

Regular

March 4, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 4, 2020, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Pro Tempore Dan Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Eddie Gallo, Dan Zeiter, Sherry Branham, Nathan Sunderland, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

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

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 19, 2020 were presented for approval as amended. Mr. Gallo moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gallo scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting on March 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland said the Parks Committee would meet on March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- A Proclamation was given to Richland Soil and Water in recognition of Storm Water Awareness Week, March 13th – 19th.
- Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority completed a required update of the plan for the district. There is a thirty-day public review comment period available on their website.
- An email regarding a sidewalk along Shelby-Ontario Road was forwarded to Todd Blankenship at Regional Planning. This was brought up during the discussion on the Safe Routes to School state grant. Mr. Blankenship will work with the Mayor and property owners.
- A Rain Barrel and Rain Garden Workshop will be held on April 14th at Richland Soil and Water. Information is available on their website.
- Richland County Chamber of Commerce and RCDG are working on branding Richland County and will be sending out surveys.
- Mayor Hutchinson referenced the Text Messaging Retention Guidelines that Council received and were recommended by the Ohio Electronics Records Commission. If approved, the guidelines would be added to the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to accept the Text Messaging Retention Guidelines, as presented, for the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson presented the following update.

Street Paving Bid Opening: The bid opening for the 2020 street paving project was held Thursday, February 20th. Shelly & Sands was the successful bidder. Since the bid did not include paving the parking lot at City Hall, specs are being prepared for this extra project. In addition to the street paving list, Park Avenue West from Home Road to St. Rt. 314 will be paved this year through ODOT's Urban Paving Program.

Salt: The salt supply is in good shape this year due to the mild winter. We have about 1,300 tons on hand and should only need to purchase the minimum requirement of 90% as described in our contract, which is another 290 tons.

Mid-Ohio Pipeline: This major project on Park Avenue West, from Lex-Springmill heading west, is a new gas line installation for Emerson. They should be close to completion.

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Limb Pick-up is scheduled April 13th thru April 24th.
- The 7th Annual Spring Clean-up (high school students participate in this event) is scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came before Council to ask if Shelly & Sands was going to pave Park Avenue West from Home Road to St. Rt. 314.

- Mr. Wilson responded, the project has not bid and ODOT would manage the project.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-05

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1145.11 FENCES AND WALLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to lay Ordinance No. 20-05 on the table and send it to the Economic Development Committee for further review, second by Ms. Branham. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-08

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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Mr. Gallo moved to accept the Mayor's request to increase line items:

705.9030.52730 – Money Held In Trust - \$5,000
101.7020.52340 – Legal Services - \$10,000

Second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-08 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 20-08 for the second time, as amended, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-08 as amended, second by Ms. Branham. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-08 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION TO BE USED FOR A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT THE CITY OF ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Earhart moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-10 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 20-10 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-10, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-10 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 Ms. Branham, second by Mr. Rehfeldt and the motion passed.

Eddie Gallo, Council At-Large

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council