

Regular

January 15, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 15, 2020, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Jim Hellinger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Eddie Gallo, Dan Zeiter, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Jim Hellinger, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mr. Earhart moved to excuse Mrs. Webb from this evening's meeting, second by Mr. Sunderland. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 2, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Zeiter moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Gallo. Three members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Sunderland and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on February 5, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the 2020 permanent appropriations.

Mr. Sunderland reported the Parks Committee met earlier this evening.

- The Recreation Director will increase some fees by \$5.
- Swing equipment near the Playscape will be updated.
- The Mayor is researching state grants that may be possible for upgrades to Marshall Park.
- A one-year trial will be implemented to move the softball program from Stowell Park to the Milligan Road fields.
- The Mayor will present an update after he discusses the effects of moving forward on these changes with the Service-Safety Director and Mr. Spencer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Mayor Hutchinson contacted the Tribune Courier about archiving their historical papers. The library has a grant through the Gorman Foundation for the purpose of archiving old newspapers throughout the county. The next meeting on the area history will be held at the Township Garage on February 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- The rainy weather has stalled the waterline project at the Ontario Commerce Park. North of the entrance is ready for seeding. EPA standards require stabilizing the ground after 14 days of no work activity.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following report:

2019 Cemetery Report:

Last year there were a total of eleven burials (4 cremation/7 full), which was a decrease of four from the previous year. Only one lot was sold in 2019, a decrease of 18 from 2018. There are approximately 439 lots for sale.

There were eight requests for foundation lay-outs, which is required to set a headstone or change anything on an occupied lot.

Ten old foundations were restored at a cost of \$5,909.33, which is one less than in 2018, a decrease of \$133.09. The total income received in 2019 was \$5,235.

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Costs:

55-man hours for burials @ \$75.00/hour (including equipment) = \$4,125, a Net Gain of \$1,110.00 (not including Superintendent wages).

Early last year the costs and expenses were reviewed due to consistently losing money in the cemetery account. The result was to revise some of the fees for 2019.

2019 Contractor's License Report:

The city issued 50 Contractor License renewals and 32 new licenses. Compared to 2018, renewals were up slightly from 48, and new licenses were down significantly by 38. This year Sewer licenses were tracked. Three new licenses were issued and 15 renewals. Total income generated from the fees was \$6,750, which is down \$2,650 from the previous year.

Reminders:

Christmas Tree pick up will continue through Friday, January 17th. There have not been as many trees to pick up as past years. In order to have a tree picked up all ornaments and tinsel must be removed, and the tree should be placed by the curb.

The City will be enforcing the 2-inch snow parking ban on City streets this winter. This is necessary in order to allow the plows to do their job safely and efficiently.

The Personnel Committee will meet on January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid presented his annual report.

2019 Mayor's Court Totals

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% difference</u>
Total Number of Tickets/Summons Issued	1401	1436	- 2.4
Total Number of Charges Issued	1772	1822	- 2.7
Total OVI Charges	10	16	- 37.5
Total Charges Heard In Mayors Court	1866	1879	- .7
Totals Waivers Paid At Clerks Office	660	678	- 2.7
Open Warrants	493	513	- 3.9

Ontario is under the jurisdiction of Mansfield Municipal Court which hears certain traffic and criminal cases such as domestic violence and driving under suspension.

Total Traffic	96		
Total Criminal	74		
Mansfield Municipal Court Totals	170	166	+ 2.4

Mayor Hutchinson gave credit to Mr. Medwid because compared to several years ago the number of cases going to Mansfield has greatly reduced. It's nice to see OVI down because drunk driving was a major problem in the past.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20-01

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION\SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 20-01 on three separate days, second by Mr. Zeiter. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 20-01 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-01, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 20-01 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUEZ UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC. REGARDING THE CARE OF VARIOUS WATER STORAGE TANKS WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO.

Mr. Earhart moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 20-02 on three separate days, second by Mr. Zeiter. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Resolution No. 20-02 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-02, second by Mr. Gallo. Hearing no discussion, four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 20-02 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-02

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHRYSLER CAPITAL FOR A VEHICLE TO BE USED BY THE MAYOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Zeiter moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-02 on three separate days, second by Mr. Gallo. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 20-02 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-02, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-02 was adopted.

At 7:21 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Gallo, second by Mr. Earhart and the motion passed.

Daniel J. Zeiter
President of Council Pro Tempore

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council