

Regular

October 7, 2020

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

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Eddie Gallo, Dave Rehfeldt, 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.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 16, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Earhart. At roll call, six members voted Aye, one Abstain by Mr. Bradley, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Earhart scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting on October 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rehfeldt reported the Finance Committee met this evening to discuss the 2021 temporary budget. The consensus was to maintain fiscal responsibility during these difficult times. Due to the loss of revenue, interest, occupancy tax and state funds they still want to maintain the core services for the community, such as roads and parks. The intent is to move forward and prepare for the future. The next Finance Committee meeting will be on October 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland called a Parks Committee meeting on November 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallo said the Economic Development Committee met this evening to finalize their ideas on fence regulations. He will review the information and bring back the tabled ordinance within the next couple of meetings.

The next item on the agenda brought forward Cindy Hoover to propose a project honoring the Police Department. Ms. Hoover suggested painting a blue line between the yellow lines on Stumbo Road, from W. 4th Street to St. Rt. 309. Of the three estimates, the lowest was \$1,145. Several local businesses offered donations, covering the complete cost of this project. Ms. Hoover asked if she should include the cost of repainting the yellow lines because they are very faded.

- Stumbo Road is scheduled for paving next year. Ms. Hoover preferred painting the blue stripe as soon as possible.
 - Mayor Hutchinson said repainting the lines would be included with next year's paving project.
- Ms. Hoover would like to recognize the ten donors sponsoring this project.
 - Mr. Gallo said there are several options to acknowledge those who donated.
 - Installing a small sign at each end of Stumbo was preferred.
- The blue line would be painted by professionals.
- Mrs. Branham asked if others could donate to show their support.
 - Since the initial cost of the project is covered, additional donations could go into a fund for extending the blue line, repainting expenses, or any other ideas.
 - Ms. Branham thanked Ms. Hoover for her efforts and involvement in taking the time to organize this project.

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Mr. Sunderland moved to approve the project proposed by Ms. Hoover to honor the Police Department with a blue stripe down Stumbo Road, second by Mr. Bradley. The motion passed seven Aye, zero Nay.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Richland County Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant to improve landscaping around the building. Bill Flanagan designed the butterfly/pollinator garden and did most of the work.
- A small recycling dumpster has been installed at Stowell Park.
- A Utilities Committee meeting was scheduled to answer questions residents have on the wastewater treatment plant.
- The city received the Outstanding Achievement and Open and Transparent Government Award from the State of Ohio for last year's audit. This is a great recognition that involves everyone by showing good fiscal responsibilities on how we run the city.
- Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 29, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Most places in the area are on the 29th and it is easier when everyone has Trick or Treat at the same time.
- October 17th is the Haunted Trail at Marshall Park. The Family Friendly version is 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and the scarier trail is after dark. COVID restrictions will be followed, masks must be worn. Those paying for the earlier time will also be admitted to the later time at no additional cost. Citizens donate a lot of time in preparation for this event.
- OYS has scheduled a Concert in the Park on October 13th at 6:00 p.m. Six Miles to Nellie will perform.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

- Crack Sealing: The annual crack sealing project for this year is completed. Twenty-one streets were sealed. The primary target each year is to seal all streets that were resurfaced during the previous year's paving project and that was exceed this year.
- Leaf Pickup Service: Leaves will be picked up beginning Monday, October 26th and ending approximately Friday, November 20th, weather permitting. As many rounds as possible will be made through the city but there is not a neighborhood schedule for this service. Leaves should be placed at the edge of the roadway (not in the roadway) as soon as possible.

THIS SERVICE IS FOR LEAF PICK-UP ONLY. Please do not place sticks, tree limbs, or other yard debris among the leaves because the vacuum can't take them, and we will not be able to remove those items from your leaves. Pick-up service for sticks, tree limbs, or other yard debris is provided in the spring.

- Fogger: A fogger was purchased to use in the parks to sanitize playground equipment and surrounding areas. We've determined this is an effective practice, two more units will be purchased for use in our buildings and to sanitize our vehicles, particularly the police cruisers.

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- Letter: Last month Council received a letter from a citizen who had some questions about our water, particularly the treatment process. A written response was sent to address the questions. Any Council member who would like a copy of the letter will receive one by email.
- Trick or Treat: Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 29th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Residents participating in Trick or Treat should turn on their porch lights.

Mr. Rehfeldt suggested using some of the additional CARES ACT money to purchase more sanitizing foggers for the ballfields and concession stands. There are many places foggers could be used.

In response to Mr. Earhart's question, as to when street striping would be completed, Mr. Wilson said the PAW striping is part of the paving contract. There was not a contract this year to stripe additional streets.

Mayor Hutchinson said there will be a new traffic pattern on St Rt 309 at PAW and the speed limit reduces to 45 mph before Beer Road. Striping still needs done for the new configuration coming from PAW onto St Rt 309.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent notification that 419 Golf requested a liquor permit. Hearing no objections, Council did not request a hearing with the Division of Liquor Control.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Seeing no one who wished to speak, Public Commentary was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:32 p.m. the public hearing was opened for the rezone of the vacant lot on Ferguson Road, parcel #038-60-170-05-002, from Business to R-3 Residential.

Calling three times and hearing no one who wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A RESURFACING - URBAN PAVING PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 20-13 on three separate days, second by Ms. Branham. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Resolution No. 20-13 for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-13, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, at roll call seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 20-13 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-24

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL # 038-60-170-05-002 ON FERGUSON ROAD FROM B-BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R3-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT UPON THE APPLICATION OF PT GETZ INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-24 on three separate days, second by Ms. Branham. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Web read Ordinance No. 20-24 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-24, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, at roll call seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-24 was adopted.

At 7:34 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mrs. Webb, second by Ms. Branham, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, Council President Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council