

Regular

February 4,

2016

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 4, 2016, 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, Dan Zeiter, Mark Weidemyre, Michele Webb, Leo Hess, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 21, 2016 were presented for approval. Mr. Zeiter moved to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Gallo. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The Modern Woodmen of America Junior Service Club came forward. Kasey Rader explained the twelve member club, all under the age of 13, provides community service projects around the area and they have selected Janet VanCura to receive the Hometown Hero award for her role as the Ontario Recreation Director and the work she provides for the children and families of the community. The club will also make a donation to a local charity of her choice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter reported on the Finance Committee meeting held prior to Council where they discussed the 2016 permanent budget. A few minor changes were made and the new legislation will be on the next agenda.

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the Campus District meeting. Receiving a USDA grant allows them to begin implementing their plan. Campus representative asked the city to contact ODOT for signage to be placed off St. Rt. 30 at Lex-Springmill recognizing the Campus District area. One of the neighboring land owners is working with OSU to install sewer through his property.

Mr. Hess scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting on February 18, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson

- The OGA reported the Dog Park is doing very well, many of the people are from out of town and inquiring about the local restaurants which is benefiting the city.

Mr. Earhart suggested signs should also be posted directing people to Marshall Park, the Dog Park and other facilities.

Mr. Gallo said the Dog Park Committee will soon have their second phase fund raiser called Bark for the Park which is an auction and was very successful for their first phase. Information is available on the Maize Memorial Dog Park website, www.maizememorialdogpark.com. The funds will go toward signage at the street entrance near the school and on Rock Road.

- The fund raiser is scheduled for April 9th, 7:00 p.m., at Ed Pickens.
- The dual drinking fountain for humans and dogs is in and the water supply line will be installed in the spring. The fountain was provided by a Richland Public Health grant.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson had no report.

Regular

February 4,

2016

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Ontario Growth Corporation. Tanya Baird and Mari Swearingen of the the Ontario Growth Corporation came before Council. Ms. Swearingen read letters of support, then Ms. Baird distributed the financial report and explained the content.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. VanCura provided the following report.

Family Swims. Attendance is lower since the beginning of the year but should increase after winter sports end. Five sessions remain.

Swim Stroke Clinic. Classes are scheduled for February 29, March 1-3 and 7-10. Two lifeguards will be hired and some of the OHS swim team members will assist with instruction. This clinic is offered to elementary and middle school students.

Easter Egg Hunt. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at Marshall Park on Saturday, March 19th at noon. Miss Ontario and the Easter Bunny will be present. The Girl Scouts, Brownies and Boy Scouts will help stuff the eggs.

Lifeguard Review Class. Recertification is required every two years. Professional CPR is part of this review that will take place at OHS on April 17th at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required and there will be a fee for this class.

Lifeguard Certification Class. This class is free to students in exchange for paid lifeguarding during Family Swim and Summer Recreation. Pre-registration is required and daily attendance is mandatory.

Summer Recreation. This program is held at the OMS from 9:00 am – noon, Monday through Thursday June 13 – 16 and 20 – 23. Interviews for high school students will be held in April.

Swim Lessons. Two swim lesson sessions, 25 children per session, will be held immediately following Summer Rec. The middle school swim coach will supervise the lessons with assistance from high school swimmers.

In response to Mr. Zeiter's question pertaining to the status of the applications for the Recreation Director's position, Mrs. VanCura said she rescinded her resignation and letters were sent recently to the applicants informing them of the change.

Because the city funds the Recreation Board, Council would like to receive the minutes of their Board meetings which are to be sent to the Clerk of Council for distribution.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Doris Forina, 133 Alexander Drive East, came forward to share information pertaining to the recent IRS scams and distributed an article printed in the AARP magazine.

Sam VanCura, 777 Cypress Drive, suggested contacting the Richland County Foundation to assist with funding for the second phase of the Dog Park.

Regular

February 4,

2016

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

(THIRD READING) 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. Gallo moved to table Ordinance No. 16-02 per recommendation from the Law Director. Mr. Earhart seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Weidemyre, and the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 16-03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 16-05 on three separate days, Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 16-05 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-06

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A CAR WASH TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CITY WELLFIELD PROTECTION ZONE 1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre moved to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 16-06 on three separate days. Mr. Earhart seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 16-06 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 16-06. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 16-06 was adopted.

At 7:40 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.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council