

Regular

April 4, 2018

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 4, 2018, 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, Recreation Director Heather Hendrix and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 21, 2018 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Gallo. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mayor Hutchinson presented a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month to Brigitte Coles, Community Engagement Specialist, Children Services Board of Richland County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sunderland announced Miss Ontario Leah Gombosch is hosting the 5K run at the Ontario High School on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. Proceeds will benefit Akron Children's Hospital and the Camstrong Foundation.

Mrs. Webb scheduled a Safety Committee of the Whole meeting to be held in executive session on May 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., for the Police Department to demonstrate new equipment.

Mr. Weidemyre reported the Economic Development Committee met earlier this evening in executive session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided the following report:

- Summer Rec interviews are April 9th and 10th. Council members interested in assisting should notify the Recreation Director.
- Charter Communications sent information pertaining to the May 1, 2018 deadline to install digital boxes on all televisions, including new tv sets, in order to receive the digital signal from Spectrum. There is a \$7 - \$12 monthly charge for each box depending on the package you have selected.
 - Mr. Weidemyre suggested reviewing the city's franchise agreement.
- The family of Harry Ziegler requested the city honor him as one of the community's cornerstones and as the first Clerk-Treasurer. Mayor Hutchinson suggested naming a pavilion in the park.
- If a pot-hole tax is going to be placed on the ballot it needs to be submitted to the Board of Elections 90 days prior to the election.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

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RECREATION'S DIRECTOR REPORT

Mrs. Hendrix presented the following report to Council.

OPEN SWIM

Open swim was held twice a month. We had an average of 15-20 kids per session. Every other Monday worked well. Lots of new families attended. It helped to have music and lots of toys for the kids to play with in the water.

BABYSITTING CLASS

The first babysitting course through the Red Cross was held on Feb. 17th and 24th. This class taught ten children, ages 11-15, to learn basic care of infants and young children. Each child was certified in CPR and First Aid will be. The cost was \$127 so they will look into a grant for next time to help reduce the cost.

SWIM TECHNIQUE CLINIC

The swim technique clinic was held the second and third weeks of March. They learned the different strokes and practiced swimming the length of the pool. There were 20 participants. They may look into offering more swim lessons in the summer for younger children.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Egg Hunt was held on March 31st, at noon. We received a \$50 gift card donation from the Ontario Walmart that was used to purchase candy. The ADIOS group, the National Honor Society and several high schoolers helped stuff 5,000 eggs, as well as co-workers Shawna Dawson and Connie Gleisinger. The KEY Club and Leadership group helped the day of the event. It was well attended by approximately 400 kids with their families. Miss Ontario and the Easter Bunny attended.

ART CLASS

Contemporary ART SPACE offered a class on March 6th and the next session will be April 19th. The March class was called Cookies and Canvas and was held from 6 to 8:30 pm in the community room. We had seven participants, the cost was \$25 per person, paid directly to Art Space. Cost to us was \$100. Participants took home an 11 x 14 canvas art piece. The next class will be a string art class on April 19th. Cost is \$25.

GEOCACHE EVENT

The geocache scavenger hunt is planned for April 15th. Participants get clues and coordinates to find the next clue. Each clue has letters to make a secret message. Bring the completed message back to get prizes and snacks! It will start at the Marshall Park pavilion and will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

LIFEGUARD/CPR RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS

Lifeguard re-certification class is scheduled for Sunday, April 15th from 1 to 6 pm at the High School. Debby Henry will be doing this class again for us. So far seven have signed up, there is a maximum of 12 participants. Ontario students receive a discount because they will work summer rec and open swim.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION CLASS

The dates are May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, 4th and 5th. Debby Henry will be teaching this class. There is a fee, pre-registration is required, and there is a maximum of 12 participants. Deadline for Ontario students to sign up is April 27th.

SUMMER RECREATION

Interviews are next week. We will be making our hiring decisions and sending letters home by April 20th. We can hire approximately 40 students for each week. Registration forms to participate in summer rec will go out next week to all Stingel Elementary students. Summer rec will be held June 11th - 15th and June 18th - 21st.

Richland County Foundation awarded a \$500 grant for the Summer Rec program. This grant helps with the cost of art supplies for the Arts and Crafts class and the Science Fun class.

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SWIM LESSONS

We will be offering two sessions of swim lessons immediately following Summer Rec. We accept 25 children each session, for a total of 50 students. Addalyn Patrick will be the swim instructor this year. Registration forms will be sent home with the summer rec forms.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked Council:

- About the possibility of the city opting-out of their agreement with Spectrum to reduce residents' bills by 5%.
- Status of the \$1 million for not having jobs in place on the former GM site. The money could be used to fix roads and potholes.

Mr. Medwid responded that he would need to see the Spectrum franchise agreement and that he could not comment on the GM property at this time.

At 7:28 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre, seconded by Mr. Arnold and the motion passed unanimously.

James A. Hellinger, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council