

Regular

June 2, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 2, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Chad Wilford, 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 May 19, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Gallo welcomed Chad Wilford. Mr. Wilford was appointed to fill the At-Large Council seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bradley reported on the Parks Committee meeting held at Marshall Park today. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concepts and locations for the proposed playscape and splash park. The committee decided the existing playscape could be used a few more years and discussed the possibility of moving the outfield net closer to the splash park location as a safety precaution during ball games.

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on July 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of a six-month financial assessment, reviewing revenue projections and expenditure analysis.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson provided the following update:

Stowell Park Transition: The transition at Stowell Park is complete. The swings are installed and ready to use. The concession stand and light poles are removed. All fencing for the pickle ball courts was finished last week and we installed nets yesterday.

Marshall Park Road Project: The road re-location project is scheduled to begin June 15th. Terra Valley's project manager estimates about one month to complete this project. Portions of Cal Miller Drive will be closed during excavation and construction, but all park facilities will be accessible.

State Route 309 Paving Project: We were notified by ODOT last week that Kokosing Construction was the successful bidder in the recent bid opening for the Rt. 309 re-surfacing project. Steve Malone from Kokosing indicated this project will probably begin late summer.

Signal Upgrades: The traffic signal upgrade project for this year is finished. Intersections that received new signals were Walker Lake Road @ Target; Lexington-Springmill Road @ Meijer; and Walker Lake Road @ Lexington-Springmill Road. Our signal replacement project was a 5-year project, replacing 4 to 5 signals each year. The final signal will be replaced next year at Walker Lake Road @ Menards.

Mr. Wilson said an overhead sign will be installed this year in the Beer Road area to permanently identify the traffic pattern changes implemented last year at the St. Rt. 309 and PAW merge.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo reviewed the summer Council schedule and said the June 30th meeting was not necessary because there was no longer a timing issue that initially required the meeting. The remaining June/July schedule will be the regular meeting on June 16th, then the next meeting will be held July 14th, unless a special meeting is needed.

Mrs. Webb moved to cancel the June 30th Council meeting as previously discussed, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Gallo announced:

- The July 4th Festival, held at the school and Marshall Park, will host events on Friday and Saturday this year. Friday evening activities will be at Marshall Park.
- Home Road, between PAW and Walker Lake Road, will be paved this year. This is a joint effort between Ontario and Mansfield.

Mayor Hutchinson said the first Concert in the Park is Thursday, June 10th.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked if the water seeping into the middle of Lex-Springmill near Mechanics Bank is going to be taken care of.

- Mayor Hutchinson responded, the leak is Mansfield's water line and they plan to fix it tomorrow. It is in the middle of the road, but they will restore the road to the proper standards.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:18 p.m., the public hearing was opened amending Codified Chapter 1146.03, Section (e)(3) Wall Signs.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked what the change included.

- Mr. Wilson said the new code would provide businesses more space for wall signs based on the size of their wall instead of being limited because some signs looked small on larger building sides.

At 7:22 p.m., with no other signatures on the sign-in sheet, the public hearing was closed.

At 7:23 p.m., the public hearing was opened to rezone ten parcels on Park Avenue West between 2903 PAW and the railroad overpass, from Business to General Industry.

Lea and Brian Saltz, 3080 Erla Drive, came forward to object to the rezoning of the properties located along Park Avenue West. Mrs. Saltz read a prepared letter asking Council to vote no on the rezone because as a General Industry District anything could develop in this area with the existing businesses and residents.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, said that a noisy plant could locate in a General Industry District and listed some of the permitted uses.

- Mr. Medwid pointed out that some of the businesses are listed as permitted uses so they can be controlled by the city, requiring approval to operate.

At 7:35 p.m., with no other signatures on the sign-in sheet, the public hearing was closed.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 21 – 22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1146, SIGNS BY AMENDING SECTION 1146.03, SIGNS BY NUMBER, SIZE, AND LOCATION, SUBPARAGRAPH (e)(3) WALL SIGNS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-22 on three separate days, second by Mr. Earhart. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 21-22 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-22, second by Mr. Bradley. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-22 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21 – 23

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL #s 038-60-297-08-000, 038-60-161-15-001, 038-60-166-02-000, 038-60-161-15-000, 038-60-211-04-000, 038-60-211-05-000, 038-60-203-15-000, 038-60-211-06-000, 038-60-211-07-000, AND 038-60-232-12-000 ON PARK AVENUE WEST FROM B-BUSINESS DISTRICT TO GI-GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Webb read Ordinance No. 21-23 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-24

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$625,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY HALL BY ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING AN HVAC SYSTEM AND GENERATOR, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-24 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Webb. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 21-24 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-24, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-24 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-25

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,875,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL RECREATION FACILITIES INCLUDING MARSHALL PARK BY ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING A NEW SPLASH PAD, NEW TURF FIELDS, A NEW PLAYGROUND, TOGETHER WITH ALL INCLUSIVE EQUIPMENT, LIGHTING, AND RELATED FIXTURES AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-25 on three separate days, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 21-25 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-25, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-25 was adopted.

At 7:42 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, second by Ms. Branham, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council