

Regular

February 16, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 16, 2022, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:06 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, Zoning Inspector Michael Morton, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 2, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

At this time, Gage Weaver and his family came forward for the presentation of his All-American Soccer Award plaque that will be displayed at the Marshall Park soccer pavilion. There are multiple levels of accomplishments that need to be achieved in order to be eligible for this distinguished award.

- Mayor Hutchinson said it was an honor to present this plaque that will be permanently displayed in recognition of Gage's accomplishments. The city was very proud to watch Gage receive this award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt reported the Finance Committee meeting held this evening was to discuss the million dollar increase in the budget for primarily the park improvements: parking, sidewalks, concrete pad around the playground, fencing, Wi-Fi, security lighting, security cameras, additional soccer parking, and bandshell parking. These improvements are \$700,000.

Mr. Bradley said the Economic Development Committee meeting on March 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., will be a committee of the whole.

Ms. Branham scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on February 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson said the city received \$111,000 from the Foundation for park improvements. The Gorman Fund gave \$25,000 and \$86,000 was approved by the Richland County Foundation.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Knapp wanted to recognize the Street Department for the fantastic job during the snow-storm. There were seven to ten plows out from Thursday 4:00 a.m. until Friday 2:30 p.m., and again on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Mr. Gallo concurred and wanted to include the Police Department and First Responders, who also did a terrific job.

Mayor Hutchinson said the citizens were great. He didn't issue an official snow ban but did posted the information, and there were very few cars on the streets. On the Monday after the storm, city crews were fixing mailboxes that were damaged by the heavy snow from the plows.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

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ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Morton presented his 2021 annual report and explained the information in the handouts.

- Ontario had 15 new businesses open or expand, and 8 closings. In 2020, there were 13 openings and 4 closures.
- Upcoming projects include:
 - Renovation of the second floor at Avita Hospital.
 - Ross Dress for Less is going in the former Staples store.
 - Pep Boys is closing their retail store. Advanced Auto will open in its place.
 - Old Navy is moving to the former Bed, Bath and Beyond location.
 - Cinema 10, behind Kohls, is scheduled for demolition.
 - Charter Next Generation (CNG) is adding to their factory.
 - Holiday Inn delayed building but requested a permit extension.
- Commercial Projects
 - Holiday Inn was going to build a \$7 million project. Because that project was delayed, the 2020 valuation was down.
- Residential Projects
 - Last year, 21 new dwellings were built. In 2020 there were 17, in 2019 there were 25, and in 2018 there were 19 new dwellings.
 - The city has approximately 80 vacant buildable residential lots remaining.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo read the notice of public hearing.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1145.09 Exterior Lighting. The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of these changes. All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Seeing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

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. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 22-06 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-06, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-06 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-09

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

Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 22-09 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF ALL CITY PARKS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 21-12.

Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 22-12 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-13 on three separate days, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 22-13 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-13, second by Mr. Sunderland. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-13 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-14

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ROE/VENTRE/YARMAN ANNEXED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AS R-1 - LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 21-14 on three separate days, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Wilford read Ordinance No. 21-14 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Wilford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-14, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 21-14 was adopted.

At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Feagin, second by Ms. Branham, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council