

Regular

October 16, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2019, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Jim Hellinger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Larry Arnold, 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 October 2, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Sunderland moved to excuse Mr. Gallo from this evening's meeting, second by Mr. Arnold. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter reported the Finance Committee met to discuss the 2020 temporary appropriations. Legislation will be prepared for the next Council meeting.

- Mr. Arnold commended the Mayor and Administration for bidding projects now in lieu of the spring in order to get better pricing.
- Mr. Weidemyre concurred, then stated Deputy Auditor Dave Metzger took the initiative to look into the property tax the city was paying for the Ontario Commerce Park. As the result of spending time at the County Treasurer's Office, Mr. Metzger was able to save \$39,275.04. His hard work is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Sunderland said the Parks Committee discussed: (1) naming the baseball field pavilion Everett C. Smith Pavilion, in appreciation of him selling part of his farm land to the city in order to expand the park, (2) improvements for Marshall Park, including a pickleball court, (3) Mr. Spencer (OYS) will look into upgrading the baseball fields, which would help in hosting tournaments, (4) online registration for pavilions and Community Room, (5) consideration of charging fees for field rentals to cover the costs of facility usage and restroom supplies.

- Mr. Arnold wanted to acknowledge city employee Jody Orewiler for his craftsmanship on the many improvements to the soccer field concession stand.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported the Senior Center will hopefully open next week but the small conference room will be sealed off for further repairs. The insurance adjustor is working on roof estimates.

Mayor Hutchinson invited Dan Herrold, MS4 Technician for Richland Soil and Water Conservation District, forward to receive a proclamation.

Storm Water Awareness Week

WHEREAS, urban storm water runoff impacts water quality in our eight watersheds: Huron, Sandusky, Upper Vermillion, Rocky Fork, Black Fork, Clear Fork, Upper Kokosing and Upper Olentangy in Richland County.

WHEREAS, population growth, residential and commercial development, and the resulting changes to the landscape will only increase storm water quality and quantity concerns throughout Richland County, and

WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be entirely avoided or eliminated but can be minimized, and

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WHEREAS, it is currently recognized that control of storm water quantity and quality is most effectively implemented when people and organizations understand the related causes and consequences of polluted storm water runoff and flooding, and the actions they can take to control these, and

WHEREAS, the need arises not only from the regulatory requirements of the Storm water Management and Sediment Control Regulations of Richland County, but also from the recognition that citizens and local decision makers will benefit from a greater awareness of how the cumulative impacts of decisions at home, at work and through local policies impact our water quality, stream corridors and flooding, and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of effective, outcomes-based storm water education and outreach programs will meet the related federal storm water pollution control requirements and those of the communities they serve so that Richland County continues to be a great place to live, work and play

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ontario joins Richland Soil and Water Conservation District in recognizing the week of October 20th - 26th as Storm Water Awareness Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hendrix reported on several events:

GEOCACHE EVENT – The geocache scavenger hunt was held on Sept. 29th from 3 to 5 pm. Approximately 40 people attended.

HONKIN' HAULIN' HANDS ON TRUCKS – The Touch a Truck event was October 6th from 1 to 3 p.m. The weather wasn't the best but approximately 100 kids and their families attended. Children received hats, keys, key chains and drivers' licenses. A big thank you to all of the wonderful members of our community who came out to help! Thanks to the City of Ontario Street and Sewer Departments, Ontario Police Department, Springfield Township Fire Department, Sunset Slush, Lexington Concrete, Rumpke, Ontario Schools, Ohio National Guard 179th Division, Madison Fire Department, Med Flight Helicopter and Community EMS. A special thank you to the high school Key Club and Leadership group volunteers for helping. And thanks to Miss Ontario, Maria Caporini and Mayor Hutchinson for their participation. And a special thanks to Henry's Lock and Keys for donating keys to the event.

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HAUNTED TRAIL – This Saturday, Oct. 19th, will be the Haunted Trail, with a rain date of Oct. 20th. The family friendly trail will be 5 to 7 p.m. and a scarier trail from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 and the money will go towards the Recreation Department and any non-profit organization that helps.

Several high school and middle school students are volunteering for this event, so come out and see what we are doing! A big thank you to FCCLA groups, Leadership and ADIOS groups and Key Club members for helping. Also, thanks to our community members who are involved in the Haunted Trail: Mike Vetter, Kevin Grube and John Williams. They have some great scenes and are donating a lot of their time to help out. The Ontario Lions Club will be selling cider and donuts. It will be lots of fun!

BABYSITTING CLASS/CPR – A Red Cross Babysitting class will be held on November 2, 2019. The Mansfield YMCA will be running the class from noon to 4 p.m. and they will review babysitting practices and first aid. Cost is \$35 and is for ages 11-18.

ART CLASS – Allison Pence will be conducting an art class on November 17th from 1 to 3 p.m. She will provide instruction and all materials. Adults will be \$35 and kids will be \$15. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

OPEN SWIM – Open swim dates are scheduled on November 14th and December 12th from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then twice a month January through March. Fliers will go home with all students with the dates and times. Announcements will be made on Facebook and at the schools.

CRAFT SHOW – The 43rd Craft Show will be December 7, 2019. The \$2 admission will be split with the Ontario Lions Club. The craft show is completely full with a long wait list of vendors. There will be over 100 vendors in two buildings with great gifts and items for fall and the holidays.

Mayor Hutchinson said Mrs. Hendrix wrote an evacuation plan for the Haunted Trail and she spent a lot of time with the committee organizing this event.

Mr. Sunderland extended his gratitude to Mrs. Hendrix for her commitment of time and hard work for the community and the children.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Earhart read the Notice of Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council of the City of Ontario, during the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a proposal to amend Sections 1114.01 Schedule Limiting Lot Area, Density, Height and Area By Zoning District, Section 1145.20 Off-Street Loading and Unloading, Section 1145.28 Site Plan Review, and Chapter 1146 Signs.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of these changes. All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Mr. Weidemyre moved to amend the 2020 Council meeting dates from January 1, 2020 to January 2, 2020 and one July meeting on July 15, 2020, second by Mr. Zeiter. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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Hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 19-29

AN ORDINANCE FULLY FUNDING THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER BY THE CITY IN THE EVENT THE ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LEVY DOES NOT PASS OR NO MONEY FROM THE STATE IS RECEIVED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PASSES A LEVY OR RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE STATE TO PAY FOR THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-29 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. 19-29 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-29, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-29 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-30 on three separate days, second by Mr. Zeiter. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 19-30 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-30, second by Mr. Weidemyre. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-30 was adopted.

Mr. Sunderland said the words are barely visible on the Snow Emergency sign at Walker Lake/Home Road and asked if it was going to be replaced. Mr. Wilson wasn't aware of the faded sign and will check to see what needs done.

At 7:25 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre, second by Mr. Arnold and the motion passed unanimously.

James A. Hellinger, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council