

Regular

January 19, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on January 19, 2022, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members, Troy Sapp, 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 Kris Knapp, Recreation Director Heather Hendrix, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 5, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bradley reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening:

- Discussion was held on the information submitted for a proposed ballpark facility. The committee didn't feel they had enough information but would be open to a presentation by the developers.
- A motion was approved for legislation to be prepared to repeal the Campus District Overlay codes.

Mr. Bradley was contacted by a citizen regarding a crosswalk on Shelby-Ontario Road, who gave him information on ODOT's Safe Routes to School Grants. Mr. Bradley said the crosswalk to The Cove is confusing.

- Mayor Hutchinson recently attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting and felt the crosswalk, on the west side, might get funded. The Commission was able to locate funding for the crosswalk. The project will go before the appropriate Committee and voted on in February. If approved, the sidewalk would extend from the end of the existing sidewalk, on the west side of the road, and continue to Pearl. The engineering is already done.
- Mr. Bradley said the residents in the neighborhoods north of the school would also like sidewalks.
- If the grant is approved, the Streets Committee would meet with the engineer in the spring to determine the layout of the sidewalk so it isn't placed too close to the street. The city is currently covered from any liability because a sidewalk is provided.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided several updates:

Park Projects

- The two back baseball diamonds are ready for turf and work will begin soon on the other two fields.
- The electrician is hopeful to begin installing the lights next week. This will be a month long project.
- The ground surface has been groomed for the splash pad. The engineer is working on bid spec costs for the parking lot. Hopefully, part of this will be funded through a foundation grant.
- One playground apparatus isn't ready so shipping on that piece is delayed.

Council Chamber Chairs

The eleven Council chairs have been replaced and could be donated if anyone knows of an organization who has use for them. Otherwise, the chairs will be placed on the on-line auction.

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Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant

- A \$250,000 grant was approved for the demolition of the former Wilson gas station on Park Avenue West. The city initially pays for the work, then gets reimbursed through the grant.
- The gas tanks were removed in the early 1970's.
- The existing building will be torn down, as many trees as possible will remain, then the property will be marketed for sale.

July 4th Festival

- The Mayor met with the electrician today. In the spring, electricity will be installed for the festival. The additional electric will allow the festival more expansion capabilities because they were restricted behind the school. Now there can be 14 or 15 trailers.
- The entire festival will be held at Marshall Park, but the fireworks will still be set off behind the school.
- The Niss's are graciously donating the money for the fireworks again this year.
- Notification will be sent to both committees that organized the festival last year. They will meet and form one festival committee.

Mr. Sunderland said he was contacted by several residents asking when the candy cane and snowflake decorations will be taken down.

- They plan to remove them this week was delayed due to water breaks and snow removal.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Knapp reported on several items:

- Christmas Tree collection ends Friday. Currently, crews have picked up over 150 trees.
- The general laborer Civil Service exam was held last Saturday. We will hopefully be conducting interviews next week and making a decision in the very near future.
- Snow removal on Sunday and Monday went well. Seven trucks were on the road Sunday evening salting and again at 4:00 a.m. Monday, plowing and re-salting. A reminder of the Snow Ban, when there is 2 inches of snow or more, vehicles must be removed from the streets.
- Mr. Knapp is working with OYS and the Recreation Department to create a Google calendar to improve lines of communication. Both areas will enter their events into the calendar to ensure coordination of the park facilities and to notify the Service Department so any necessary preparations can be arranged.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hendrix presented the following report:

SELF DEFENSE CLASS

A female self-defense class was held on September 19th, 2021, in the Community Room. Cost was \$40. A few people attend the class that Reneta Music instructed.

SENIOR PROM

The prom for seniors, ages 65 and over, was held in the Middle School Commons, from 5 to 7 p.m. Mr. Strickler and Mrs. Caporini helped organize the event and the VFW donated funds for the band, Just Jazz Live. We had middle school volunteers and the Rec. Dept. provided food

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and drinks. Because the prom was a huge success we plan to have one every year, in the spring, so the decorations from the high school prom can be used. Approximately 60 people attended.

HONKIN HAULIN TOUCH A TRUCK

This event was held on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. We had 15 different vehicles for the kids to explore. The weather was spotty, but we had several hundred people in attendance. It will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 2022, this year. A big thank you to the Ontario Police, Springfield Twp. Fire Dept., FedEx, City of Ontario, Rumpke, Ontario Schools, and Key Club members that helped with the event.

