

## Regular

March 6, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 6, 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, 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.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 20, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the minutes, second by Mrs. Webb. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mayor Hutchinson invited Richland Newhope Director of Residential Services Jessica Winans and Recreation Coordinator for Group Homes Karen Smith forward to receive a Proclamation.

### **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, the more than 1,600 individuals served by Richland Newhope, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to value and respect the abilities of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective way to increase awareness is through participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Randy Hutchinson Mayor of The City of Ontario, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and call upon the citizens of Ontario to observe and offer full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand this 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM REPORT**

Superintendent Lisa Carmichael and Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator Amy Nagel came before Council to present their report on the Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Mrs. Carmichael praised the collaborative working relationship the school has with the city and highlighted the many attributes of Mrs. Nagel.

- Mrs. Nagel is also the School Social Worker and was voted by students as the person having the most impact and influence on them.
- Ontario offers all twelve of the comprehensive prevention plan services listed by the Ohio Attorney General.

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School Board members spoke on behalf of the program and Mrs. Nagel's efforts. Mr. Freund said Mrs. Nagel was an integral part of the healing process when students faced the loss of classmates. Mr. Baxter expressed appreciation and the need for Mrs. Nagel's work on the drug prevention program.

Mrs. Nagel began by thanking Council for their continued support for the program and her position, then highlighted the report she distributed. Mrs. Nagel has a strong background in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and is a Licensed Independent Social Worker.

Mrs. Nagel has improved upon many of the programs that were already in place:

- The Drug Free Senior Program reaches a lot of students at an early age, the Student Leadership Committee at the high school, ADIOS at the middle school, Too Good For Drugs at 4<sup>th</sup> grade, DARE at 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Friendship Groups in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- New support and services are being implemented to meet the social and emotional needs of the students.
- A Buddy Program was established for high school students to mentor their Stingel Buddies twice a month to provide encouragement, support and tutoring.
- The school partnered with the Ontario United Methodist Church to offer a grandparents raising grandkids support group.
- The school is looking into becoming a trauma informed school district. New research on brain development indicates trauma in early childhood can affect children. They are looking into getting professional development for the staff and new ways to reach out to students. Two new support groups were started at the high school to help students who experienced trauma work through anxiety, depression and issues that impede learning.
- The Advisory Council was realigned to be more Ontario specific. This Council oversees her program and Mrs. Nagel reports to them three times each year. The membership is a community coalition that utilizes their time better by focusing on planning, local trends, awareness on drug use and upcoming events.

Mr. Zeiter said this is a wonderful and needed program but he would like to see a more evenly distribution of funding. The city spends \$30,000 toward this program but only half of the students live in the city, the other half live in the township, which doesn't monetarily support the program. There are approximately 450 open enrollment students, 20% of the 2,100 students, who don't financially contribute to the program. Mr. Zeiter explained the city's original \$30,000 contribution was to gradually taper down until it was gone and the school would provide fundraisers or create a means to replace the funds. This amount could be generated by a \$15 per student fee. The city residents are the only ones contributing.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Gallo scheduled a Streets Committee meeting on April 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Weidemyre announced an Economic Development Committee meeting on March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Webb said the Safety Committee would meet on April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland called a Parks Committee meeting on March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson had no report.

## **SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilson had no report.

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#### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Mr. Hellinger said Section 1 of the Rules of Council allow regular Council meetings to be changed by a majority vote. The consensus during the Rules of Council meeting was to hold one meeting in July.

Mr. Weidemyre moved to change the regular July Council meetings to one meeting on July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Hearing no one, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

#### **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, AS AMENDED.

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

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 19-09**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED RULES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE ONTARIO CHARLES K. AND CHARLOTTE M. HELLINGER MUNICIPAL BUILDING, REPEALING ORDINANCE 12-08, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings of Ordinance No. 19-09, Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 19-09 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:26 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, 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