

## Regular

September 2, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 2, 2020, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Pro Tempore Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 19, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Branham. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gallo reported the Economic Development Committee met this evening to discuss the tabled ordinance regarding fences. Additional comments are to be emailed to Mr. Gallo who will meet with Mayor Hutchinson and Law Director Medwid to prepare a final synopsis to present at the next meeting.

Mrs. Webb said the Safety Committee met in a combined meeting with the Parks Committee. As Committee members toured the Service Department, Streets/Parks Department Head Evan Hellinger and Parks Department Foreman Brett Felger explained the city's equipment, which was very well maintained, how long they make the equipment last, and how conscientious the Service-Safety Director is when negotiating for new equipment. The weight room and exercise equipment were very impressive, and the police demonstrated the training simulator.

Mr. Sunderland reported, during the combined meeting the Parks Committee discussed the various amenities Marshall Park offers, such as pickleball, disc golf, walking trails, and how to bring more visitors to the parks. A brief discussion took place on the future of Stowell Park. The Mayor is considering preparing a survey for residents to offer their opinions and options. Mr. Sunderland commended the Service Department's employees and concurred the equipment was very well taken care of and amazed how long they have made it last.

- Ms. Branham said she appreciated the Mayor's knowledge of our facilities and equipment, which shows how much he cares about the city to know the details of what is going on. She also complimented the Service-Safety Director on how well the city runs and the care they take in doing their jobs. Taking such good care of the equipment saves in the end and is a very good use of the taxpayer's dollars.
- Mayor Hutchinson said the vac truck they replaced four years ago was built about 1984. The repair garage told them not to bring it back anymore because they could no longer get parts.

Mr. Gallo asked the Mayor to share Council's appreciation to the Service Department employees on how impressed they were during the tour, how proud they are of their work, and how thankful they are for the entire group. This also includes the Police Department and how well they maintain their equipment.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson said a police badge has been ordered for the K-9, he already has a vest.

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Mr. Sunderland applauded the police officers who took time to take pictures with families at the sunflower field on Walker Lake Road. Our officers are involved with the residents in our neighborhoods and it is greatly appreciated.

#### **SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilson had no report.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Medwid had no report.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Mr. Gallo read a Notice of Public Hearing:

A public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a request to rezone vacant property located on Ferguson Road, parcel #0386017005002, from Business to R-3 Residential.

The City Planning Commission has recommended in favor of this rezone.

All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came forward to thank Council for discussing the fence issues. His neighbor's fence wasn't placed on the ground when it was installed which allows debris to go underneath. When the recent milling for paving was completed in front of his house, he poured a 5-gallon bucket of water on the lane away from his property and the water ran toward his property. He asked the workers if they would do some crowning on the road and he also called the ODOT engineer in charge of the project.

- Mr. Wilson said the road was milled, no finished surface yet, so there are different levels right now. There would still be berming on the uncurbed areas and linear grading to help with draining, so he would be hesitant to bring it to their attention at this stage of the project.

Mr. Hunt then asked Council not to get caught up in making money off the parks. The residents pay to keep it up and use it without having to pay for money making projects. The parks are for everyone.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 20-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S AUDITOR TO SET UP A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL CARES ACTS FUNDS THE CITY RECEIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-21 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 20-21 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-21, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, at roll call six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-21 was adopted.

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

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Edward J. Gallo, Council President Pro Tem

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council