

Regular

August 4, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on August 4, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland presiding. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Josh Bradley, Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, Recreation Director Heather Hendrix and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 14, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bradley reported during the Parks Committee meeting they discussed the improvements for Marshall Park that included a playscape, splash pad, lights, and turf. Sidewalks will connect the Milligan Road parking area to the new play areas and continue to the existing Playscape. Not all bids were in at the time of the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson said golf carts are required to have yearly inspections by the police department. Registration forms will be issued that verify all safety features are compliant.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hendrix reported on the following events:

Easter Egg Hunt

We had a great turn out for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 27, 2021. We stuffed over 5,000 eggs. We had two different times for the egg hunt. Kids under 3 up to kindergarten started their egg hunt at noon. Then 1st - 4th graders started their egg hunt at 12:30 pm. We used the third softball field to help spread everyone out.

Tin Can Chandelier Art Class

April 10, 2021, from 2 to 4 pm, we had an art class that was held at the Tin Can Chandelier in Ashland, Ohio. They made home décor wood signs. Cost was \$25. Low turnout, but they had fun.

Lifeguard Recert Class

Lifeguard recertification class was held on April 25th from 1 to 5 pm to Ontario students and non-Ontario students. Total of five students participated. Debby Henry was the instructor.

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New Lifeguard Class

A new Lifeguard class was held on May 27, 28, and June 1, 2021, from 9 to 4 pm. Eight Ontario students took the class and got certified to lifeguard. Debby Henry was the instructor.

Summer Recreation Camp

We had a great time at summer rec camp this year! The guidelines were lifted before we started, so we were able to proceed as normal. We had over 150 kids each week. We interviewed and hired over 40 High School workers this year. Everyone had fun and the weather was great!

Swim Lessons

We offered swim lesson to 40 kids after our summer rec program. Each kid received a certificate after completing the two-week class. They all made progress and did a wonderful job. I hired six high school swim instructors and Anna Whittaker was the main instructor.

Ontario Craft Show

We will hold the 44th annual Ontario Community Craft Show on Dec. 4, 2021. Vendor applications have been submitted and we are already at capacity for the show this year. I am working on maps for the vendors. We will be advertising on the local radio, newspaper, and social media outlets.

Self Defense Class

For High School students wanting to learn about self-defense we are planning on offering a class September 19, 2021, in the Community Room. Cost will be \$40. Reneta Music will be the instructor.

Scavenger Hunt Event

Planning a Scavenger Hunt Event this fall in Marshall Park. Groups get bar codes they scan and receive clues to go to the next clue and then find a treasure.

Senior Prom

A prom for seniors, ages 65 and over, will be held in the Middle School Commons. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, from 5 to 7 pm. The Rec Dept. is working with the Middle School Leadership group to plan and execute this event. There will be a live band, snacks, and games. Registration for this event ends October 8, 2021.

Honkin Haulin Touch A Truck

Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, from 1 to 3 pm. We will have approximately 15-20 different vehicles this year for the kids to explore. If you know of a business that would like to participate, please let me know.

Haunted Trail

We will have our 3rd annual Haunted Trail on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (rain date will possibly be Oct. 31st). If you know of any non-profit organizations that would like to have a spot on the trail, please have them contact me.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked about the regulations for oil wells in the city.

- Mayor Hutchinson said the ODNR issues the permits and has full authority. Even though the city passed legislation pertaining to oil wells, the ODNR has no restrictions.
- Law Director Medwid said Ohio has very lenient laws.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 21-29

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 21-29 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2021 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND, THE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND AND THE BOND RETIREMENT FUND.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 21-30 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-31

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE SIX (6) UNNEEDED KEVLAR VESTS TO AVITA HEALTH SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 21-31 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:19 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. Bradley, and the motion passed.

Nathan Sunderland
President of Council Pro Tem

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council