

Regular

December 18, 2019

Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 18, 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, Michele Webb, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Jim Hellinger, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Assistant Law Director Jon Burton, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mrs. Webb moved to excuse Mr. Weidemyre 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 December 4, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Earhart. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mrs. Webb and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Webb reported on the Safety Committee meeting held earlier this evening where the Chief presented the opportunity to initiate a canine program. He will provide updates as he continues the necessary research.

Mr. Sunderland stated the Parks Committee discussed online registration will take effect January 1, 2020 for scheduling the Community Room and Pavilion rentals, a small processing fee will be charged for using credit cards. The Mayor is looking into pricing for ADA approved surfaces for the Marshall Park playscape area. Changes were discussed for Stowell Park and church leagues will be moved to the big field at Rock Road.

Mr. Sunderland announced a Parks Committee meeting on January 15, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Mr. Gallo has posted the Community Room and Pavilion online registration information on Facebook and it will soon be on the website.
- The city owns land near the W. 4th Street water tower. He asked if there was an interest in keeping just enough land for the water tower and selling the rest but heard no responses. For years the land was leased for farming but it hasn't been farmed the past several years. The lease is ending and if the lease is renewed a requirement would be to cultivate the land each year. The city earns approximately \$3,500 a year, which pays the taxes. Discussion will continue in January.
- The Mayor has been working on a project to collect as much of the city's history as possible. He attended a meeting with several long-time community members also interested in preserving this information.
 - The Tribune has bound all of their newspapers since 1961 in binders and want to archive them then put them on discs. The cost to archive is \$6,000 and they are hoping to find funding to help with the process. The archive process transfers the information to a digital format then to cds.
 - Discussion will continue next year as he receives more information.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Burton had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 19-33

AN ORDINANCE AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2019 KOBELCO SK-55SRX-6E MINI EXCAVATOR FOR THE CITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$66,886.85.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 19-33 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-33, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-33 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1141 SCHEDULE OF STANDARD DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 1141.01 SCHEDULE LIMITING LOT AREA, DENSITY, HEIGHT AND AREA BY ZONING DISTRICT, CHAPTER 1145 GENERAL PROVISIONS, AND SECTION 1145.20 OFF-STREET LOADING AND UNLOADING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold read Ordinance No. 19-34 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-34, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-34 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1146 SIGNS, SECTION 1146.02 DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 1146.03(c) SIGNS BY NUMBERS, SIZE, AND LOCATION.

Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 19-35 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-35, second by Mr. Arnold. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-35 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 19-41

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 19-20, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-41 on three separate days, second by Mr. Gallo. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 19-41 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-41, second by Mr. Gallo. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-41 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-42

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-16, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-42 on three separate days, second by Mr. Gallo. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 19-42 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-42 second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-42 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-43

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES BETWEEN GERALD ERWIN AND MARY LOU ERWIN AND THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Arnold moved to waive the 24-hour rule on Ordinance No. 19-43, second by Mr. Gallo. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19-43 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Zeiter read Ordinance No. 19-43 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-43, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 19-43 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-13

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LARRY ARNOLD FOR HIS SERVICE OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Zeiter moved to waive the 24-hour rule on Resolution No. 19-13, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Earhart moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 19-13 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Webb. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Resolution No. 19-13 for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-13, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Arnold and Resolution No. 19-13 was adopted.

Mr. Arnold shared his appreciation to the dedicated Council members he has had the privilege of working with over the years. There are no party lines, they work for the good of the citizens. There are exciting things coming to the city and it is due to those here tonight, the Police Force, the city workers, Evan Hellinger and his team, all of the Clerks, this is a great group of people. Three people attend Council meetings regularly and he wished more residents would get interested in the city. This is a great group, a great city and more people need to get involved. The Administration, the Mayor and Service-Safety Director, are very conscientious and work hard for the residents.

Mr. Hellinger reminded everyone the next meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2020.

At 7:23 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Gallo, second by Mr. Zeiter and the motion passed unanimously.

James A. Hellinger, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council