

## Regular

April 16,

2015

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 16, 2015, 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 Ken Earhart, Larry Arnold, Eddie Gallo, Mark Weidemyre, Jim Hairston, Pamela Drake, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger, Treasurer Barb Crider and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Ms. Drake made a motion to excuse Michele Webb from this evening's meeting. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 2, 2015 were presented for approval. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Ms. Drake. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Hairston and the motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold reported the Personnel Committee meeting held earlier this evening was done so in executive session.

Mr. Arnold scheduled a Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting on May 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Gallo announced a Parks Committee on April 21, 2015 at 5:30 where there will be a presentation given by local citizens.

Mr. Gallo reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held yesterday.

- The Committee discussed the sale of city property at the Business Park. The supporting ordinance is on this evening's agenda.
- Discussion took place on procuring marketing material to set up booths at future conventions the Mayor and OGC member Mr. Weidemyre would be attending to promote the benefits of Ontario.
- The Treasurer received communication from a local hotel inquiring if the city had an established policy for government guests to receive an occupancy tax exemption. The ordinance verifies the exemption so a city form will be created and provided for those with applicable status.

Mr. Weidemyre said the Streets and Finance Committees met in a combined meeting yesterday. He then deferred to Mrs. Hellinger to explain the appropriation changes.

- The Rock Road EQ basin project began in 2012. The accountant pointed out the expenditures were paid from the 408 Capital Improvement account but because this was a sewer project the revenue and expenses need moved from the 408 to the 502 account. The combined OPWC grant and loan equaled approximately one half-million dollars.
- The Mabee Road Water Tower expenditures were paid from the 408 Capital Improvement account, because this was a water project the funds need moved to the 501 account.
- The Mabee Road Waterline Replacement project falls into the same scenario of needing moved from the 408 to the 501 account.
- Six line items, Rock Road EQ basin, EPA I/I, Water and Sewer lines, Storm Sewer and Storm Water Management are current line items within the 408 account that need the appropriations moved to the proper Enterprise funds.

Mr. Weidemyre continued with the Finance and Streets Committee report.

- The hiring of three summer help employees was approved.
- TIF funds would be used for the sidewalk project along Ferguson and Lex-Springmill Road.

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- Mr. Weidemyre rode with the Mayor, Service-Safety Director and Street Foreman observing Park Avenue West and Lex-Springmill Road. Park Avenue West was not on ODOT's five year plan and there are several large potholes causing safety concerns.
  - Mayor Hutchinson said the plan was to mill out two inches and fill with asphalt.
  - The funds appropriated for paving Whitney Avenue would be used to patch Whitney and make improvements on Lex-Springmill.

Mr. Gallo said the decision was made to reimburse the Mayor's Sundry \$500 for his expenses to Washington D.C. Mrs. Hellinger said she would move the expenses from the Mayor's Sundry to Economic Development so legislation would not be necessary since the funding would not change.

Ms. Drake made a motion for the Law Director to prepare legislation authorizing the donation of unrepairable radar units to North Central State College Police Academy and an unneeded seized ticket tumbler to the Richland County Fairgrounds. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Earhart and Mr. Hairston had no report.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson had no report.

#### **SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilson provided the following information.

Tappan Park. The lift station is complete with the generator start-up scheduled for next Tuesday. Once all tests are passed the lift station will begin operation on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ferguson Road. The bases for the mast arms are installed at all four corners of the intersection. There is a 14 -16 week lead time for the mast arms so they should arrive by the end of the project. Directional drilling was completed today for the four bases. Materials, such as pipe for sewer/ water lines and catch basins, are on site so changes in that area will be noticeable in the near future.

Spring Clean-up. The city will begin limb and stick pick-up beginning Monday and continue through Friday. All debris should be placed at the curb by Monday to assure pick-up. At least 30 students from Ontario High School will participate in litter pick-up next Wednesday. Meijer and the Bell Store employees have joined in this effort. Reilly Sweeping will begin street sweeping as early as next week.

Friday Lane/Creston/Woodbine Repairs. Weather permitting, Elite will begin yard and driveway repairs the week of April 27<sup>th</sup> with completion of this project by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Recent Storm Feedback. After the recent heavy rains last week the retention ponds, creeks, storms drains and anything impacted by rain events was checked. All systems were working as designed with the most noticeable improvement in the Pearl Street area where the changes made last summer handled the extremely heavy flow without any issues.

Mr. Weidemyre said the delay in accessing the land for the Ferguson Road/Lex-Springmill intersection improvement was due to the holding company but Cheddars is in favor of the changes. Mayor Hutchinson said he sent letters to all parties involved to encourage progressing with this project.

Mr. Earhart said the city employees working on the sidewalk clean-up and brushing the streets are doing a great job and working hard. It is greatly appreciated.

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**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

House Bill 64 has decreased funding to Ontario Local Schools by \$47,000 per year over the next two years.

- Mr. Arnold asked residents to support our schools by contacting State government officials and he has email addresses available for anyone interested. All other surrounding school districts received an increase in funding. Open enrollment was initiated to assist with expenditures but that number is nearly at the maximum. Ontario is considered a rich city and based on the state formula the amount given to the school was reduced.
- Mr. Weidemyre said the State feels Ontario has the ability to pass a levy and part of the money was redirected to other districts. Initially an increase was budgeted but was later reduced.
- Mr. Gallo said on February 4<sup>th</sup> the database showed Ontario was scheduled to receive a \$1.8% increase in funding for 2016 and 2017 of over \$70,000, now Ontario is the only district in Richland County to have a decrease. He encourage everyone to contact their representatives by phone or email.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Jim Askey, 2346 Deerfield Lane, came before Council to express his appreciation for the notification he received of the water line break in the neighboring condo. The owners of that condo are away for the winter and had the leak gone undetected he would have also received water damage. The Water Clerk, Connie Gleisinger, was able to detect the leak due to the new water system software. Mr. Askey and the owners of the other unit were very grateful of the notification. Mr. Askey praised Mrs. Gleisinger for her ability to make him aware of the leak and said she was very gracious on the phone. He met with her in the office and she was able to explain how the new system monitors the water usage.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. 15-04**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 157.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY BY CHANGING THE ALLOCATION OF INTEREST EARNED ON CITY DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS SO AS TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN O.R.C. §135.21 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 05-14.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-04 on three separate days, Mr. Arnold read Resolution No. 15-04 for the first time, by title only.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-05**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY'S 2015 INFILTRATION AND INFLOW PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution

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No. 15-05 on three separate days. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 15-05 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-05. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 15-05 was adopted.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 15-15

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT WITH HANDS ENTERPRISES OF RICHLAND COUNTY, LTD. AS BUYER FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOT #3381 IN THE BEER ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 15-15 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. Hairston read Ordinance No. 15-15 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-15. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 15-15 was adopted.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 15-16

AN ORDINANCE RENEWING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS CITY AND ONTARIO GROWTH CORPORATION, INC. ON THE SAME TERMS AS THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 15-16 on three separate days. Mr. Earhart seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 15-16 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-16. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Weidemyre and Ordinance No. 15-16 was adopted.

At 7:39 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre with a second by Mr. Arnold and the motion passed unanimously.

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Larry C. Collins, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council