

Regular

February 17, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 17, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Larry Collins, Dave Rehfeldt, Ken Earhart, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham (remote), Michele Webb (remote), Nathan Sunderland (remote), Council President Eddie Gallo, 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 February 3, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bradley reported on the Parks Committee meeting held earlier this evening where they discussed a safety plan for moving the road in Marshall Park, a 3-year plan for park improvements, a skate park, a splash pad, and the possibility of a land donation to use as a park near Bethel and Sunset.

The Parks and Economic Development Committees will work together on the 3-year plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson said he was proud of how well the crews maintained the streets during the recent snowfall. The 2" snow ban is in effect – vehicles are to be removed from the street when it snows 2" or more.

The Shelby-Ontario/PAW traffic light loop isn't working, causing a change to the cycle. The cycle can't be corrected until the weather improves.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson had no report.

Mr. Earhart applauded Streets Department Head Evan Hellinger and the street crews for the excellent job they did plowing the roads during the recent snow. Mr. Gallo concurred, and said the employees put in long hours maintaining our streets.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Medwid had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Kim Jones, 144 Hazel Drive, came forward to comment on the letter included with the water bill that addressed the incorrect information circulating about the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Due to COVID meeting restrictions, she suggested contacting the school to hold the public meeting in the gymnasium. Mrs. Jones said the intention of her letter was to inform residents about what she heard. She apologized to Mayor Hutchinson for making her letter look like he sent it, when her intent was to list some key contacts in the city.

- Mayor Hutchinson said he already checked with the school. They don't allow anyone to use school facilities, several scheduled activities at the school were cancelled, but he would ask again.

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- Mayor Hutchinson thanked Mrs. Jones for clarifying that she sent the letter because he did receive several calls from residents wanting to ask questions because they thought he sent the letter.

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.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 21-03 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-03, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-03 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DONATE AN UNUSED TRUCK BED TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Earhart moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-04 on three separate days, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 21-04 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-04, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-04 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-05

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-05 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 21-05 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-05, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-05 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-06

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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Hearing no motion to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-06 on three separate days, Mr. Collins read Ordinance No. 21-06 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:14 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. Bradley, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council