

## Regular

September 5, 2018

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 5, 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 and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 15, 2018 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.

Lindsay Kuhn, Regional Liaison for the Auditor of Ohio, Dave Yost, came forward to present the Auditor of the State Award for the third consecutive year. Ms. Kuhn read an excerpt from a letter written by Auditor Yost commending the clean and accurate record keeping which is the foundation for good government, working together and listening to the citizens. City Auditor Mary Ann Hellinger accepted the award and said she appreciates the cooperation from Administration and Council.

Mayor Hutchinson invited Joe Trolan, Executive Director of Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services, forward to receive a Proclamation for National Recovery Month. Last week was the ground breaking ceremony for a new facility, 16 beds for residential and 16 beds for detox.

## National Recovery Month

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their lives and the lives of their families. It is critical that we educate community members about substance abuse and mental health conditions that are treatable; and

WHEREAS, for 29 years, National Recovery Month has worked to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness and addiction disorders by raising awareness of these diseases and educating communities about prevention, treatment and recovery resources that are available; and

WHEREAS, Richland County has over 40 individuals with live experience training as Peer Support Specialist and they now work in treatment agencies, specialized housing and staffing a 24 Hour Warmline to support others in early recovery; and

WHEREAS, in Richland County over 10,000 residents received treatment between July of 2017 and June of 2018 from one of 12 treatment providers and many more received education, prevention and outreach from a certified agency or advocacy group; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Ontario Ohio invite all residents of Richland County Ohio to participate in National Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE I Randy Hutchinson Mayor of The City of Ontario, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018 as National Recovery Month and call upon the citizens of Ontario to observe and support this year's Recovery Month. Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, our Recovery!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 5th day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

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Mr. Trolan thanked the city for their support. In 2017, 5,050 people were seen for addiction in Richland County, which is 4% of our population. Across the state the average is 1%, Franklin County is eight times our size and saw 9,000 people. This means people in our area are getting into services while other communities are struggling to get them to come in for treatment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Arnold reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held this evening.

- The Mayor and Service-Safety Director presented minor changes to the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Committee members approved creating a new job description combining the Custodian and Cemetery Superintendent positions. No additional funds were needed for this position. A motion was passed allowing the Mayor and Service-Safety Director to move forward with the hiring process.

Mr. Arnold scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. to review the new job description.

Mr. Weidemyre said the zoning permit was renewed for the construction at the Ferguson Road apartments. He asked if this was an automatic renewal, if all of the terms and conditions are being met, because the site is atrocious. He suggested adding language to the zoning code requiring a site cleaned up before occupancy. Sidewalks are not installed.

- Mayor Hutchinson said sidewalks would be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting. Current code states sidewalks go in at the completion of a project but he would recommend changing to prior to occupancy.
- Mr. Arnold asked when a zoning permit was renewed if there was an end date because a contractor could always be under construction. There are areas of this project that have not been worked on in months.
- The Law Director said this same situation came up at another project, there are time frames but he would research the zoning codes for clarification on the items they would like addressed.
- When Mr. Weidemyre inquired about who was responsible for mowing the grass under the power lines at the neighboring property, Mayor Hutchinson said it was a different owner.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson had not report.

**SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

Manhole relining: Phase 1 of the manhole relining project was finished and it included relining 33 manholes in the Rosewood allotment. Plans are to begin Phase 2, which will focus on manholes in the southeast part of the City.

Street Striping: The street stripers finished last week. Our crews are working on this year's crack sealing and berming project. We would like to get more street paving done this year so we're waiting to hear if we get on the schedule before the season ends.

Home Road Property Clean-up: The cleanup of the property at 78 S. Home Road is complete, this also included mowing the yard. Our crews will be removing two vehicles and a trailer later this week.

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Lighting Upgrade: The lighting upgrade to all LED bulbs is nearing completion. The buildings that are being upgraded include City Hall, the service building garage, the service building offices and the exterior lighting. This upgrade, combined with the pricing we've secured through 2023 for electricity, will provide significant savings for the City.

PED Crossing: The PED crossing project did not get started this week, probably next week, but it will still be done by the planned completion date.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked Council:

- If the school zone signs could have a light attached on the back so motorists exiting a drive within the school zone know if the blinking lights are activated the speed limit is 20 mph instead of 35 mph.
  - Mayor Hutchinson said they are looking into new flashing lights that also show the speed of the vehicle. There is a sign at the drive coming out of the park that states the 20 mph school zone, which is all day. He will check if lights can be put on the back of the signs. Last spring the 20 mph school zone was changed to include the entire school day and the flashers were on during that same amount of time. Mayor Hutchinson will check if there was a change for this new school year.
- Shelby-Ontario Road was a no through truck zone but the signs were removed several years ago and now anyone can use the road.
  - It was uncertain why the signs were removed. Mayor Hutchinson will check with Regional Planning to put a sign at Milligan and one at Park Avenue/Shelby-Ontario Road.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****ORDINANCE NO. 18-27**

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145, GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 1145.38-CONCESSION STANDS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019, AS AMENDED.

Mr. Sunderland moved to take Ordinance No. 18-27 from the table, second by Mr. Arnold. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 18-27 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-27, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Zeiter, and Ordinance No. 18-27 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-33**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE TWO (2) UNNEEDED AND SLATED FOR AUCTION WHELEN LFL LIBERTY LIGHT BARS TO THE CITY OF MANSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18-33 on three separate days, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 18-33 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-33, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 18-33 was adopted.

## ORDINANCE NO. 18-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-07 KNOWN AS THE  
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2018 BY MAKING  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Mr. Zeiter moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18-34 on three separate days, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 18-34 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 18-34, second by Mr. Gallo. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 18-34 was adopted.

At 7:32 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. Arnold and the motion passed unanimously.

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James A. Hellinger, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council