

## Regular

February 20, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 20, 2019, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Jim Hellinger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 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 February 6, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Zeiter moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Sunderland. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre said earlier this evening the Economic Development Committee met with the Utilities Committee to discuss an action plan for the Ontario Commerce Park. Several items resulted from that meeting, getting bids for water lines, looking at sewer lines and obtaining quotes for property clean-up. The next meeting will be in several weeks at the site to review where they are and decide on the next steps.

Mr. Sunderland reported the Parks Committee met to discuss capital improvements at Marshall Park for the soccer concession stand and restrooms.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson had no report.

### SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

Salt – The year began with 1,200 tons of salt. The ODOT contract requires purchasing 2,000 tons, +/- 10%, so far this year 1,763 tons have been purchased and 1,900 tons remain on hand. This winter 1,063 tons have been used and 47 tons still need purchased to meet 90% of the commitment but can purchase up to 437 more tons on the contract if needed. The inventory will be evaluated in a week to determine what is needed for the remaining of the winter and how much to purchase.

Trucks – This year two new dump trucks are scheduled to be purchased. The spec process has begun with the vendors and consideration is being given to adding the brine application system to the trucks to save money on the high salt prices.

- The brine is applied on the salt as it comes out to pre-activate the salt as it hits the road. Without the brine, an estimated 25-30% of salt is lost because it bounces off the road. Brine helps with the cold temperatures because salt doesn't work as well below 15 degrees but with the brine the salt is effective at 9 degrees.

Cold Patch – At least one crew has been out daily for the past several weeks and sometimes, since the first snow, two crews are patching pot holes. This winter 34 tons of cold patch have been used at a cost of \$3,400.

Bid Opening – The 2019 Lex-Springmill paving project bid was lower than the engineer's estimate. Kokosing won the bid at \$1.569 million. The contract will be awarded after all of the final checks are done and the appropriations approved, then the pre-construction meeting will be set to determine dates.

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Mr. Sunderland gave kudos to the Street Department for the fantastic job they are doing at cleaning our city streets this winter.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

**OYS REPORT**

Ontario Youth Sports representatives Kenn Spencer and Dave Rehfeldt provided handouts for their annual report to Council.

Mr. Spencer said all of the programs continue to grow with increased attendance at the various events which brought approximately 40,000 people to our city and parks in 2018.

- The number of social media followers increased 30% from last year, it has increased 60% in two years. This is a cost effective way to communicate with the community.
- The amount of programs within each of the sports: soccer, baseball, softball, football and cheerleading, continue to grow.
- A new spring high school soccer program has been added.
- The Target Cup is returning.
- OYS was privileged to be a presenter at the National Coaches Conference in Chicago on behalf of Target. Their corporation had great things to say about our community.
- The soccer boot camp is one of their larger clinics with 100-150 participants. Most camps in the state are only a couple of hours in the evening but this camp is all day, 8 am – 4 pm for five days with a military theme.
- Sports Training and Testing is working with the community to make certain the children are safe. Ohio Health is a partner with OYS and offers the same benefits a high school receives including baseline testing for concussions. Ohio Health brings in athletic trainers and doctors to do speed and agility training and they open their 4<sup>th</sup> Street center for the athletes. Back ground checks were extended for all volunteers and are done consistently. There has never been a problem.
- OYS is taking a more active role with Concerts in the Park. Rained out concerts will be held at the school auditorium so the concert isn't cancelled.
- Volunteer youth sports boards struggle because of continuous turn over. OYS has stability and consistency which reflects in the number of participants. The youngest programs have the most participants with T-Ball being the largest baseball program and Pre-K is the largest soccer program. In the past, it was difficult getting information to the parents so they knew about the programs or had contact numbers but now, with email, Facebook and cell phones information is getting out much faster.
- New events in 2019 include a Tomahawk League (adaptive baseball/softball program), Make It OYS (community contest), Breakfast with Santa, Home Run Derby sponsored by Major League Baseball, Bidy Frisbee Golf Tournament, and The Great Chase (community contest).
- In 2018 there were approximately 1,800 participants in OYS programs.

Dave Rehfeldt provided an overview of the Statements of Operations for OYS. Mr. Rehfeldt thanked the city for what they do for OYS which has allowed them to become what they are.

- Program registration revenues were up for the year.
- Tournaments bring people to our city and they also use the restaurants, hotels and gas stations.
- Teams from Cleveland and Columbus are asking to use our fields, which reduces their driving time when competing against each other.
- The net equity increased \$5,000 from the previous year and this money is put back into the kids.

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- OYS spent \$7,000 at Stowell because there are a lot of rocks in the ballfields. Funds are being utilized towards clean-up to make the fields safe and to avoid injuries.
- Soccer nets were purchased for the first time in 15 years.

Mr. Gallo thanked OYS for what they do and the enhancement it brings to our community.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Mr. Hellinger scheduled a meeting on March 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Rules of Council and finalize the 2019 meeting schedule.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Matt Bachelder, Manager of the Ontario Branch Library, came forward to provide an update.

- The library is now open on Sundays from 1 – 5 p.m. Ontario is the only branch in the county opened on Sundays and will continue through all of 2019.
- They have great cooperation with the mall and offer programs every month, such as story time and in December they had a Gingerbread Program that brought in 175 children.
- The library provides free tax assistance by appointment to help with on-line assistance for the Federal E-File and the State of Ohio I-File. They are not tax preparers but benefit counselors through the Ohio Benefit Bank.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****ORDINANCE NO. 19-06**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings of Ordinance No. 19-06, Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 19-06 for the first time, by title only.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-07**

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 reading of Ordinance No. 19-07 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 19-07 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-07, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-07 was adopted.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 19-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-45 KNOWN AS THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2019 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Mr. Arnold moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-08 on three separate days, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 19-08 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-08, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-08 was adopted.

At 7:33 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Arnold, second by Mr. Earhart and the motion passed unanimously.

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James A. Hellinger, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council