

Regular

November 4, 2020

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 4, 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, Eddie Gallo, Dave Rehfeldt, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Nathan Sunderland, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Recreation Director Heather Hendrix, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Ms. Branham 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.

Mr. Gallo announced Council President Jim Hellinger submitted notice of his retirement, effective October 31, 2020. Mr. Gallo expressed well wishes for Mr. Hellinger, thanked him for his service and the long-standing family history of dedication to this community.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 21, 2020 were presented for approval. Mr. Rehfeldt moved to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Earhart. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Earhart reported on the October 22, 2020 Utilities Committee meeting where they discussed the wastewater treatment plant. Three representatives from the Poggemeyer Design Group attended to explain the project, and residents concerned about the placement of the plant voiced their concerns.

- Mr. Earhart visited the Sunbury plant and spoke to residents living near the plant. He will visit the plant in Powell at the end of the week. Mr. Earhart will generate a report based on the findings and address some of the Facebook comments. At the next Council meeting he will schedule a Utilities Committee meeting.

Mr. Rehfeldt said the Finance Committee met earlier this evening to continue discussion on the 2021 temporary budget. The Finance Committee approved to prepare the \$15,908,214 temporary budget for legislation on the November 18th Council agenda.

Mr. Sunderland stated the Parks Committee met this evening with OYS Director Kenn Spencer. Changes for Stowell Park were discussed, eliminating a ballfield, adding a swing set, climbing apparatus and possibly a walking trail. Upgrades were discussed for Marshall Park with the possibility of a walking trail. The Mayor and Service-Safety Director will visit a neighboring city park to look at their upgrades. New tee blocks were added to the disc golf park. Suggestions for upgrades to the dog park are welcomed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Trick or Treat was moved from Thursday to Saturday due to weather conditions.
- Beginning next year, Trick or Treat will be on the last Saturday of October from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., with a rain date on Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The decision to move to Sunday will be made by 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Ms. Branham expressed her gratitude to the police for handing out candy to the children.

- Officer Barnhart added, the police normally buy their own candy but this year Wal-Mart and Sam's Club donated candy after they learned the police purchase their own candy.
- The Fire Department was also in the neighborhoods handing out candy.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

In response to Mr. Sunderland's question, the last day for leaf pick-up is November 26th. If they haven't gotten everywhere and the weather is still nice, they will continue, but it could end early if it snows.

- Mayor Hutchinson said the apparatus on the truck extends 7 feet, if leaves are farther back in the yard they won't be picked up.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GEOCACHE. A geocache scavenger hunt was held September 6th from 3 to 5 p.m. at Marshall Park. About 20 people attended the hunt.

HONKIN' HAULIN' TOUCH A TRUCK. This event was canceled due to the lack of companies willing to participate because of COVID.

HAUNTED HOLLOW TRAIL. The second annual Haunted Hollow Trail was held October 17th. The family friendly trail was from 5:30-7 p.m., and the scarier trail from 7:30-9:30 p.m. There was a great group of volunteers this year and this event couldn't have taken place without them! The weather was amazing, there was a wonderful turn out (the number of attendees doubled from last year) and they made approximately \$7,000.

CRAFT SHOW. The craft show is scheduled for December 5, 2020. Registrations were received from previous vendors and a few new ones were added. There will not be as many vendors as in the past due to the spacing of the booths. The maximum capacity per building is 300, this includes vendors and helpers. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be placed at their stations. Traffic flow will be one direction, shoppers can circle back around but once they leave the building they will need to get in line to return. All COVID guidelines will be implemented. Admission is \$2. Appreciation is extended to the Ontario Lions Club for helping at the doors and tracking the number of people going in and out of the buildings. There will be approximately 80 vendors instead of the usual 127. The cafeteria will not be opened. Food will be served in Fairhaven Hall, where tables can be spread out.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held December 3rd. A thank you to Pepperidge Farms for their generous donation of 300 bags of Goldfish crackers to hand out to the kids.

Mr. Bradley thanked Mrs. Hendrix for her work on the Haunted Trail. He heard a lot of positive feedback which speaks to her hard work.

Ms. Branham acknowledged the challenging times Mrs. Hendrix faced this year, yet she was still able to continue to provide interesting and successful programs to the community. All of her efforts are appreciated.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No one came forward to speak during public commentary.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-27

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (RECREATION DIRECTOR) TO DONATE FUNDS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HAUNTED TRAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 20-27 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 20-27 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-27, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Bradley, and Ordinance No. 20-27 was adopted.

At 7:23 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. Rehfeldt, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, Council President Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council