

Regular

December 4,

2014

Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 4, 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, 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.

Ms. Drake made a motion to excuse Mrs. Webb from this evening's meeting. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Five members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Collins explained due to the resignation of Neil Chitwood they are now a Council of six members which changes the voting number requirements.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Chitwood. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 20, 2014 were presented for approval. Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Ms. Drake. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Hairston and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the Utilities Committee meeting held earlier this evening where the discussion focused on the sewer contract with Mansfield. The Mayor has several options to research.

Mr. Weidemyre reported for the Economic Development Committee:

- The grand opening of Avita Health Systems is tomorrow afternoon. A special ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m. with public tours beginning at 5:30 p.m. They have exceeded the anticipated number of employees expected by year end.
- The extended stay hotel property on Ferguson Road is underway and is currently being excavated.
- Today was the official opening of Urwin Parkway in honor of former Mayor Bob Urwin who was responsible for spearheading the retail development in Ontario. The family was presented with an Urwin Parkway street sign.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Next fall ODOT will put up new signage on Route 30 at both the east and west Ontario ramps informing motorists it is the 4th Street, Crestline and Ontario exit.
- The Christmas Tree lighting will take place Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be in the Community Room and carriage rides will be offered.
- Ontario Growth Association will sponsor a city tree lighting contest. The winner will receive an Outback gift card. Details will be in the Tribune next week.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

Water Line Project. New water lines were installed on Woodbine Drive. The lines were filled with water today and after the pressure testing is done next week the lines will be cut for taps. The project will then move to Friday Lane. Temporary repairs will be made to the roadways, driveways and yards with completion in the spring.

Water Meter Project. This project is on schedule with less than 50 residential and 35 businesses still needing new meters. Representatives from HD Supply will continue to work with PMI to complete the installations. The first readings will be taken at the end of this quarter.

Salt and Grit. A 2:1 ratio of grit and salt is being used for roadways. Approximately 200 tons of salt has been used and 220 of the 530 tons of the secured supply has been delivered. Grit is being purchased on an as-needed basis.

Mr. Wilson and the Mayor met with the ODOT District 3 Director Allen Biehl to discuss the salt situation and the possibility of Ontario participating on the State Term Contract next year. This would allow the city to participate with a larger buying consortium in the event the salt situation doesn't get any better.

In response to Mr. Weidemyre's question, Mr. Wilson said the decision was made to continue using ductile pipe for the waterline project.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brian McConnell, representing the Ontario Growth Corporation, came before Council to present their three month report. Copies of the Income Statement ending November 30, 2014 was circulated to Council members. Mr. McConnell recapped their efforts by stating OGC assisted in bringing new businesses to Ontario such as Fed Ex, the extended stay hotel that just had their ground breaking, and Avita Health Systems. There are 141 new jobs in Ontario. Half of the new positions at Avita are bringing employees from outside the area which will have a huge impact on local taxes.

- OGC is receiving many direct contacts from perspective businesses.
- The Campus District is wanting to grow and they are working with neighboring cities, Mansfield, Shelby and the Commissioners to make that happen for the good of the whole community.
- OGC is working with ODOT on a Sign Project to give Ontario more recognition on West 4th Street. They are also working with the school on plans for a nice entrance ramp on both sides of the city to give people a better awareness that they are entering Ontario.

Ms. Drake asked for a better explanation of the financial documentation based on the report which shows expenditures from the city's \$25,000 contribution. The report was showing the year end numbers and not the beginning figures. Mr. McConnell said their fiscal year began in July but they are changing that to January and would like the funding to be adjusted to January as well. They keep the city funds in a separate account so they can see exactly how the money is being used. Ms. Drake thought this was going to be a full business report showing income/expenses but it does not include all funds, only those of the city.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control submitted a new liquor license application for Ninja, a Japanese Steakhouse, to be located at the old Chi Chi's building on W. 4th Street. Hearing no objections, the form will be submitted and no hearing requested.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Hearing no one who wished to speak Public Commentary was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 14 – 63

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO DEERFIELD ROAD AND YEAGER DRIVE SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 14-63 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-63. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, three members cast their votes Aye, two Nays by Mr. Gallo and Mr. Weidemyre and Ordinance No. 14-63 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-65

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1145.11 FENCES AND WALLS AND SECTION 521.07 FENCES BY ADDING PROVISIONS FOR ELECTRIC SECURITY FENCES AS A TYPE OF FENCE ALLOWED TO BE INSTALLED IN AREAS ZONED IN THE CITY FOR INDUSTRIAL USE TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRIC SECURITY FENCES.

Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 14-65 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-67

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Mr. Hairston read Ordinance No. 14-67 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-68

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.11, HUNTING PROHIBITED, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY TO ALLOW FOR IN SEASON BOW HUNTING WITH THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL AND REPEALING ORDINANCES 01-19, 11-12, AND 11-48.

Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 14-68 for the first time, by title only.

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At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Gallo with a second by Mr. Hairston, and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council