

Regular

May 7,

2015

Ontario City Council met in regular session on May 7, 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, Jim Hairston, Michele Webb, Pamela Drake, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger, Treasurer Barb Crider, Chief Rodney Smith, Recreation Director Janet VanCura and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to excuse Mark Weidemyre from this evening's meeting. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 16, 2015 were presented for approval. Ms. Drake 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gallo reported on the recent Parks Committee meeting where a presentation was given promoting disc golf in the Marshall Park walking trail area. Committee members agreed to ask the Law Director to prepare legislation approving this concept. Initially a small amount of funding may need to be provided, possibly from the Parks line item, to get the project started as the group continues seeking sponsorship.

- The location would be limited to the walking trail and perimeter of the wooded area. It would not interfere with the master plan for the park.
- Disc golf would be closed during cross county meets and other events.

Ms. Drake reported that earlier this evening a Utilities Committee meeting was held in executive session and Mayor Hutchinson provided updates on the Mansfield sewer contract negotiations. Suggestions were made on how to proceed.

Ms. Drake made a motion authorizing the Mayor to present a counter-proposal to the City of Mansfield on behalf of the City of Ontario relevant to the negotiations of the sewer contract. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Earhart, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Webb and Mr. Hairston had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported on two items.

- Ontario received the 2014 Tree City certification.
- Last week he presented a Proclamation for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program where four volunteers are over 90 years old. There are a lot of good volunteers in Richland County.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following information.

Industrial Park Entrance Sign: Plans are underway to begin the construction of the Industrial Park signs. Elite Excavating will coordinate with Tim Alexander of Alexander Associates Architect when preparing the area to construct the signage. Preliminary drawings were distributed.

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Street Sweeping: The street sweeping is nearly completed with only a few side streets remaining. Most of the grit that was used to provide safe roads this winter was removed. All city sidewalks were cleaned.

Friday/Creston/Woodbine Repairs: All concrete driveway repairs on Friday Lane and Woodbine are finished, Creston will be completed early next week, and asphalt driveways will be repaired within the next couple of weeks. Grading and seeding are underway and should be done by the end of next week.

Walker Lake/Lex-Springmill Intersection: Arrangements are made to have the intersection of Lex-Springmill and Walker Lake Road re-painted with lane markings north of Walker Lake Road. This project will help identify the lane shift through that area. Due to the high level of traffic and unique design the paint does not hold from year to year so future plans are to paint this intersection both in the spring and fall.

2015 Street Paving: There is not a firm date when street paving will begin because the focus is on obtaining quotes for the repair work on Lex-Springmill from W. 4th Street north to Meijer and on Park Avenue West from Home Rd. to Lex-Springmill. Hopefully this will happen next week and the repair work could begin before the paving project.

Mr. Wilson responded to questions:

- Mrs. Webb asked why some homeowners on Woodbine received larger concrete repairs at the end of their driveways than others. Mr. Wilson said Elite Excavating did preconstruction videos and if there was additional damage, such as from the heavy equipment, more repair was needed.
- Mrs. Webb said some yards have ruts from the equipment that aren't noticeable until they mow. Mr. Wilson said before they sign off on the project there will be a final inspection. Elite is an extremely good company to work with and they will take care of any issues. Homeowners can contact the Service-Safety Director or Elite Excavating.
- Mr. Gallo thanked Mr. Wilson for the efforts of the litter pick-up project with the school. Several businesses in the Walker-Lake/Lex-Springmill area also participated.
- Mr. Gallo asked if the lane markers in the Walker Lake Road/Lex-Springmill intersection were going to be painted solid lines up to the Meijer gas station entrance to assist with traffic safety. Mr. Wilson said extending the painted line was not part of their discussion this morning but they would include that in their plans.
- Mr. Gallo would like more discussion pertaining to the design of the Industrial Park entrance signs. Mr. Wilson same the material used for the sign practically has a lifetime guarantee.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. VanCura presented the following report.

