Regular

June 3, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 3, 2020, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Jim Hellinger presiding. Due to the coronavirus emergency declared by the Governor, the meeting was not open to the public but was accessible by Facebook Live. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Eddie Gallo, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham via teleconference, Michele Webb, Council President Jim Hellinger, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mrs. Webb moved to excuse Mr. Sunderland from this evening's meeting, second by Mr. Earhart. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 20, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Rehfeldt moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Earhart. At roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Bradley, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt reported on the Finance Committee meeting held earlier this evening.

- Tax revenue is down \$486,000 (19%) for the first five months of this year, compared to last year.
- Tax returns aren't due until July 15, 2020 so there could be an increase this July compared to last year.
- Tax revenue will be down this year.
- Withholdings were down approximately \$70,000 per month from the high number in February, then withholdings plateaued within \$10,000 for each of the last three months.
- An executive session was held with two members of the School Board. As a result of that meeting, the School Board would like to make a presentation to Council.

Mr. Hellinger welcomed Mr. Bradley, who was appointed to Council - 4th Ward.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson said, since the public cannot attend the meeting, he received several negative comments from residents in Shangri-La responding to the proposed annexation legislation. They are very concerned as to what type of house would be built, access, extra traffic, would development continue on the property, and they were told when they purchased their homes that nothing would be built in that area because it is outside the city limits. The neighborhood residents are preparing a petition.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mayor Hutchinson will provide Council with the comments he received from residents about the annexation.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-13

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING .8722 ACRES OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Gallo moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-13 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Gallo read Ordinance No. 20-13 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-13, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Hearing no discussion, zero members vote Aye, six Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-13 failed.

At 7:18 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Rehfeldt, second by Mrs. Webb, and the motion passed.

Eddie Gallo, Council President Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council