

## Regular

October 1,

2015

Ontario City Council met in regular session on October 1, 2015, in the City Offices, with Council President Larry Collins presiding. The meeting opened at 7:05 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, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, Pamela Dykes, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger, Treasurer Barbara Crider and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 17, 2015 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre moved to approve the minutes with a second by Mrs. Dykes. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Former Councilman Joseph Cinadr was invited forward to present information on the upcoming Public Health levy. Also in the audience was his wife, Barbara, who was appointed by the city as a member of the Richland County Board of Health. Mr. Cinadr said the renewal levy will be on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot and is the same millage that passed in 2005, costing the \$100,000 homeowner approximately \$32 per year and raises \$1.6 million. The goal is to provide a safe community for all residents and in order to continue this levy is vitally important. Mr. Cinadr provided handouts with the flu shot schedule and the available public health screenings.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold encouraged everyone to participate in the Richland Public Health flu shot clinics.

Parks Committee Chairman Mr. Gallo reported on the following:

- Mr. Gallo and Mr. Wilson met with OYS representatives at Stowell Park to discuss drainage improvement plans in preparation for the spring season. OYS will purchase the material and asked that city employees assist with spreading the cover.
- The Dog Park Committee has raised the funds needed to purchase the perimeter fence which will be erected this month. The fence company has donated the labor to install the fence.
- A Parks Committee meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

When Mr. Weidemyre asked if OYS looked into the possible donation of the former GM parking lot lights for the Marshall Park ballfields, Mr. Gallo said OYS was interested but they are cautious until they know if there are any extensive costs involved in transporting or installing the lights.

Mr. Hairston said the Finance Committee met last week for the first discussion pertaining to the 2016 temporary budget. Some items have been removed from the budget and the next meeting will be with the Finance Committee of the Whole on October 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Now that September is completed Mr. Hairston will review the revenue forecast.

Mrs. Dykes reported on the Utilities Committee meeting where they discussed billing and policies for late payments. Committee members also discussed areas for improvement, updating the manual, the Rock Road I/I project and videotaping the 21" and 24" sewer lines from Home Road to W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street which handles 67% of the flow.

Mrs. Dykes presented a resident's request to install water and sewer lines to a building on their property. This request was made previously but was declined because the city can't install utilities on private property for one person without being obligated to others. This property was originally sold without utilities.

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Mrs. Dykes moved to decline the request for the installation and implementation of water and sewer at the address on Jaclyn and Ferguson to be fair and equitable to every citizen. Mr. Earhart seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Dykes will notify the property owners of the decision.

Mr. Earhart, Mr. Weidemyre and Mrs. Webb had no report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson said flu shots will be given at the Municipal Building on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This is a nice service provided by Richland Public Health.

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

Mr. Wilson provided the following report.

- Crack sealing is over half completed on W. 4th Street from Route 314 to Home Road. Friday Lane, Westlawn Drive and Creston Road have been sealed. More spot patching will be done before winter.
- The sidewalk project is finished and the final inspection was Tuesday. JS Concrete will repair the stress cracks and remove the wind-block shields once grass begins to grow.
- The lift station upgrade project for Elizabeth Avenue and Shangri-La is completed. Both stations are running as designed with no issues. Final inspection won't take place until the new stations run for a couple of weeks.
- New traffic signals are installed at Ferguson Road but they have not been activated. Paving on both sides of Lex-Springmill begins today and should be completed by early next week. The sidewalks for this part of the project are almost finished and once the paving and lane markings are painted the lights will be turned on.
- Patching on Stumbo Road was done today.

Mr. Arnold complimented the construction company working in the Ferguson Road area for the manner in which they are maintaining their work area.

Mr. Gallo said the fill area was not level from the water line break on Spring Village and Victoria and asked that it is checked.

### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

The Ontario Growth Corporation quarterly financial report was distributed for review.

- Mr. Collins expressed his appreciation to the Board for furnishing the report and the work they do in the city.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked Council to look at the location of the stop sign on Pearl Street at Park Avenue West. The parking lot for the pizza shop and Pearl Street blend together and motorist turning left onto Pearl hit the stop sign because it is difficult to tell the parking area from the street. Perhaps the stop sign could be changed for better visibility.

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**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

## RESOLUTION NO. 15-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-15 on three separate days. Mrs. Dykes seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 15-15 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-15. Mrs. Dykes seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 15-15 was adopted.

Information was shared about Ontario students Cameron Friend and Bronson Radebaugh who are battling cancer. Community support can be offered through Facebook Hospitality Warriors and Go Fund Me.

At 7:29 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 Mrs. Dykes and the motion passed unanimously.

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Larry C. Collins, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council