

Regular

January 20, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 20, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:09 p.m.

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

Mr. Earhart moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 6, 2021, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bradley reported on the Parks Committee meeting held this evening. Discussion included the possibility of a walking trail, a disc golf tournament, and a 5-year improvement plan. The Committee will meet with OYS Director Kenn Spencer to compose a plan to submit to Council.

The Finance Committee will meet February 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Personnel Committee at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson informed Council to download Microsoft Teams on their Surfaces for remote meetings. If they experience any problems, they should open a support ticket.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid presented his annual report.

2020 Mayor's Court Totals

Total Number of Tickets/Summons Issued	934
Total Number of Charges Issued	1181
Total OVI Charges	10
Total Charges Heard In Mayors Court	1216
Totals Waivers Paid At Clerks Office	508
Open Warrants	521

Mansfield Municipal Court Totals

Total Traffic	40
Total Criminal	59

Ontario is under the jurisdiction of Mansfield Municipal Court which hears certain traffic and criminal cases such as domestic violence and driving under suspension.

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A comparison was not made to last year's totals due to the COVID restrictions that cancelled several court sessions last year and police officers were instructed to use discretion when writing tickets to reduce their exposure to COVID.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hairston submitted his annual Treasurer's Report. Mr. Rehfeldt summarized the information that he provided.

- The 2020 revenue increased from 2019 over 9%, or about \$1.2 million. The CARES funding the city received late in 2020 was about \$350,000, factoring that out, revenue increased roughly \$850,000.
- Income Tax revenue increased 8.4% from 2019. The city benefited from a one-time payment in 2020 that accounted for the increase. The impact of COVID on the tax revenue won't be fully known until the first four months of 2021, when businesses report their profits.
- Occupancy tax (hotel bed tax) was down substantially (approximately 80%) and interest earnings were down sharply, both were expected. Water and Sewer stayed the same as last year.

All things considered, 2020 revenue results were very good.

Mr. Rehfeldt said the cash balance for the year improved \$1.2 million during a very tough year. He commended those involved for being very diligent in watching city finances.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came forward to say the water bill arrived late, which did not allow much time to pay. Mr. Gallo said the mail is running late for everyone and a notice was posted on the city website. Mayor Hutchinson added that late penalties will not be assessed because some residents still have not received their bills.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 21-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF MANSFIELD TO PAVE HOME ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hearing no motion to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-03 on three separate days, Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 21-03 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:40 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Rehfeldt, second by Mr. Earhart, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council