

## Regular

February 15, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 15, 2023, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, 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.

President Gallo said for the remainder of the year he will invite Veterans to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of Council meetings in recognition of their service. He is putting together a list of names that have an Ontario connection with the help from members of the community, Superintendent Strickler, Principal Smith, the Police Department and the Lion's Club.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 1, 2023 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Rehfeldt called a Finance Committee meeting of the Whole on March 1, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Webb reminded Council members of the Utilities Committee meeting on March 1, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Bradley reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening. After executive session, the committee discussed the long-term strategic development plan. There is a need for a promotional information handout for potential developers, marketing improvement and a marketing budget.

Ms. Feagin scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting of the Whole, in executive session, on March 1, 2023, at 5:45 p.m.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- A resident on Rock Road thanked him for putting up the truck traffic signs. The truck traffic on Rock Road has been reduced significantly.
- Two Sections of the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, 5.10 Group Health Insurance and 6.05 Changes in Personal Information, were amended so both sections allow 10 calendar days to report a change in status.
- The quote for the street assessor study was \$4,500 for a two-year plan. The list of streets would be updated every two years.
- The company ODOT hired for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Project started working on the study. The on-going project extends the length of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Home Road to St Rt 314 with an emphasis on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Rock Road. There aren't many accidents at Rock Road but over the years there have been some fatal crashes. The city's portion for this project is over \$10,000.
- This year the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Committee is requesting the city to help with the port-a-pots and dumpster, an approximate cost of \$2,700. In the past, the city contributed \$10,000 toward fireworks.

### **SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Knapp said next week Junior Achievement is hosting a four-county school district event at the Fairgrounds. Over 1,000 students will attend. Businesses from the area will set up

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marketing booths and a Job Fair will be held in the afternoon. There will be a booth promoting the city with employees from the Service Department helping.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- The Council meetings for July 2023 were announced. Council will meet on July 12<sup>th</sup> and if a second meeting is necessary it will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- President Gallo was contacted by someone with a concern about the school crosswalk near the Marshall Park entrance during school pick-up times. Mayor Hutchinson said that is no longer a crosswalk, it was moved a few years ago.
- President Gallo read a Notice of Public Hearing that will be held on April 5, 2023, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance 1146 Signs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came before Council to ask if the 4<sup>th</sup> of July beer garden could be made more affordable and that he would like to see electricity near the Splash Park to eliminate the noise from the generators.

- Mr. Rehfeldt said the Festival Committee discusses the price for the beer garden. He suggested attending the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Committee meetings to talk about it.
- The city is in the process of getting quotes for electricity near the Splash Park.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 23-02 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Webb moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(4), preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Second by Mr. Sunderland. At roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:17 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Ms. Feagin, second by Mr. Sunderland.

At 8:18 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, second by Ms. Feagin.

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Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council