

## Regular

September 4, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 4, 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 August 21, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Arnold. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Joe Trolian, Executive Director of Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services came forward to receive a Proclamation.

## National Recovery Month

Mental and substance use disorders, including co-occurring disorders affect all communities nationwide, but with commitment and support, people with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery. By seeking help, people who experience mental and substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness.

Whereas, The focus of National Recovery Month this September is to celebrate their journey with the theme Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger. Recovery Month spreads the message that treatment is effective, and people can and do recover every day.

Whereas, The impact of mental and substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders is apparent in our local community, 7,135 adults and 3,851 children were served in our public system in Richland County in FY2018. Through Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental and substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders, and the celebration of recovery encourages people in need of treatment and recovery services to seek help. Managing the effects of these conditions helps individuals achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally.

Whereas, The Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve the lives of those affected by mental and substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders by raising awareness of these disorders and educating communities about the effective treatment, and recovery services that are available. For the above reasons, I am asking the citizens of Ontario to join me in celebrating this September as National Recovery Month.

I, Mayor Randy E. Hutchinson, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2019 as National Recovery Month in the City of Ontario and call upon our community to observe this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance, the 30th anniversary of the Recovery Month observance.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor

Mr. Trolian extended an invitation to the ribbon cutting on September 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. for the New Beginnings Withdrawal Management Center and New Beginnings Phase II Women's Treatment Facility. The detox facility is the first of its kind in Richland County since Freedom Hall closed and will be a huge boost to help fight the opioid epidemic and allow them to keep people at home.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Earhart reported the Utilities Committee met this evening in executive session.

Mr. Arnold said the Personnel Committee met this evening in executive session.

Mr. Weidemyre said the Economic Development Committee met this evening in executive session and there is a resolution on this evening's agenda supporting a new business.

Mr. Sunderland scheduled a Parks Committee meeting on October 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson received another request for Touby's Run to be cleaned out. This would require the city to go on private property. After researching the requests with the Army Corp of Engineer's and the Law Director, it was determined the city cannot go on private property to clean-up the creek. Residents also need to be aware they are not allowed to have equipment in the natural waterway of Touby's Run or Clearfork River. Equipment is not permitted below the normal high-water mark. The city can remove logs and debris along the right-of-way or clean-out growth if the city obtains a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers but cannot go on private property to do work because that is a misfeasance of city funds.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Mr. Hellinger said people speaking during public commentary will be timed in order to follow the three minute limit stated in the Rules of Council (Section 14 j - Citizen limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of Chair). At the end of the three minutes the speaker may finish their sentence then Council or Administration can reply, otherwise it will be taken under advisement. If Council is interacting with an individual they will be allowed to continue their discussion.

Connie Palmer Smith, 516 Shelby Ontario Road, came before Council requesting an additional naming to Marshall Park. She shared information about the origin of the farmland that was purchased in 1946 by her father-in-law Everett Smith, a carpenter, who built houses along Milligan Road and Shelby-Ontario Road, then turned to farming. On June 1, 2000 the city purchased 60 acres of his farmland, leaving the 17 acres she lives on today. The park consists of land from three families. Everett Smith sold land to the School Board for Stingel Elementary for \$1 and donated land for the cemetery next to the Ontario United Methodist Church. Mrs. Smith would like to recognize the family of Everett Smith by naming the west end facilities, which was the Smith family property, The Smith Family Homestead Complex. She would like Family in the name for not only the Smith family but also that Ontario families are using the park, it's a family park. She would also like the ball fields named Jack's Fields because her husband, Jack, farmed them for many, many years.

- The Parks Committee will discuss this request during their October meeting.
- Mr. Zeiter said he was on Council at the time of the land purchase and they agreed to name the fields, Smith Fields, but that was never done.

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**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 19-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE NISS CHARITY FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-25 on three separate days, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 19-25 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-25, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-25 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-26

A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE NINE (9) UNNEEDED DIGITAL ALLY BODY CAMS WITH CHARGING BASE TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF ONE (1) SPEED TRAILER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Weidemyre moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-26 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Webb. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 19-26 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-26, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-26 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT FIFTEEN (15) YEAR, ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR ONTARIO HOSPITALITY, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

At 7:26 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre, second by Mrs. Webb and the motion passed unanimously.

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James A. Hellinger, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council