

Regular

April 7, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 7, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Dave Rehfeldt, Ken Earhart, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Michele Webb, Nathan Sunderland, 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 March 17, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt announced the combined Finance/Parks/Economic Development Committees meeting was rescheduled for April 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., to discuss development plans for the city.

Mr. Bradley moved to accept the revised fee increases for the Recreation Department, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mrs. Webb reported the Personnel Committee meeting held this evening was in executive session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- A proclamation was presented yesterday to Bridget Coles of Richland County Children Services for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- A resident submitted an email asking if Ontario was looking into contracting garbage services and specific pick-up days, similar to what Mansfield was discussing.
 - Mansfield voted against these topics.
- Stowell Park update.
 - The pickleball court concrete needs to cure approximately one month, then lines will be painted and fences installed.
 - A lot of grading work was done.
 - The light poles will be taken down soon.
 - More work will continue at the park next year, possibly a basketball court.
- Hopefully, on May 1, 2021, the Senior Center can open and the Community Room can be opened to residents for rentals.
- An auction will be advertised for the removal of the cell tower and large gate at the OCP property. The outdated cell tower is expensive to move and isn't the correct height. Removal of these items for scrap will make the entrance more appealing.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported:

- Limb pick -up begins Monday, April 12, through Friday, April 23. Limbs should be placed at the curb by Sunday because there will only be one pass through the city.
- The bid opening for the Marshall Park road realignment is April 29th.

Mr. Gallo said when he received notice from a citizen that a playground bridge and steps were broken, city workers made the repairs immediately. The next day, the same citizen sent a thank you and appreciated how quickly the repairs were made.

- Mayor Hutchinson said the playscape is 31 years old and parts are no longer available. Our workers had to make the parts needed to fix the broken sections. The playscape is part of the parks improvement plan and grant money is being researched.
- Mr. Gallo asked that kudos be extended to the employees who made the repairs.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo said the question of Framing a Charter and the forming of a Charter Commission are on the May ballot.

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent notification that Bob Evans is requesting 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, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 21-12

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF ALL CITY PARKS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 18-04.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 21-12 for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT PROGRAM FOR THE AWARD OF ROAD SALT NEEDED DURING 2021 AND 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 21-06 on three separate days, second by Ms. Branham. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Webb read Resolution No. 21-06 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Webb moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-06, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 21-06 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-07

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.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 21-07 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Resolution No. 21-07 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-07, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 21-07 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-10

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CHARTER NEXT GENERATION, INC. TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF ONTARIO JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-10 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 21-10 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-10, second by Ms. Branham. Hearing no discussion, five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Rehfeldt, and Ordinance No. 21-10 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM TRENT AND SARA WALTER FOR THE CITY POLICE FORCE TO PURCHASE A MARCS RADIO SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-13 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 21-13 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-13, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-13 was adopted. Mr. Gallo thanked the Walter's for their donation.

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM MERRIS AND JEAN WELGE FUND AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION TO HELP PAY FOR THE TRAINING OF CITY OF ONTARIO POLICE OFFICERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-14 on three separate days, second by Ms. Branham. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 21-14 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-14, second by Mrs. Webb. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-14 was adopted. Mr. Gallo thanked the Welge's for their donation.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 925 SEWERS, BY AMENDING SECTION 925.06, LICENSED SEWER TAPPERS AND CHAPTER 1343 LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, BY AMENDING SECTION 1343.05, QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND FEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-15 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 21-15 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-15, second by Mr. Bradley. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-15 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1119 IMPROVEMENTS, BY AMENDING SECTION 1119.03 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, SUBPARAGRAPH (j) WATER SUPPLY, SUBPARAGRAPH (4) VALVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 21-16 for the first time, by title only.

Mayor Hutchinson commended citizens and businesses who donate to our Police Department and to the city. We have a lot of great citizens and they can't be thanked enough.

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. Sunderland, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council