

Regular

January 22,

2015

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 22, 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, 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.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 8, 2015 were presented for approval. Mr. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold reported the Personnel Committee of the Whole met earlier this evening due to an employee's request relating to health insurance and the spousal carve-out. Committee members convened into executive session and the employee will receive their decision soon.

Mr. Arnold announced a Personnel Committee meeting on January 28, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. to begin discussions pertaining to employee benefits.

Mr. Hairston scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on February 2, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. to review the 2015 permanent appropriations.

Mr. Weidemyre said the Streets Committee of the Whole met prior to Council. The purpose of the meeting was to allow a developer to present his request encouraging the city to accept two streets that were built several years ago. Mr. Weidemyre said there would be a Streets Committee meeting on January 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to continue the discussion.

Mr. Earhart, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. Webb and Ms. Drake had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Paperwork for the CRA project was submitted to our facilitator who will file it with the State.
- There were several pages of water leaks generated from the new water meter system. The Water Clerk has been contacting those citizens alerting them of their water leak. The feedback they have received on this new procedure has been very positive.

Mayor Hutchinson read his State of the City Address in its entirety:

STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Randy E. Hutchinson

In looking back at 2014, the City of Ontario can be very proud of what was accomplished.

First I want to thank the members of Ontario City Council. Since coming into office in January Director Jeff Wilson and I have enjoyed a great working relationship with council. With communication and teamwork we have been able to accomplish a lot in 2014.

The Ontario Division of Police responded to nearly 12, 000 calls for service in 2014. Of the 8 major crime types, we saw a reduction in 4 and an increase in only 2. The Division is continuing the CALEA Accreditation Process. All of the new and updated policies were

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written and they hope to complete the process in 2016. This is a very large project and normally takes several years to complete.

Ontario Mayor's Court heard a total of 1536 charges of which 38 were alcohol related driving charges. There were a total of 149 cases transferred to Mansfield Municipal Court, of which 43 alcohol related driving charges. The Clerk of Courts continues to collect past due fines. A total of \$277,334.22 in fines was collected in 2014.

I would like to recognize all of the employees that work for the City. We have a quality work force, which keeps our City running smoothly, safe and clean.

I want to thank all of the citizens that worked on the 4th of July Celebration. Having been a part of the committee this year I saw first-hand that this small group of citizens work very hard to put on this great event. We had great weather this year, which was reflected in the large turnout. The vendors commented that they had their best year ever. Even though it was chilly on the 3rd, there was still a good turnout for the Ontario Growth Association event. If anyone wishes to volunteer to help on the 4th of July committee please contact me. I look forward to working with the committee this year.

Janet VanCura, our Recreation Director continues to put on activities all year long for the citizens. Family swim night, Easter egg hunt, summer recreation and honking & hauling trucks are just a few of the great programs she coordinates.

We were able to make several improvements to our infrastructure in 2014. With Assistance from ODOT we were able to pave and make other improvements to West Fourth Street. Our new industrial park road was completed and dedicated to former Mayor Robert Urwin. Some of the other projects completed were a new water meter reading system, refurbishing the Mabee Road Water Tower, new water lines on Friday Lane, Woodbine Drive and Creston Road, resurfacing of the roadway under the railroad bridge on Park Avenue West.

Buckeye Village, which is new student housing opened this summer and houses students for The Ohio State University and North Central State College. Local leaders have been working together all year on forming a Campus District. The area has potential for development of over 175 acres, since a property owner wishes to install sewer lines. The campus district will coordinate well with the new main entrance for OSU and NCSC that is in the design phase. It has been a pleasure working with both administrations of OSU and NCSC.

We had a very productive year for business growth. Avita held their grand opening in December. They did an amazing job in transforming the old Lazarus building into a state of the art facility. MedCentral Ohio Health completed a new imaging center at their Wellness Complex on West Fourth Street. We held a groundbreaking at FedEx and Town place Suites Extended Stay Hotel on Ferguson Road. We also held grand openings at several new businesses.

We were able to hold four concerts in the park, which featured the Caffiends, DeVault Ridge Band, Rib Ticklers, and Project 116. The band shell was completed in early spring. I can't thank Zara Construction enough for all the time they donated to make the band shell a reality. The Ontario Growth Association was a huge help all year, by handling all the fund raising. They collected money and services from local businesses to pay for the bands.

We were able to hold several events that help promote Ontario as a great place to live. In April we held our first annual Litter Clean Up day, picking up litter in several areas in the City. During the summer we held a beautification contest with winners in business and residential categories. In December we held a residential Christmas Light contest. We look forward to continuing these events in 2015.

My Service Safety Director, Jeff Wilson, and I look forward to working with Council in 2015.

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Ontario has a very promising future. I believe that the City will see great growth. With all the new growth we witnessed in 2014 it shows that Ontario is a great place to locate and raise a family. Ontario has a Strong Past and a Bright Future.

In closing I encourage the Citizens of Ontario to use Ontario as their address. We need to be proud of our community and to reflect this by using Ontario as your mailing address.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following project updates:

Cemetery Report. There were six burials last year, two on the weekend. The city received \$2,275 for those burials which was an average of \$379.17 per burial.

- A total of 26 lots were sold for \$5,280, an average of \$203.08 per lot. There are 592 lots available.
- There were 11 foundation layouts which are required when setting or changing headstones. The 1 to 1 ½ hours of labor per each layout was at no charge but they may want to consider incorporating a fee into the rate structure of cemetery services.

Salt Availability. This year the city contracted with Detroit Salt for 750 tons of salt. They now have a surplus of salt available. 338 tons remain from our original allocation and hopefully the price will reduce when the time comes to purchase salt from their surplus.

Electric At Industrial Park. All of the lines are installed and the trenches are filled in. Jim Henry confirmed FedEx should have full electrical service tomorrow after their transformer is installed.

Mr. Wilson responded to questions:

- The salt price would not change for the original contracted amount but it may be reduced when salt is purchased from the surplus supply.
- The salt is mixed 2:1 with grit.
- The water meter installation is almost complete with approximately 20 units remaining. Some are businesses with multiple meters.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND DRAFTING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Drake made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-17. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the

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motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 14-17 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 15-01 on three separate days. Hearing no second, Mrs. Webb read Resolution No. 15-01 for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ELIZABETH ROAD AND SHANGRI LA LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings, Mr. Weidemyre read Resolution No. 15-02 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 15 – 05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, REPEALING ORDINANCES 97-9, 01-51, 06-03, 08-05, 09-17 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 15-05 on three separate days. Ms. Drake seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Hairston read Ordinance No. 15-05 for the second time, by title only.

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

At 7:24 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Arnold with a second by Mr. Hairston and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council