

Regular

February 2, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 2, 2022, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:04 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, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 19, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting of the Whole on February 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The Parks and Safety Committees held a combined meeting earlier this evening.

- Mr. Wilford reported on the Parks portion of the meeting.
 - The Mayor is in the process of receiving pricing for installing Wi-Fi in the park.
 - The cost for Spectrum is \$16,500, to install the Wi-Fi and poles is \$80,000-\$90,000, and \$145,000 for the security cameras.
 - The committee agreed to change the closing time of the park to ½ hour after an event.

Mayor Hutchinson said lights were not originally added through the entire park because they didn't want to encourage people to drive through the park after dark. It's not a street, it's a park drive, and they don't want people remaining in the park after it's closed for the night.

- Mr. Sunderland reported on the Safety portion of the meeting.
 - Safety lighting in Marshall Park was discussed. LED lights will be added.
 - Security cameras will be added near the Service Building and throughout the park.
 - The walking path will be checked for blind spots that may need a camera installed for the safety of our residents and guests.
 - The possibility of a shooting range, behind the city building, was discussed for the Police Department. The Chief will be invited to attend a Council meeting to provide additional information.

Mr. Bradley announced an Economic Development Committee meeting on March 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

When Ms. Feagin mentioned most of the street decorations were taken down but there is still a candy cane near Denney's, Mr. Knapp said it is on a hillside where the crews can't get to it due to the snow and the incline. Mayor Hutchinson said they were waiting to take down the decorations until the shed they ordered to store the decorations arrived, but the delivery was delayed two weeks. Banners will go up about April for Memorial Day and taken down after Veterans Day when the Christmas decorations go back up. New brackets need ordered and modified for the Banners.

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SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo reminded Council to complete their on-line Open Meetings and Public Records training and give their certificate to the Clerk. Let the Mayor know if anyone plans to attend the in-house training on February 14th.

Mr. Gallo asked Council to start thinking about when they want to hold the July meetings. In the past, they have one meeting in July, usually not during the week of July 4th. They can discuss this at the next Caucus.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked if they looked into a sweeper for the turf fields.

- A turf groomer was included in the contract.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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. Sapp read Ordinance No. 22-06 for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR (OR HIS DESIGNEE) TO APPLY FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM & CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22-04 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt Resolution No. 22-04 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-04, second by Mr. Sunderland. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-04 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR (OR HIS DESIGNEE) TO APPLY FOR A TRENCH SAFETY GRANT FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Wilford moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22-05 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Wilford read Resolution No. 22-05 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Wilford moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-05, second by Mr. Bradley. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-05 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 17-08, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 22-09 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S AUDITOR TO SET UP A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ABANDONED GAS STATION CLEANUP GRANT FUND THE CITY RECEIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-10 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bradley. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 22-10 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-10, second by Ms. Feagin. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-10 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-11

AN ORDINANCE VACATING BEMILLER DRIVE TO THE ONTARIO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-11 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 22-11 for the second time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-11, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-11 was adopted.

At 7:22 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Branham, second by Ms. Feagin, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council