

Regular

October 21, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on October 21, 2020, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Pro Tempore Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 7, 2020 were presented for approval. Ms. Branham moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Earhart reminded Council members of the Utilities Committee meeting on October 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rehfeldt reported the Finance Committee meeting held earlier this evening was to continue discussion on the preparation of the 2021 temporary budget. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held November 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland said a Parks Committee meeting was scheduled on November 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Kenn Spencer, Director of Ontario Youth Sports, was invited to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Recreation Director's Report.

Haunted Trail. The weather was perfect for more than 1,000 people attending the Haunted Trail that raised approximately \$6,800. Many community volunteers helped to make this a successful event. Recreation Director Heather Hendrix would like to thank all of the school organizations and community members who helped with the scenes and the trail. Donations from the proceeds will be distributed to these groups and the remainder will pay for the Recreation Department's supplies and go toward future events. A special thank you to Councilmen Sunderland and Bradley, and Mayor Hutchinson, for assisting.

Open Swim. Due to COVID, there will not be open swim this year. The school may reconsider if anything changes after the first of the year.

Christmas Tree Lighting. Most of the groups performing at this program are school students. If this event takes place it would be a reduced scale because they can't hand out hot chocolate, cookies, or sitting with Santa.

- Some alternate ideas were suggested. Council members agreed they need to be creative as they plan this event.

Mr. Sunderland said he spoke to the Recreation Director about the Craft Show and, as of now, it will take place.

- Mayor Hutchinson said only a specified number of people will be allowed in each building at one time and masks will be required.
- The Lions Club will help again this year.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo read the Notice of Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given that two public hearings will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building.

1. Rezone 897 and 903 Tanglewood Drive from R-2 Medium Density to R-3 High Density Residential.
2. Amend Section 1145.10, Family Swimming Pool.

The City Planning Commission has recommended in favor of this rezone. All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Kurk Stimens, owner of apartment complexes on Rosewood and Tanglewood, said he met with Joel Fox. Mr. Stimens said, Mr. Fox was building beautiful duplexes in the neighborhood and would like to add a three-unit on the Tanglewood lot across the street from his property. Mr. Stimens was in favor of the triplex.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, encouraged Council to move forward with their plans of rerouting the road along the soccer fields in Marshall Park closer to the creek, for the safety of the children going from the parking area to the soccer fields.

- Mr. Gallo said moving the road was still a priority.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-25

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

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-25 on three separate days, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 20-25 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-25, second by Ms. Branham. Hearing no discussion, at roll call six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-25 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 20-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OF ONTARIO CARES ACTS FUNDS FOR CITY EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-26 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 20-26 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-26, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Hearing no discussion, at roll call six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 20-26 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 Ms. Branham, second by Mr. Earhart, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, Council President Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council