

Regular

November 3, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 3, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:07 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Chad Wilford, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Rose Feagin, 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 October 20, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on November 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Branham announced a Personnel Committee meeting on November 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallo reminded Council members to submit the names of streets to consider on next year's paving schedule.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided an update:

- St. Rt. 309 was an ODOT paving project. Director Wilson provided ODOT with a list of repairs. The east and west bound lanes have seams that could cause problems for the plows this winter. Water is pooling under the lip because it doesn't have anywhere to go.
- The Senior Citizen Prom was a great time. A video is available on the Middle School website.
- The light poles to use for the holiday decorations have been selected and decorations should be up by Thanksgiving.
- All Marshall Park projects depend upon the supply of products.
 - Lighting was delayed a month but they will work throughout the winter.
 - Turf fields can be worked on this winter, but weather in the spring will determine completion. The turf company recommended waiting until Memorial Day before scheduling tournaments.
 - Some prep work on the splash pad may be done this winter.
 - The splash pad fixtures and playground equipment will be installed in the spring.
 - The floor of the playground can't be poured until weather is consistently in the 50's.
 - The parking lot will be a separate bid this winter.
 - The shed will be used for the pump house.
 - Additional parking will be created for the soccer area.
- The Tree Lighting will be held on December 2, 2021 at Marshal Park, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Regional Planning is looking at the possibility of obtaining funding for a sidewalk on Shelby-Ontario Road. The city's engineer is preparing a schematic to see what could be done at the intersection.

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- Two recycling dumpsters will be moved to the property on Elliot Way, between Rudy Road and Lex-Ontario Road. The container at Stowell Park will be removed.
- A hill obstructs visibility when turning from Elliott Way (formerly Railroad Street) onto Rudy Road. Most of the hill is out of the right-of-way. The Mayor will meet with the property owner tomorrow to discuss cleaning the evergreens off the top of the hill.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Ms. Branham commented:

1. If there was any follow up to the Ferguson Road noise issue she brought up during the last meeting.
 - Mr. Gallo will follow up with the Chief.
2. Residents on Ferguson Road are requesting a flashing stop sign because drivers exceed the speed limit and run the stop sign at Jacquelyn.
 - Portable speed limit signals attach to signs showing driver's their speed. Lexington has these when entering their city limits on Lex-Springmill.
3. Ferguson Road at Stumbo Road has a concrete wall with a railing that is close to the stop sign blocking the view of drivers when turning right.

Mr. Bradley announced the Ontario Police Department and Springfield Fire Department are partnering on the Toy Drive this season. Recreation Director Heather Hendrix is working with Superintendent Carmichael to have a toy drive. Beginning December 14th boxes will be assembled for the children. Last year they ran out of boxes so they are looking for someone, or a business, to donate boxes this year. Toys can be dropped off at the Police Department, Fire Department, at the Tree Lighting, or a new toy can be donated at the Craft Show for free entry.

Mr. Gallo thanked the Police Department and Springfield Fire Department for their work in making Trick or Treat a great community event.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked that discharging fireworks not be allowed on the six holidays recently approved by the state unless specific guidelines are established, such as minimum acreage.

Benjamin Mutti, 38 Avon Drive, Richland Community Family Coalition, requested permission to place a 6' Menorah on city property from November 28th – December 6th in recognition of Hanukah. Other municipalities allow similar religious displays.

- Council will have a reply by their next meeting on November 17th.

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Janine Caico, 75 Bethel Lane, asked on the status of the unfinished church on Park Avenue West, and on her previous request of hanging banners in the city.

- Mayor Hutchinson is waiting on pricing for pole brackets. Next year banners will honor Veterans between Memorial Day thru Veterans Day, then holiday decorations will go up.
- An inspection on the church will be done soon to make sure it is safe.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 21-15

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-15, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 21-15 was adopted.

At 7:59 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