

Regular

September 7, 2022

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 7, 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, Kyle Webb, 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 August 17, 2022 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Joe Trolan, Executive Director of Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services came forward to receive a Proclamation.

National Recovery Month

Whereas, September is nationally recognized as Recovery Month. The Richland County Behavioral Health System and its supporters have adopted the theme of “Local Hope for Local Recovery.” We will spend the month recognizing and emphasizing the availability of great resources close to home.

Whereas: During State Fiscal Year 2022 over 9500 Richland County residents participated in prevention and educational efforts, in schools, churches and community organizations. They learned how to recognize concerns with their family and friends and how to access help when they need it. They learned that the majority of roads to recovery start with hope from someone who cares.

Whereas: Through our outreach efforts and supportive access the local system touched 3,686 lives through our HELP Line, 2,641 through our Warmline, 112 through the Opiate Response Team and 177 in the first two months of the new Homeless Response Team. Over 6,500 people found hope coming to them or just a phone call away.

Whereas: Through our newest program, Behavioral Health Urgent Care, 787 accessed immediate treatment during the first 11 months. Critical services were provided to 217 people for Crisis Stabilization and an additional 255 entered Withdrawal Management. Over 1200 people started their road to recovery this year.

Whereas: All total over 8000 Richland County residents were assisted in treatment from local agencies close to home that are well recognized including Catalyst Life Services, Family Life Counseling, Mansfield UMADAOP, Community Action for Capable Youth, and the National Alliance on Mental illness, just to name a few. It is a great feeling to know that local hope is available to access local recovery.

Therefore: I, Mayor Randy E. Hutchinson do hereby proclaim September 2022 as Recovery Month in Richland County. I call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Ontario and Richland County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of behavioral health, the steps our citizens can take to live healthy lives, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

In Witness Whereof: I, Mayor Randy E. Hutchinson have set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed this 7th day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor

Mr. Trolan distributed informational packets and shared upcoming events.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting of the Whole on September 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the budget and finances.

Ms. Branham reported the majority of the Personnel Committee meeting this evening was held in executive session. The Committee agreed to complete a professional comparison study with municipalities similar in size to assist in establishing employee wages.

- Mayor Hutchinson said during the winter months the employee assigned to work at the ICP property will help with city projects and snow plowing, then return to the ICP property in the spring to mow.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 22-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY AND MAPPING PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-12, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 22-12 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-40

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 21-42.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 22-40 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 22-40 for the first time, by title only.

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Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-40, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-40 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-33

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

Ms. Branham moved to take from the table Ordinance No. 22-33, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 22-33 for the third time, by title only, amending with a cap of six.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-33, second by Mr. Sunderland. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 22-33 was adopted.

At 7:16 p.m., Ms. Branham moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(8), to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, of an applicant for economic development assistance. Second by Mr. Sapp. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 7:42 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Ms. Branham, second by Mr. Sapp.

At 7:43 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Bradley, second by Ms. Feagin.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council