

Regular

July 16

2015

Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 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 Larry Arnold, Eddie Gallo, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, Pamela Drake, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Assistant Law Director John Studenmund, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger, Treasurer Barbara Crider and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to excuse Ken Earhart from this evening's meeting with a second by Mr. Gallo. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to excuse Jim Hairston from this evening's meeting with a second by Mr. Arnold. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold scheduled a Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting on July 29, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in executive session.

Mr. Gallo said the Dog Walk fence fund raiser at Marshall Park was rescheduled for this Saturday, July 18th, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Weidemyre said he and the Mayor met with a company expressing interest in locating at the Ontario Business Park.

Ms. Drake reported the Utilities Committee recommended preparing legislation implementing a 15% sewer rate increase effective until January 2016, at which time an additional 15% increase will take effect.

Ms. Drake scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on July 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Webb announced a Safety Committee meeting on July 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Concerts in the Park featuring the Caffiends is rescheduled for next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. On July 28th a band specializing in 50's – 70's music will perform.
- The Rock Road land auction was held with the winning bidder offering \$20,000 which was above the minimum required. The buyer pays closing costs. Land sales are deposited into the Economic Development revenue account.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported on the following items:

Street Painting. After three nights of rain delays the Lex-Springmill lane painting began last night. All work should be completed by tomorrow.

I & I Project. This year's project is the re-lining of the sewer lines on Park Avenue West from Rock Road to Allen Drive. Beginning next Monday the laterals will be identified and cleaned. This project should be completed in a week.

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EQ Basin. Sunday's 1.3" of rain caused 4.8' of water to collect in the basin. Tuesday's 1.5" of rain added 10' of water. Although similar amounts of rainfall the ground pressure, saturation and intensity of the storm affected the results. At 53,000 gallons of water per foot that equates to 784,400 gallons. The investment to redo Tappan Park paid off, otherwise, the additional flow would have raised the basin level to 19' which is close to capacity. Since Tuesday 7' of water (370,000 gallons) has been released.

Sidewalk Project. This project will begin at the end of the month on the north end so the sidewalks from Buckeye Village to the shopping area will be ready for the beginning of the school year.

Mayor Hutchinson invited Council members to the meeting with Poggemeyer Design Group on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Once the contract is finalized they will review the I/I concerns and available options.

Mr. Gallo thanked Mr. Wilson for getting the work done at the Walker Lake/Lex-Springmill Road intersection. Most of the items that were addressed a year ago have been completed. He would like to look into the possibility of obtaining a grant to create a double turn-lane onto St. Rt. 30 West to eliminate the traffic back-up, especially during the holiday shopping season.

Mr. Arnold received a call from a resident in the Shangri-La subdivision pertaining to the no parking signs recently installed. Mayor Hutchinson said he made the decision to put up the signs prior to the 4th of July weekend based on complaints about street parking. The no parking on one side of the street was for safety concerns, to ensure fire trucks could get through in case of an emergency, and to prevent another minor incident from happening due to limited visibility when parking was on both sides of the street. The Fire Department did determine they only need the extra room at the street corners so most of the signs have been removed.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Studenmund had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Calling twice and seeing no one who wished to speak, Mr. Collins closed the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:24 p.m., Mr. Collins opened the Public Hearing for the 2016 Tax Budget. Seeing no signatures on the sign-in sheet and calling twice for anyone who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-13

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold read Resolution No. 15-13 for the first time, by title only.

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ORDINANCE NO. 15-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 15-09 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2015 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 15-32 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-33

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 15-33 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Collins said an extension was requested for the Tax Budget. If the extension does not meet with the current meeting schedule then a special Council meeting would be called to pass the legislation.

At 7:27 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 Ms. Drake and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council