HAUNTED TRAIL

We had to cancel our 3rd annual Haunted Trail on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 2021, due to rain and muddy conditions. We are planning on having it this year on Oct. 22nd, 2022. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a spot on the trail, please let me know. Non-profits provide their own volunteers and props, in return they receive a portion of the admission cost. OYS may have a local softball/baseball tournament the same weekend and would give the players discount tickets to the trail.

ONTARIO CRAFT SHOW

The 44th annual Ontario Community Craft Show was on Dec. 4th, 2021. Approximately 120 vendors and over 2,000 people attended. Admissions were split with the Lions Club. We made \$2,390 and \$8,890 from vendor fees. Great weather and great turn out! Everyone had a very successful day.

OPEN SWIM

There have been two open swim sessions so far this year with over 40 kids attending each one. Open swim will be held twice a month in January, February, and March from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., on Jan. 13th, Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd, Feb. 24th, March 10th and March 24th, 2022.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons will be offered Feb. 28th to March 9th, 2022. Debby Henry will be the main instructor and eight High School students will be hired to help teach kids in the water. It will be for Stingel students only and held after school for an hour. There can be a maximum of 25 students and the cost is \$50 each.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 2022, at noon in Marshall Park. I am purchasing candy and getting 5,000 eggs stuffed with the help from school organizations.

SCAVENGER HUNT

May 7th is the Marshall Park Scavenger Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. Prizes and snacks will be available at the end of the event.

MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES

OYS and the Rec. Dept. are going to team up to offer Mother's Day pictures for Mom's and kids on Saturday, May 7th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN EVENT

We are planning to have another Senior Citizen Event at the Middle School. We will have either a dance or dinner on May 14th, 2022.

NEW LIFEGUARD CLASS AND RECERT CLASS

A recertification class for lifeguarding will be held on April 3rd, 2022, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the High School. A new lifeguarding class will be held May 26th, 27th, and 31st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost for the recert class is \$75 and the new lifeguarding class is \$85.

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SUMMER RECREATION CAMP

Summer Rec will be held June 13th - 16th and June 20th - 23rd, 2022, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ontario Middle School. Interviews for summer rec applicants to work during the two weeks will be held in April. Approximately 40 high school students will be hired.

Mr. Bradley suggested a digital sign at the park entrance for displaying the events which would save time from constantly changing the letters on the existing board. Mrs. Hendrix agreed a digital sign would be very beneficial because more events could be advertised than what the daisy sign can hold.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo read the Notice of Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a proposal to rezone property located at 1745 Walker Lake Road from Residential to Office Service.

Planning Commission has recommended in favor of this rezone.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, said he has attended Trustee meetings for over a decade, and he has the utmost respect for the Fire Department and the EMS. During each meeting there is public commentary and if anyone has an issue, it can be addressed at that time.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:37 p.m., the public hearing was opened for amending Chapter 1143.03, Design Standards (G) Mini-Warehouses.

At 7:37 p.m., with no signatures on the sign-in sheet and hearing no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 21-41

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

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 21-41 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-41, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-41 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-02

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145, GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 1145.38-CONCESSION STANDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-02 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 22-02 for the second time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-02, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-02 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION\SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22-01 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Resolution No. 22-01 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-01, second by Mr. Bradley. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-01 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM ROUTE SHIELD REPLACEMENTS ON STATE ROUTE 314 FROM THE SOUTH CORPORATION LIMIT TO THE NORTH CORPORATION LIMIT, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Wilford moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22-02 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Resolution No. 22-02 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-02, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-02 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22-03 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Wilford read Resolution No. 22-03 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Wilford moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-03, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-03 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1143, CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE STANDARDS 1143.03 DESIGN STANDARDS, SUBPARAGRAPH (G) MINI-WAREHOUSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 22-06 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-07

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO, REPEALING ORDINANCE 18-24, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-07 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 22-07 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-07, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-07 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08

AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CASE 580 SUPER N LOADER BACKHOE FOR THE SUM OF (INCLUDING CREDITS) \$62,891.00 THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-08 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 22-08 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-08, second by Ms. Feagin. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-08 was adopted.

At 7:45 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. Sunderland, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council