

Regular

March 2, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 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, 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 February 16, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Gallo requested a moment of silence to recognize the loss of two stalwarts of our community. Bud Motter was a long-time photographer for the Tribune and supporter of all athletic and community events. Eric Grove was a member of the Ontario Civil Service Commission, involved in many Ontario activities, and the announcer for the football and basketball games.

At this time, Troy Smith, Manager of Community Education and Special Projects for Richland Newhope, came forward to receive a Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Month. Lane Leatherow and his grandmother, Sharon Cooper, were present for the presentation by the Mayor.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas: the more than 1,500 individuals served by Richland Newhope, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to value and respect the abilities of all people. And,

Whereas: the most effective way to increase awareness is through participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; And,

Whereas: policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; And,

Whereas: we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; And,

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Randy E. Hutchinson, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH and offer full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential;

In Witness Whereof, I, Mayor Randy E. Hutchinson have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on March 16, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Wilford announced a Parks Committee meeting on April 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bradley reminded Council members the Economic Development Committee meeting on March 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., is a meeting of the Whole.

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Ms. Branham reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held this evening. The Mayor requested: (1), 8 hours comp time for the essential personnel who worked during the Level 3 snow storm (2), that employees would be in violation of the personnel policy if they do not report their spouse is eligible for health insurance where they work, and (3), requested mandatory drug testing be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Rehfeldt requested to look at pay scales of elected officials, and the Auditor requested the Deputy Auditor's position change from part-time to full-time. The remainder of the meeting was held in executive session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Knapp reported that due to the recent ice storm, the city will pick-up tree limbs the week of March 14th – 18th . In April they will reevaluate picking up winter storm debris.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Gallo stated preparations are underway for the 4th of July Festival. They welcome sponsorship opportunities for the festival and for the Miss Ontario Pageant. There are many opportunities for volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:19 p.m., the public hearing was opened for the rezone of 1745 Walker Lake Road from R-1 Low Density Residential District to Office Service District. Seeing no one who wished to speak or signatures on the sign-in sheet, the public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

Buffy Williams, representing ASI Community Wellness Group, came forward to say the Wellness Center will help create an opportunity for people to have a quality of life. They hope to bring in good families and good fun to people who need help.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 17-08,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-09, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-09 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-12

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

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-12 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 22-12 for the second time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-12, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-12 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06

A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF SELF-CERTIFYING A \$50,000 MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD FOR USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 CFR § 200.320(A)(1)(III) AND (IV), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 22-06 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Resolution No. 22-06 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-06, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-06 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-07

A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD (SAT) OF \$250,000 FOR USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 CFR § 200.320(A)(2) (I) AND (II), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Wilford moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-07, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-07 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15

AN ORDINANCE SETTING NEW WATER TAP RATES IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO BY AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 921- WATER, SECTION 921.01- RATES AND FEES, SUBSECTION (c), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-15 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 22-15 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-15, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-15 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-16

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL # 038-60-050-70-000, ON 1745 WALKER LAKE ROAD, FROM R-1 – LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO OS – OFFICE SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-16 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 22-16 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-16, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-16 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-17

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT 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.

Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 22-17 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-18

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PORTION OF BEMILLER DRIVE TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-18 on three separate days, second by Mr. Wilford. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 22-18 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Branham moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-18, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-18 was adopted.

At 7:27 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Feagin, second by Mr. Wilford, and the motion passed.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council