

Regular

June 15, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 15, 2022, in the Municipal Building, with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 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 June 1, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Kathi Cutlip-Mills, representing the Richland County Fair Pie Auction, came forward to extend an invitation to the Annual Pie Auction on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Building. She explained the ten pie categories and regulations. They would like to expand the number of pie bakers, who must be members of the Richland County Agricultural Society. There is a \$25 membership, but in return members receive seven passes into the Fair, on Friday of Fair week the members vote for the Fair Board Members, and members can enter up to four pies in the auction. 40% of the price for the pie goes to the baker, 60% goes to the Fair Board for the upkeep of the Arts & Crafts Building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on August 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., for the mid-year report.

Mr. Bradley announced an Economic Development Committee of the Whole meeting on August 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Feagin reported the Streets Committee decided to install three signs honoring High School State Champions.

Mr. Sunderland said the Safety Committee agreed to allow police officers living within the city limits to drive their cruisers home, per the Chief's discretion. A new customer service window will be installed in the hallway door at the Municipal Building, a couple of more lights will be added in Marshall Park and discussion will continue on pool covers, fences, and the discharging of fireworks per the new State Law.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson said the Miss Ontario Pageant is June 25th, the 4th of July Festival is on July 2nd, and OYS will host the Regatta on July 1st.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Mr. Gallo said 4th of July activities begin on June 25th with the Miss Ontario Pageant. Ms. Feagin and Ms. Branham are featured speakers.
- Council will have one meeting next month on July 13th.
- Mr. Gallo read the Notice of Public Hearing, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, for the rezone of properties on Walker Lake Road from Office Service to Business. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came forward to ask if chip and seal could be put on roads that aren't used very often, Cal Miller and Elliott Way (Railroad Street), as an effort to save money. Mayor Hutchinson said the streets are included in the paving project at no extra charge. Mr. Hunt commented on pool covers, fireworks, parking in the grass at the park, city paying for electric, water and sewer for concession trailers, and paying for parking during tournaments.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:37 p.m., the public hearing was opened for the 2023 Tax Budget. Seeing that no one signed in or wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCE NO. 22-33**

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES (EAST), LLC, D/B/A DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 22-33 for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-11

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-11, second by Mr. Sunderland. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-11 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-34

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC., DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ms. Branham moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-34 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Wilford read Ordinance No. 22-34 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Wilford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-34, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-34 was adopted.

At 7:41 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. Rehfeldt.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council