Lifeguard Certification Class. There are currently five students registered for this class that is scheduled June 1 – 5. This class is free to students in exchange for paid lifeguarding during the year for Family Swim and Summer Recreation. Daily attendance is mandatory.

Summer Recreation. Registration has begun for this program that is being offered June 8 – 11 and June 15 – 18. Hiring of high school students is complete and their orientation is May 19 and 20. Spherion is handling the payroll for all Summer Rec employees. Ontario is the only community offering this type of program. Mrs. VanCura thanked Council members for their continuing support.

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Swim Lessons. Immediately following Summer Recreation there will be a swim lessons class for 25 children each week. The Ontario Middle School swim coach will supervise the lessons with help from the high school swimmers.

Mrs. VanCura researched Mr. Earhart's question about offering adult swim lessons. One couple responded to the notice she placed in the Tribune. She contacted the YMCA and Friendly House and learned classes were very expensive when they were offered. The Ontario Recreation Board discussed adult swim lessons and felt the adults wouldn't want to be in the pool with kids, it would be difficult to find life guards, and finding additional pool time would be difficult.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mrs. Webb made a motion in compliance with Ordinance 13-07 for permission to allow the Chief to apply for a grant in reference to the U.S. Department of Justice bullet-proof vest partnership. This grant gives the department a 50% match on vests for the officers. Vest costs are \$400 - \$600 each. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Collins read the following Notice of Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at the Ontario Charles K. and Charlotte M. Hellinger Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend the following sections of the City Zoning Ordinances:

Chapter 1145 General Provisions

Chapter 1146 Signs

Chapter 1149 Administration and Enforcement

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of the changes.

All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Barry Lewis, 2070 Princeton Street, came before Council to express his displeasure of the work being done on the yards after the street work was completed. The top soil was not good and there are clumps of dirt everywhere that are covered with straw. Equipment was parked along his yard and without having to ask, the company did come back and put top soil and straw over the ruts, but overall the repairs were not done well.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, was next to approach Council to ask if exterior lighting was included in the Public Hearing announcement. Mayor Hutchinson responded that it was included and was addressed during Planning Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04

(SECOND READING) 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE SELECTIVE HARVEST OF TREES IN THE BEER ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-06 on three separate days, Mr. Arnold read Resolution No. 15-06 for the first time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING SIDEWALKS ON FERGUSON ROAD AND LEXINGTON-SPRINGMILL ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-07 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 Resolution No. 15-07 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-07. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 15-07 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DISCARD TWO (2) UNREPAIRABLE PYTHON RADAR UNITS, TO DONATE FOUR (4) UNREPAIRABLE PYTHON RADAR UNITS TO NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY, AND TO DONATE AN UNNEEDED POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED TICKET TUMBLER THAT HAS BEEN RELEASED BY THE COURT TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-08 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 Resolution No. 15-08 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Hairston made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-08. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 15-08 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT PROGRAM FOR THE AWARD OF ROAD SALT NEEDED DURING 2015 AND 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-09 on three separate days. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye,

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zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Webb read Resolution No. 15-09 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-09. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 15-09 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-10

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND PROTECTING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-10 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. Ms. Drake read Resolution No. 15-10 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-10. Ms. Webb seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 15-10 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SIGN A PURCHASE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMMUNICATIONS AND OFFICER MANAGEMENT SUITE SOFTWARE PACKAGE FROM SUNDANCE SYSTEMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 15-17 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. Earhart read Ordinance No. 15-17 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-17. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 15-17 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF ALL CITY PARKS REPEALING ORDINANCE 12-22.

Ms. Webb made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 15-18 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. Arnold read Ordinance No. 15-18 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-18. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 15-18 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 15-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-09 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2015 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

Ms. Drake made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 15-19 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. Gallo read Ordinance No. 15-19 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-19. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 15-19 was adopted.

At 7:37 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Drake with a second by Mr. Arnold and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council