Proclamation – Cleo Taylor

WHEREAS, Cleo Taylor was a longtime resident of Ontario and Springfield Township, and

WHEREAS, Cleo was one of a small group of Springfield Township landowners who volunteered their time beginning in 1957 to incorporate eight plus square miles in the northeast section of the township into the Village of Ontario, and

WHEREAS, the main reasons for the incorporation was to secure the GM plant inside the Village and that without the annexation, Springfield Township would lose its school district, and

WHEREAS, after incorporation in a special election in June 1958, Cleo and the other five incorporators held several meetings to screen potential candidates to seek election for the nine public offices, which were Mayor, six members of council, village clerk and village treasurer, and

WHEREAS, early on, years before incorporation, Cleo served as an advisor in the organization of Springfield Township volunteer fire department, and

WHEREAS, Cleo served as an advisor for the original township zoning ordinance, which was later adopted by the new Village of Ontario government, and

WHEREAS, Cleo was deeply involved in organizing the Village Street Department, as a member of the Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, Cleo was a charter member since 1953 of the Ontario Lions Club and faithfully helped whenever he could with the club's many fund-raising events, and

WHEREAS, Cleo gave himself to public service for many years to the Springfield and Ontario schools, and

WHEREAS, Cleo was highly respected and valued in our community and Springfield Township and will be greatly missed by all, and

WHEREAS, I declare Friday April 18, 2014, as Cleo Taylor Day in the City of Ontario.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.

Randy E. Hutchinson, Mayor

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported:

- The auction was held Monday for the 44 acres of city owned farmland. The winning bid was \$150 per acre submitted by Adam Quinn and Christian Langer from Bellville. This is a \$110 per acre increase over last year's price and is a three year contract.

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- The tree limb and spring clean-up was completed earlier this week.
- Thirty-three OHS students participated in the foot patrol litter pickup on Wednesday and concentrated on four areas: both sides of Lex-Springmill from Meijer north to Buckeye Village, Sam's Club north to Walker Lake Road, and the church area on W. 4th Street by St. Rt. 30. Ninety bags of trash were collected. Mr. Wilson thanked Recreation Director Janet VanCura and Zoning Inspector Dan Herrold who volunteered their services to help with the success of this event, as well as the Police Department and Street crews. This will be an annual event and next year the focus will be on getting more businesses involved.

When Mr. Weidemyre asked if Arbor Day was going to be recognized this year as a Tree City requirement, Mayor Hutchinson said he was hopeful the trees would be planted soon at the EQ basin.

- Mr. Arnold said some of the past members were going to be notified to see if they were interested in participating in the Shade Tree Commission.
- Students from Stingel Elementary have participated in previous Arbor Day celebrations.

On behalf of OYS, Mr. Gallo commended the Mayor, Service-Safety Director and the Police Department for their quick response to implement a plan after receiving the email regarding burglaries in the parking lots at sporting events in the surrounding communities.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Burton had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Robert Zucker, 3330 Mabee Road, came before Council concerned about the upcoming painting of the water tower. The last time the tower was painted the neighborhood was splattered with paint so he requested a shield placed around the tower prior to painting.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02

(SECOND READING) A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE CLEAR FORK WATERSHED SUBDISTRICT OF THE MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 14-02 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Arnold read Resolution No. 14-02 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-02. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 14-02 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-03

URGING OHIO VOTERS TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE 1, RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, ON THE MAY 6TH 2014 BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 14-03 on three separate days. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Chitwood, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 14-03 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-03. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Chitwood, and Resolution No. 14-03 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NEGOTIATE RATES & ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 14-04 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Hairston read Resolution No. 14-04 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-04. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 14-04 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RAMATIKA MANAGEMENT, LLC TO INSTALL UNDERGROUND GASOLINE STORAGE TANKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GAS STATION IN A WELLHEAD PROTECTION ZONE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-17 on three separate days. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 14-17 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-17. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-17 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE CRESTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-18 on three separate days. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 14-18 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-18. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and Ordinance No. 14-18 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 14-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE MABEE ROAD WATER TOWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-19 on three separate days. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Ms. Drake read Ordinance No. 14-19 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-19. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-19 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE WOODBINE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-20 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Chitwood read Ordinance No. 14-20 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Chitwood made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-20. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and Ordinance No. 14-20 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14 -21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE FRIDAY LANE AND WESTLAWN DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-21 on three separate days. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 14-21 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-21. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Council members responded to Mr. Chitwood's questions:

- They need to seek bids first to receive qualified costs for all projects being considered for the note which is why some projects are coupled on the same legislation.
- This legislation allows for bidding and awarding the contracts but they still need to discuss how they are going to pay for the projects.
- The City Engineer has suggested repairing and moving the water lines on Creston and Friday Lane prior to paving to avoid making cuts across the new pavement. Woodbine has had numerous water line brakes with three in the past few months.
- This is a matter of procedure because it couldn't go out for bid unless they have a funding source. The Finance Committee discussed utilizing a note but the final decision has not been made.

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- The city has to show they secured the money for the projects but once they go out for bid they can use any alternative available source.
- All five projects will go out for bid.

Hearing no further discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-21 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE TAPPAN ROAD LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 14-22 on three separate days. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 14-22 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-22. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-22 was adopted.

At 7:41 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Drake, a second by Mr. Arnold, and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council