

## Regular

December 15, 2021

Ontario City Council met in regular session on December 15, 2021, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:09 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members, Ken Earhart, Dave Rehfeldt, Chad Wilford, Josh Bradley, Rose Feagin, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Jeff Wilson, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

Mr. Bradley moved to excuse Mr. Sunderland from this evening's meeting, second by Mr. Earhart. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Wilford moved to excuse Ms. Branham from this evening's meeting, second by Mr. Bradley. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 1, 2021 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Rehfeldt reported on the Personnel/Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier this evening. The Personnel Committee approved a motion for a full time Zoning Inspector for the city, effective January 1, 2022. The Finance Committee approved a \$19.491 million 2022 temporary budget.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- He received several inquiries about continuing leaf pick-up. The last round was December 3<sup>rd</sup> because the county site where the city takes the leaves closed for the season. The city extended leaf pick-up over two weeks but no longer has a location to take leaves.
- Contrary to what was previously announced, the city will retain the K-9 and all of the equipment. An officer will be trained as the dog's handler.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Park Project Update: The turf project is underway. Two of the smaller fields were excavated. The drainage tiles were installed and today they are being backfilled with gravel. The project will continue as long as weather permits.

The splash pad location is staked out and currently covered with tarps to help slow the freezing process. Once final approval is received from the State Health Department, this project should continue through the winter.

The playscape equipment has shipped. We will store this equipment through the winter with plans to begin next spring.

The last reported start date for the light project was December 13<sup>th</sup>. As of yet, there hasn't been any activity on this project. I have not had an opportunity to follow up with Musco for a revised schedule.

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2021 Cemetery Report: This year we had a total of 11 burials (5 cremation/6 full), which is the same number as 2020. A total of 11 lots were sold, which is an increase of 9 from 2020. There are approximately 426 lots remaining for sale.

We had 7 requests for foundation lay-out, which is required when someone wants to put up a headstone or change anything with an occupied lot. We were able to restore 18 old foundations, which is 2 less than we restored in 2020, at a cost of \$4,911.50. The total income received in 2021 was \$9,935; up \$2,737 from last year.

COSTS

*25.5-man hours for burials @ \$75.00/hour (including equipment) = \$1,912.50*

*227 Superintendent hours @ \$21.37/hour = \$4,850.99*

*Net Gain = \$3,171.51 – an increase of \$2,704.57 from 2020*

The fee schedule is reviewed annually and the last revisions were done in 2019. Based on the net gain increase in 2021, I don't see the need to increase any fees at this time.

2021 Contractor's License Report: We issued 48 Contractor License renewals and 43 new licenses in 2021. Compared to 2020, renewals were down slightly from 44, while new licenses were down significantly by 22. Sewer licenses were about the same, with 6 new and 16 renewals. These totals are very similar to 2020. Total income generated from the fees was \$8,100, which is down \$1,650 from the previous year.

A Reminder: The City will be enforcing the 2-inch snow parking ban on all City streets this winter. This is necessary in order to allow the plows to do their job safely and efficiently.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Mr. Gallo said the Oath of Office for the At-Large Council members and the President of Council will be held on January 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallo read the Notice of Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council of the City of Ontario, during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a proposal to amend Section 1143.03 Design Standards, (g) Mini-Warehouses.

All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control submitted a change of stockholders for Speedway Inc. Hearing no objections, the notification will be returned to not request a hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came forward to ask why city trucks are hauling dirt from the park.

- The city receives a discount on the park project by hauling the dirt.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:22 p.m., the public hearing was opened for the Roe/Ventre/Yarman Annexation. Seeing no signatures on the sign-in sheet or hearing no one in the audience who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-40

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Mr. Earhart read Ordinance No. 21-40 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Earhart moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-40, second by Mr. Wilford. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-40 was adopted.

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-41

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND KNOW AS THE ROE/VENTRE/YARMAN ANNEXATION IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO.

Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 21-41 for the first time, by title only.

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-42

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 18-47, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 21-42 for the first time, by title only.

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-43

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2021 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, AND THE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND.

Mr. Wilford read Ordinance No. 21-43 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Gallo stated a special Council meeting will be held before the end of the year to vote on Ordinances 21-42 and 21-43 since there were not enough members present this evening to suspend the rules.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 21-16

## A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO KENNETH EARHART FOR HIS NINE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Resolution No. 21-16 in its entirety.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-16, second by Mr. Bradley.

Four members cast their votes Aye, one Abstain by Mr. Earhart, zero Nay, and the motion was approved. Council members and Mayor Hutchinson expressed their gratitude to Mr. Earhart for his dedication to the city.

Mr. Earhart said it has been a pleasure working with everyone and hopefully they did some good. His parting advice to the new members was to use common sense on how their decisions will affect all of the constituents in Ontario.

At 7:27 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Earhart, 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