

Regular

August 7, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on August 7, 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, Assistant Law Director John Studenmund, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 10, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the minutes, second by Mrs. Webb. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Arnold and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Weidemyre reported on the combined Economic Development and Utilities Committee meeting held this evening for the presentation of a proposal to develop Eagles Landing, a joint development of single family and multi-unit living at W. 4th Street/Rock Road. The developer requested assistance from the city to build the sanitary lift station, run storm/sewer/water lines to the lots, and to build the roads and curbs but past practice does not support these city expenditures, however, the city might consider the request for a 10 year tax abatement. Committee members held an executive session to discuss an unrelated development proposal.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- The auction to tear down the substation building will be advertised soon. There has been some interest and the city wouldn't have to hire a demolition company.
- Mayor Hutchinson was contacted again about putting in a sidewalk on Shelby-Ontario Road; the latest estimate was down to \$175,000. Regional Planning felt if crosswalks were installed the students would still walk in the road. The property owner doesn't care if students walk in her yard, she does not want the maintenance of sidewalks. Safe Routes to School funding would not be available, due to the high cost for the sidewalk, because they could do a lot of projects for less money. The elevation, storm drain problems, and need for curbing raises the cost.
 - Council was not in favor of spending \$175,000 for this sidewalk.
- Officer Megan Thomas was introduced. She has been with the Police Department for three months.
- A citizen suggested putting a splash pad at the Ontario Commerce Park. A decent sized splash pad would cost \$500,000 but some of the expenses could probably be offset through donations. There are ways to recycle the water or use the water once then it goes down the sewer. A Parks Committee meeting will be held, probably in September, after the soccer season and concerts have ended. OCP would not be the ideal location for a splash park.
 - Mr. Gallo was approached by the local company involved in the preliminary discussions and if Council was interested he would invite them to the committee meeting. Splash pads are being installed in many communities.
- The Zoning Inspector is ready to award bids this week to mow the weeds at the Park Avenue West/Maple property.

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- The concert in the park next Tuesday is Departure, a Journey tribute band. The final concert on August 27th will be the Red Ball Jets. Concert crowds have been very good this year.
- There was a large turn-out for the GM reunion held at Marshall Park. It has been ten years since the closing of the plant.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

- Lex-Springmill Paving: Installation of the loop is scheduled to begin next Monday. Once completed the final painting of turn arrows and crosswalks will be done at the intersections. All of the feedback on this project has been positive.
- Route 30 Paving: This is an ODOT project, the city is not involved. Paving through Ontario should begin in a couple of weeks.
- Target Cup: Over 100 teams are expected to participate August 23 – 25. The first year 60 teams entered the Target Cup.
- Concession Stand/Restroom Renovation: Once the remaining materials arrive this project will be completed in time for the Target Cup. Jody Orewiler was the lead on this project that was constructed by city employees.
 - Mr. Arnold expressed his appreciation and the favorable feedback he received from OYS.
 - The serving window was moved to face the soccer fields. Customers won't have to stand between the picnic tables while waiting in line.
 - Electric hand dryers were installed to avoid running out of paper towels and this eliminates the need to purchase towels.
- Water Line Project: The plans were received this week and once they are approved for accuracy it will go out for bid.
- Bike with OPD: This event will take place on August 15th, 6:00 p.m., at the soccer field concession facility. Anyone with a bicycle is encouraged to participate.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Studenmund had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Caucus will begin at 6:15 p.m. on August 21, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, requested consideration for an ordinance requiring property owners to maintain any storm sewer, catch basin or system on their land to work properly. Currently, the city cannot go on private property to inspect a system for blockage, require it is in working order or to follow-up. This should be made retroactive.

The next item Mr. Hunt brought before Council was the \$24,000 the city will receive from the state for work on state highways. He suggested not spending any money on Park Avenue near Home Road but use the money on something that won't be torn up in a year.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 19-07

A RESOLUTION OPTING-IN TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR 2020, 2021 AND 2022, ENTITLED PID No.: 109334 AUTHORIZING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSPECT ALL CITY BRIDGES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19-07 on three separate days, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 19-07 for the first time, by title only.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2019 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Weidemyre moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-21 on three separate days, second by Mr. Arnold. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 19-21 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-21, second by Mr. Gallo. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-21 was adopted.

At 7:24 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, second by Mrs. Webb and the motion passed unanimously.

James A. Hellinger, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council