

Regular

June 19

2014

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 19, 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, 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.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 5, 2014 were presented for approval. Mr. Harriston made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Arnold. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Brian McConnell, Ontario Growth Corporation President, distributed a handout on Make It Ontario highlighting the advantages of living in Ontario and the current economic development. He said the communication and cooperation Mayor Hutchinson has extended to businesses, both those that are already here and to those considering our community, has been very positive. After reading a couple of testimonials from incoming businesses a short video presentation was shown. Mr. McConnell asked Council for their continued support by renewing their financial support of \$25,000 to the Ontario Growth Corporation so they can continue their efforts to grow the economy of Ontario.

- Mr. Collins asked for a financial statement so the city can see how the funding is being utilized. Mr. McConnell said a large portion of the money is used for the staff to write grants to generate more funding, contacting businesses, office supplies, and a projector for presentation.
- Mr. Arnold said he preferred to invest in an organization dedicated to Ontario instead of a conglomerate affiliation where the larger municipalities tend to receive more of the new businesses. Creating an economic development position would be more costly.
- The Finance Committee will discuss legislation and the previous OGC contract at their next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hairston scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for July 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the TIF for the Industrial Park. Brian Cooper has all of the necessary information to calculate if the TIF will generate enough revenue to construct the roadway and resurface Beer Road.

- The proposed entrance sign utilizes stone from the Rock Road bridge which will also have lighting.
- Brian Cooper will also put the campus district TIF in place for the extension of the water and sewer lines and possibly some signage.
- The TIF needs to be in place before the end of the year, especially for the campus, because the TIF is figured on the increased valuation of the housing units being built and once they are built they no longer qualify.
- A third TIF, for the Ontario Business Park, is on hold because there isn't any activity at this time. The water tower was removed this week.
- The CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) tax abatement may no longer be considered because the city wide housing study would cost \$10,000 and there is no certainty Ontario would qualify because of the valuation of houses and income. Originally this was going to be done for the hotel project but the results would not be ready for three or four months.

Mr. Weidemyre announced an Economic Development Committee meeting on July 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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In response to Mr. Chitwood's question, Mayor Hutchinson said the road specifications for the Industrial Park are higher quality and will be concrete to handle the truck traffic but Beer Road will remain asphalt.

Mrs. Webb called a Personnel Committee meeting for June 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported on the following:

- Approximately 120 attended the first concert in the park. The next concert is July 15th at 7:00 p.m. with the Caffiends playing 60's and 70's music.
- Jody Orewiler was instrumental in organizing the efforts for the completion of the Marshall Park Band Shell. He went above and beyond coordinating with Zara Construction, Pioneer Vocational School, getting inspections, and working extra hours which is all very much appreciated.
- Richland County Transit submitted a new report with their ridership numbers. This can be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.
- Other band shell activities are being considered such as karaoke, a local talent night, and a blue grass band.
- Mayor Hutchinson thanked Zara Construction for donating countless hours of labor to work on the band shell project.

Mrs. Webb asked if they have given thought to concessions during the concerts in the park. Mayor Hutchinson said he was in favor of it if it benefited OYS, 4-H, or if some of the proceeds went to paying for the bands. He will contact the Lions Club.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following report:

- The cost for the purchase and installation of the new city building spouting was \$1,016, the scrap value for the old copper spouting was \$445.50 leaving a net cost of \$570.50.
- K. E. McCartney was on site today working with surveyors and Shelley & Sands on the W. 4th Street paving project. Once inspections are completed the catch basin portion of the project will be ready to begin next week. Weekly progress meetings are scheduled every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Service Building. Minutes will be taken at each meeting.
- The Mabee Road Water Tower painting project was awarded to M. K. Painting Inc. from Wyandotte, Michigan in the amount of \$341,000. This includes painting the outside. The project will begin in September.
- The Urwin Parkway project bid was advertised. The pre-bid meeting is June 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Service Building with bid openings on July 11th. After the bid opening Council will be asked for approval to award the bid.

Mr. Gallo asked if safety precautions were going to be taken during the painting of the water tower to prevent over-spraying onto neighboring property. Mr. Wilsons said they can't use a tarp because the dust from the tarp would get into the paint but they do have other methods to control the over-spray.

Mr. Weidemyre asked if the Zoning Inspector needed more support to enforce the legislation regulating the height of grass to get property owners in compliance. Mr. Wilson responded the Zoning Inspector does a very good job, is very thorough, and they are there to support him. Mayor Hutchinson said there is a problem getting notices served so the police is going to work with the Zoning Inspector.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Arnold made a motion to cancel the July 3, 2014 Council meeting due to 4th of July festivities in Ontario. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:45 p.m., Mr. Collins opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2015 tax budget for the City of Ontario. There were no signatures on the sign-in sheet. After calling three times and hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 14-26**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCES 08-08, 10-27, 10-42, 11-10, 11-19, 11-34, AND 14-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 14-26 for the third time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-26, as amended. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Chitwood, and Ordinance No. 14-26 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-27

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE BY CREATING A WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN BY ESTABLISHING TWO OVERLAY ZONES WHICH WILL PROHIBIT CERTAIN USES AND REGULATE OTHER USES IN AREAS NEAR THE CITY WATER WELLS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 98-35, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 14-27 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-27. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 14-27 was adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-07

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 14-07 on three separate days. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Hairston read Resolution No. 14-07 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-07. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 14-07 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO
AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE REMOTE WATER METER READING
SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Webb made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 14-08 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. Ms. Drake read Resolution No. 14-08 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-08. Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Mr. Collins explained this was approved by motion during the last meeting and this was putting it into legislative format. Six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and Resolution No. 14-08 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-28

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 14-25, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules for three separate readings, Mr. Chitwood read Ordinance No. 14-28 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:36 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Gallo, a second by Mr. Chitwood, and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council