

Regular

February 7, 2018

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 7, 2018, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Jim Hellinger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 17, 2018 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre moved to approve the minutes, second by Mrs. Webb. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Ontario Youth Sports

Ontario Youth Sports Director Kenn Spencer came forward to present the OYS Annual Report. Handouts were distributed for the 2017 Activity Summary, the Statement of Operations, and the tentative 2018 Schedule of Events. The Board is very strong and community based. Many of the city's elected officials attended activities and were involved. Many of the programs had record numbers this year.

- A partnership was initiated with OhioHealth to begin baseline concussion protocol. No other youth sports programs offer this testing.

New items for 2018:

- All OYS athletes will be offered a 6-week Speed and Agility Training at Ohio Health.
- Boot and Shoe Exchange, in conjunction with the Rec Department, will be collecting used cleats to recycle through the programs.
- They were accepted to host Scotts Turf Builder sponsoring a MLB Pitch/Hit/Run Competition at Marshall Park that evolves into a national competition.
- Open Mic Night at the Band Shell.
- Yoga in the Park.
- OYS Biddy Tennis Clinic.
- Baseline concussion testing.
- Ontario was selected again by US Soccer and the Target Company as a host site for the Target Cup 2018.
- The OYS football field will be expanded this year to include a scoreboard and bleachers. This will be the only designated stadium for youth football.
- This is the 20th year anniversary for OYS.

Dave Rehfeldt presented financial information.

- In the two years OYS and the city have been partners the revenue has doubled, membership revenues increased 7% and every program increased in numbers.
- The money contributed by the city and the money raised by sponsors is being used to enhance the community.
- Sponsorships doubled last year and that money is used to enhance programs.
- The city's funds are used for operating expenses. Operating money is not used to develop the parks or programs, they raise money for that.
- Sponsorships and donations were used for a storage shed at Stowell, speaker systems at Marshall Park and Stowell, the school sign at Rock Road, and first aid kits at all concession stands.

Richland County Transit

Commissioner Tony Vero approached Council asking for consideration for a modest contribution to Richland County Transit. Handouts with the ridership numbers for Ontario were distributed, the campus students and Buckeye Village riders were not included because they are subsidized by the college.

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- The county exceeds the required amount when sharing the permissive sales tax with Ontario.
- The Federal Government only looks at boarding numbers for funding.
- The two most boarded routes in the RCT system are both in Ontario.
- There are 20% more riders boarding than dropping off but one of the routes doesn't return on the same route.
- In 1989 the Commissioners needed to increase revenue for the county and placed a sales tax on the ballot with an agreement with each of the 27 subdivisions within the county, based on road mileage, to share the sales tax proceeds with all of the subdivisions. Based on 1989, each subdivision received \$1,514.60 per road mile, therefore, the annual amount Ontario was to receive from the county was \$66,642.40. The agreement contemplated an excess amount and included language in the contract for the county to share the excess amount. Since 1999, the county has shared with Ontario approximately \$1.7 million beyond what was specified in the formula amount stated in the agreement.
- The contribution being requested on behalf of the transit doesn't go back into the County's General Fund.
- The county contributes over \$45,000 from their general fund but most of the roads are municipal.
- The cost to run one route is \$17,000 - \$20,000. Weekend routes to the retail stores are requested but the expense of operation may be prohibitive because a minimum of two routes would be needed in order to offer a return route.
- Most of the people who work for the Transit are not Richland County Transit employees, they contract with a company to oversee negotiations. The Transit Board contracts with the Regional Planning Commission for Kathy Adams to serve as their Financial Director.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Earhart scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting on February 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallo called a Streets Committee meeting on February 21, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland announced a Parks Committee meeting for March 7, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre reported the Economic Development Committee met earlier this evening in executive session to discuss pending litigation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson gave his report during Caucus.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the follow report:

Auction. The City auction held on January 26th was a huge success. Every item was sold with the exception of the fountain that used to be in front of the municipal building. The goal was to raise enough money from the sale to help pay for a new asphalt roller that will be needed this spring for road repairs. The auction total was \$11,320.00, which will cover about 80% of that cost. The success of this event was due to the efforts of the Streets/Parks Department Head Evan Hellinger and the Service Department for getting the items out of storage and arranging them for sale.

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Street Paving Bid Opening. The bid opening for the 2018 street paving contract is Tuesday at 11:00. Council will be notified of the results by email.

Street Salt Update. We're having difficulty getting salt delivered from our supplier due to the high demand. So far this winter we've received 1,755 tons of our contracted 2,500 ton allotment. Based on the +/- 10% allowance, we still have a maximum of 820 tons to purchase. The 500 tons ordered on January 22nd hasn't been received or a commitment of a delivery date but we were notified today there may be a possibility of receiving two or three trucks on Friday.

There is an estimated 560 tons on hand right now and with approximately 80 tons used each time we do a complete application (7 trucks, 9 to 10 loads, 8 tons per load) there is enough for seven more complete applications.

If we receive the remaining tonnage on our contract we should have enough to complete this winter season. Because of the uncertainty of getting salt delivered the following adjustments were made to our application process: salting only intersections and main (or striped) streets; side streets will be plowed as needed and salted only if there is a hill or significant grade and at intersections; grit will be used on one route that is all uncurbed streets, we are not considering the use of grit on curbed streets.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 18-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF ALL CITY PARKS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 15-18.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 18-04 on three separate days, Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 18-04 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UPGRADE TWO (2) GUARDRAILS ON STATE ROUTE 309, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18-05 on three separate days, seconded by Mr. Gallo. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 18-05 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-05, seconded by Mr. Gallo. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 18-05 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 18-06

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE INCOME TAX CLERK AT ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18-06 on three separate days, seconded by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 18-06 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-06, seconded by Mr. Weidemyre. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 18-06 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO 18-07

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 18-07 on three separate days, Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 18-07 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE SUSTEEN, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18-08 on three separate days, seconded by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 18-08 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-08, seconded by Mr. Weidemyre. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 18-08 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 15-20, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 18-09 on three separate days, Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 18-09 for the first time, by title only.

At 8:08 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Gallo and the motion passed unanimously.

James A. Hellinger, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council