

## Regular

June 16, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 16, 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 Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Chad Wilford, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 2, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Rehfeldt said the Finance Committee will meet July 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the city's mid-year financials.

Mr. Bradley said the first Concert in the Park, featuring Six Miles to Nellie, will be tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.

**SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilson shared a message the Mayor received from Claudette Smith, Milligan Road, who is against installing lights at the Marshall Park ballfields, and she is also concerned about what they might bring.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Mr. Gallo announced a notice of public hearing before Council on July 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, for the proposed 2022 Tax Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Janine Caico, 75 Bethel Lane, came before Council and distributed an article from the April 30, 2010 News Journal. The article included concern pertaining to vacant houses and the unfinished Grace Brethren Church structure on Park Avenue West. Ms. Caico said driving into Belville is welcoming and makes you feel they want you to be there. Driving into Ontario on Park Avenue greets you with an abandoned service garage and the abandoned Grace Brethren Church that was vacant in 2010 and remains an eyesore. An effort needs made to get the church finished or sold. The abandoned buildings affect the residents. The flags and banners that used to be attached to the intersection poles were welcoming. Ontario isn't representing itself as well as they could. Not everyone coming from Mansfield goes as far as Marshall Park or the school. Ms. Caico asked if any effort has been made in the last ten years.

- The church property stays in compliance with the zoning code on the maximum height allowed for mowing grass.
- The owner continues to pay property taxes.
- Multiple offers have been made to purchase the building but the owner refuses to sell.

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Lea Sultz, 3080 Erla Drive, said she wrote a letter asking her neighbors for support against the proposed rezone on PAW, by signing the bottom of the letter that she will turn in next month. Mrs. Sultz also referenced the unfinished church on PAW by stating construction started in 1990, it has been sitting for thirty years. This goes along with the pending zoning change, showing there is no recourse in the regulations if buildings aren't maintained.

- Mr. Gallo said there is a possibility of changing the rezone from General Industry to Industrial Park which would have more control on manufacturing facilities. The third reading on the legislation will take place at the next meeting and could be amended at that time.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:25 p.m., the public hearing was opened to amend Chapter 1145.01 Accessory Buildings, Porches, Patios and Uses.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked what was intended by the ordinance wording, "restricted to their intended purpose in all other districts".

- Mr. Medwid gave the example if retailers bring in a shipping container to store goods through the holiday season, that is the intended use for the time it is needed. Containers are not intended to be accessory buildings or used as storage sheds.

At 7:33 p.m., the public hearing was closed.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****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.

Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 21-23, for the second time, by title only.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-26**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145, GENERAL PROVISIONS BY AMENDING SECTION 1145.01, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, PATIOS, AND USES BY ADDING SUBPARAGRAPH (G), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Earhart moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-26 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 21-26 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-26, second by Mr. Earhart. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-26 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 925 SEWERS, BY AMENDING SECTION 925.05 BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS, BY ADDING PARAGRAPH (R)- BACKWATER VALVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Earhart moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-27 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Wilford read Ordinance No. 21-27 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Wilford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-27, second by Mr. Sunderland. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-27 was adopted.

Ms. Branham provided information on two topics:

1. In collaboration with the Mental Health and Recovery Services and Richland County Public Health, she is offering Deterra Drug Disposal Pouches, at no charge, to anyone needing to safely dispose of medication. Any kind of medication can be placed in the pouch, add water, then after sealing the pouch it can be disposed of in the trash can. A three-question survey is required for collecting data.
2. Community Stretch meets at Marshall Park, Pavilion #1, each Monday evening at 7:00, with six or seven weeks remaining. This free event sponsored by the Mental Health Board and Mid State Multi Media includes a light stretch yoga based session and a wellness discussion lead by professionals on a variety of topics.

At 7:38 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. Bradley, and the motion passed.

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Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council