

Regular

April 7,

2016

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 7, 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, 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 March 17, 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.

Demrie Alonzo came before Council to provide an update on the Maize Memorial Dog Park.

- The dog park has been a huge success and is used by hundreds of people, not just from Richland County, since it opened in the fall.
- The Facebook page has over 800 Likes and a second page, Maize Play Dates, was opened so people can arrange times to meet and exercise their dogs together.
- The next major project was going to be the big dog/little doge fence divider but due to the vast amount of mud drainage lines are more important. The drainage lines will connect to the city lines located outside the fenced area. The money set aside for the fence will be used for this project which will begin as soon as weather permits. They have a couple of quotes and are getting one more.
- Eldridge Fence installed the perimeter fence and voluntarily check the fence on a regular basis.
- A Dog Park Pride Committee was formed to oversee the property for any issues such as landscaping and the mud.
- The 2nd Annual Dog Walk will coincide with the official grand opening which will be as soon as this phase of installing the drain lines and fence are completed. Phase 3 will be the bells and whistles.
- This Saturday is the 2nd Annual Bark for the Park at 7:00 p.m. at Café on Main. There will be a string quartet perform consisting of students from various schools, a DJ is donating his time, a silent auction and a cake auction. Everyone is invited.
- The friends of the Maize Memorial Dog Park thank Council and the City School for giving them this chance.

Mr. Weidemyre commended the committee on the fantastic job they did on the park which is a great addition to the city. Thank you from us.

In response to Mr. Zeiter's question about the cost of the drainage project, Ms. Alonzo said their quotes are approximately \$2,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported the Economic Development Committee met on March 29, 2016. Letters were sent to property owners in the proposed Campus District who would be affected by the zoning moratorium ordinance on this evening's agenda. The residents who attended the meeting were in favor of the proposed plan.

- An Ad Hoc Committee is being formed to review the overall zoning of the city.

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Mr. Hess said the Utilities Committee met to continue discussion on the options and feasibility of building a sewer treatment plant.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported on the following items:

- Shafer's Nursery won the bid to plant forty-two trees extending from Shelby-Ontario Road to Dunlap Drive. The variety of trees will be planted 100' apart the length of the street.
- Drainage lines were installed outside the fence at the dog park and once their committee has drainage lines installed inside the fence they will be connected.
- Greg Boyce of Modern Woodman purchased a new pine tree that will be planted near the band shell for the Christmas tree lighting event.
- The requirements to qualify as a Tree City will be met this year.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson presented the following report:

Street Paving Bids. Shelly & Sands was the successful bidder at the street paving project bid opening last Thursday. The total bid amount of \$359,365.40 will also allow the city to participate in the Pearl Street paving project with the school, repair the west bound lane at the railroad bridge and the underpass on St. Rt. 430, patch work on Rudy Road, and repairs on Lex-Springmill. A start date has not been determined.

March Flow Ratio. The March flow ratio to Mansfield was just under 5:1. Although it was a big month for flows the ratio wasn't bad. Historically, March and April are the wettest months of the year so this can be used as a parameter for ongoing efforts of reducing I/I.

Dog Park Fountain. The water line was installed for the fountain at the dog park. When the weather breaks they can pour the concrete pad and hook up the fountain which will have a hose at the bottom to wash mud off the dogs. The goal is to have this completed by mid-April.

Disc Golf. Andy Kissinger held a fundraiser event last week and gained sponsors for three more holes. A new partner who has built a couple of courses made final touches to the plan. The baskets should be set next week.

Mr. Wilson responded to questions:

- The street paving project will be monitored.
- The sensor on the Ferguson Road traffic light was corrected.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Tonya Baird came forward to present the Ontario Growth Corporation's quarterly report. Handouts of the report were distributed.

- Based on the Law Director's opinion the compensation to the OGC Director was stopped.
- Mark Weidemyre resigned as Director of OGC, effective yesterday.

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- The Board will be discussing a plan of action to replace Mr. Weidemyre because he played a critical role in the development of businesses as they come to town, and how to strategically move the organization to the next level.
- OGC anticipates having to hire a full time person with benefits so they will be asking the city for more than the \$25,000 they've received in the past, plus a multi-year contract.
- OGC is hopeful the city recognizes the benefits and significant revenue to the city as the result of their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Calling twice and hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-09

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE POTENTIAL CAMPUS DISTRICT FOR NINE (9) MONTHS OR UNTIL THE ZONING OVERLAY STUDY IS COMPLETED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED.

Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 16-09 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 16-09. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 16-09 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-10

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC., DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 16-10 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold moved to adopt Ordinance No. 16-10. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 16-10 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE TWO (2) UNNEEDED AND SLATED FOR AUCTION PATROL CARS TO NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 16-13 on three separate days. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 16-13 for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 16-13. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 16-13 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-14

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

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 16-14 on three separate days. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 16-14 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 16-14. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 16-14 was adopted.

At 7:26 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. Zeiter and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry C. Collins, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council