

Regular

June 17, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 17, 2020, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Pro Tempore Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 3, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Rehfeldt moved to approve the minutes, second by Mrs. Webb. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Sunderland, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Earhart scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting on July 15, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

Mrs. Webb reported the Personnel Committee met earlier this week in executive session.

Mr. Gallo commended the Police Department for their involvement and professionalism during the recent demonstration that was held in Ontario.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson welcomed Mr. Bradley and was glad that everyone was able to come back together for the meeting.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

Mrs. Webb asked if someone could look at the road patch on Home Road, north of Park Avenue West, that is turning into a dip. Mr. Wilson will notify the Street Department.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came before Council to say:

1. This was the first public meeting since the passing of Councilman Dan Zeiter. He had a lot of knowledge, experience and will be greatly missed.
2. The funding of the School Resource Officer. Unless someone living in the township works in the city, the township residents don't contribute tax dollars toward this position. Open enrollment families don't contribute anything. Basically, the SRO is paid mainly by city residents. The Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator is sponsored by the school which is funded by real estate taxes. Therefore, city residents are paying for both the SRO and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator and township residents don't pay for both. The township says they can't pay the school anything.

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3. Compliments were extended to the city workers who mowed the parks. They look amazing and hopefully the weather holds for the 4th of July.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:13 p.m., Mr. Gallo opened the public hearing for the vacating of Leroy Drive. Seeing no signatures on the sign-in sheet, Mr. Gallo asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-14 – AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SEWER RATES IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) ANNUALLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-14 on three separate days, second by Ms. Branham. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 20-14 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-14, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-14 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-15 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING LEROY DRIVE TO 2300 FOURTH, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-15 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 20-15 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-15, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-15 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-16 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-08 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-16 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Webb. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 20-16 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-16, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-16 was adopted.

At 7:15 p.m., Mrs. Webb moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to marketing plans and specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance and the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance. Second by Ms. Branham. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 7:33 p.m., Mrs. Webb moved to reconvene into regular session, second by Ms. Branham.

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Ms. Branham moved to cancel the Council meeting on July 1, 2020, second by Mrs. Webb. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Gallo announced, there will be one July Council meeting on July 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:36 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. Sunderland, and the motion passed.

Edward Gallo, Council President Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council