

Regular

July 10, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 10, 2019, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Pro Tem Mark Weidemyre 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, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger, Recreation Director Heather Hendrix and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mr. Sunderland 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 June 19, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Gallo moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Zeiter. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter reported the Finance Committee met earlier this evening for the purpose of a mid-year review. The year is trending well and the Mayor provided a list of items previously discussed, mainly for the OCP, that require increased appropriations. The Committee approved a motion to have legislation prepared for the next Council meeting, adding those items to the 2019 budget.

Mrs. Webb reported the Personnel Committee met to clarify spousal carve-out for health insurance that was implemented several years ago. Ordinance 19-20, which is on this evening's agenda, includes additional language approved by the Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Several topics will be discussed during the August Planning Commission meeting: fences, pennants/flags/banners, complaints on grass cuttings in roadways making them unsafe for motorcycles, fees for final site plan reviews, other fees, and wording on loading/unloading zones.
- The City of Ontario received the Ohio Auditor of State Award. The State Auditor's office is no longer sending someone to present the certificate. This is the fourth year the city has received this award and it is due to the combined efforts of everything we do and the Auditor and Treasurer overseeing the finances.

Mr. Weidemyre asked if the back of the new development, where Ocean Buffet was located, was going to face Lex-Springmill Road. Mayor Hutchinson said the back of the building would face the street, similar to several other businesses, such as Ultra on Walker Lake Road. There will be a drive-thru around the building and the trash will be enclosed.

Mr. Weidemyre commended KoKosing for their paving work on Lex-Springmill and Administration for overseeing the project. It looks very nice and traffic was not impeded.

Mr. Gallo extended his appreciation to the 4th of July Committee for another great festival. The Miss Ontario Pageant was held a week prior to the festival and Maria Caporini is the new Miss Ontario. The success of the festival was due to the combined efforts of the 4th of July

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Committee, Service Department employees, a great presence by the Police Department and traffic control was smooth.

- Mayor Hutchinson said the Committee was all volunteers who put in endless hours and was co-chaired by Wendy and Frank Flogger.
- Mr. Weidemyre asked the Mayor to extend gratitude from Council for all of their hard work. The fireworks were awesome. They did a nice job.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

- Lex-Springmill Paving: The paving of Lexington-Springmill is going incredibly well. Considering the added challenges of working at night and dealing with all of the rain, Kokosing has done an incredible job so far. They are about 75% done and upon completion of the paving all lines will be painted with thermoplastic paint and the delineators will be reinstalled to their original location. If there are any questions or concerns pertaining to this project, please let him know. The paving should be completed tomorrow night.
- Marshall Park Restrooms: The restroom project at the Marshall Park Soccer Complex is well underway. The new pavilion pad was poured and covered, the former pavilion was completely enclosed and will serve as the new concession area with added storage space. Our employee, Jody Orewiler, has done most of the construction. Plumbing for the additional toilets and sinks should be finished by the end of next week. The project should be completed by August 1st, in time for the Target Cup and the fall soccer season.

Mrs. Webb asked if anything was being done about the house with tall grass at PAW/ Maple Lane. Mr. Wilson said the city must follow procedure by first giving notification and that process has started.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hellinger said prior to her taking office in 2014 city audits were done every two years by the state, then the city requested yearly audits in order to get things corrected more quickly than every two years. This is the fifth audit the State Auditor has permitted with an independent contractor but now that contract is up. The Auditor of State has allowed the city to go out for bid and chose an independent auditor, otherwise the city would go back to the two year audit cycle. The State will go through the bidding process for the city and next year new auditors will be assigned. There will be a slight increase in cost to pay for the bidding process.

Mrs. Hellinger said they were excited to receive the Ohio Auditor of State Award and she wanted to thank all of Administration, all of the Clerks who contribute, the Water and Sewer Department, Income Tax and Treasurer.

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RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hendrix reported on recent activities:

Summer Recreation

Over 150 students attended each week and approximately 40 high school students were hired. Summer Rec was held June 10th – 13th and June 17th – 20th from 9 a.m. until noon. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate, but the workers and kids still had fun.

Swim Lessons

Two sessions of swim lessons were offered immediately following Summer Rec. A total of fifty students attended and they made a lot of progress. Anna Whittaker taught the sessions.

New Lifeguard Certification Class

The new lifeguard class was held May 29th, 30th, 31st and June 3rd and 4th. Debby Henry taught the class of seven participants. Attendance was affected due to some schools adding extra days to their school year.

Geocache Event

The scavenger hunt was held on May 19th from 3 to 5 p.m. Approximately 20 people attended on the rainy afternoon, which probably kept several families away.

Spring Clean Up

Ten high school students helped her clean up the movie theater area.

Honkin' Haulin' Hands On Trucks

The Touch a Truck event is scheduled for Oct. 6th from 1 to 3 p.m. A cement truck, tow truck and garbage truck were added last year and hopefully there will be over 15 vehicles this year. The Sunset Slush vendor will be on site.

Haunted Trail

The Haunted Trail in Marshall Park will take place this fall. Mrs. Hendrix met with Amy Nagel and decided on Oct. 19th, rain dates are the 20th or 26th. This is a one night event. The family friendly trail will be 5 to 7 p.m. with a scarier trail from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Please contact the Recreation Director if you have any ideas or would like to help, several volunteers are needed.

Craft Show

The Craft Show will be Dec. 7, 2019. Registration forms were sent to all former vendors and are due by August 1st, then it will be opened to the wait list of over 25 people. Admission will be \$2 and split with the Ontario Lions Club. A suggestion was made to look into adding a raffle and selling raffle tickets or having a Santa.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Weidemyre asked Council members if they had any concerns with the request submitted by Target Corporation to transfer a C-1 (beer sales) liquor license into Ontario. Hearing none, the approved TREX form will be returned to Target so they can begin their liquor license request through the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Carol Iiams, 524 State Route 314 N, came forward to say that many will remember her addressing City Council some time ago but since then the same issue has become a humanitarian situation. Recently, there was a meeting with city officials. She received a tape of the meeting and understands Council members will receive the same tape. It is a powerful tape

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and is the truth, but the only way to know it is the truth is to come to her residence and endure what they incur on a daily basis, which they will sort of be able to live through when they hear the tape. Mrs. Iiams thanked Council for the time it will take them to listen to the tape.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:25 p.m., the Public Hearing for the 2020 Tax Budget was opened. No signatures were on the sign-in sheet to speak and hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 19-05

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19-05 on three separate days, second by Mr. Gallo. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Zeiter read Resolution No. 19-05 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-05, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 19-05 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A RESURFACING - URBAN PAVING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19-06 on three separate days, second by Mr. Gallo. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 19-06 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-06, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 19-06 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-18

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING STANDER ROAD AS A PUBLIC STREET OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO, REPEALING ORDINANCE 02-34, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-18 on three separate days, second by Mr. Zeiter. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 19-18 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-18, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-18 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 19-19

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE ROAD ABANDONED TO THIS CITY BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND DESIGNATED AS STANDER ROAD TO BOYCE PARKWAY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 03-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-19 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 19-19 for the first time, by title only.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-20

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 17-09, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-20 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 19-20 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-20, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-20 was adopted.

At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Earhart, second by Mrs. Webb and the motion passed unanimously.

Mark Weidemyre
President of Council Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council