

## Regular

March 15, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on March 15, 2023, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. President Gallo introduced Brennen Strickler, an active member of the 200<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron Air National Guard in Port Clinton, studying aerospace engineering at Dayton University, and is a 2021 Ontario High School graduate, to lead 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, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

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

Trae Turner, Chief of Community Living with the Area Agency on Aging, came forward to explain the Richland County Senior Services \$1.8 million, 5-year renewal levy. The cost is \$53 on a \$100,000 property value. The initial levy was in 2008 with renewals in 2013 and 2018 that serve those age 60 and above who do not qualify for the Medicaid program.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Sapp said the Parks Committee meeting on April 5, 2023 will now be at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Rehfeldt said the 2023 budget was approved. Major projects include the salt shed, major improvements to the city's utilities of \$150,000 for water lines, and \$450,000 for the Shangri La system.

Ms. Branham reported the Personnel Committee met this evening. The Committee agreed to have legislation prepared to change the position of Deputy Auditor to full time, the rest of the meeting was held in executive session.

Ms. Branham scheduled a Personnel Committee meeting on April 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson reported on the following:

- Limb pick-up will begin next week and will be extended due to the upcoming weather forecast.
- A letter was mailed pertaining to the gas aggregation program. Residents are automatically enrolled but may opt-out at any time.
- Banners honoring local Veterans would cost approximately \$120 each and the company would make sure the banners fit our pole brackets.
- JABC, Johnny Appleseed Baseball Club, would like to rent the Rock Road ballfields and make improvements, i.e. dug outs, concrete pad with bleachers, and fencing.

Ms. Feagin moved to allow the Mayor to advertise for bids on the Comprehensive Strategic Plan, second by Ms. Branham, all aye.

### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Seth Boyd, 3491 Ridgestone Drive, came before Council to express his appreciation for making his job easier as a reporter, for being cooperative and willing to be in front of the camera. Growing up in Ontario was great, it's made him who he is today. He is moving away and hopes to represent Ontario well in his future endeavors.

**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. Sapp read Ordinance No. 23-02 for the third time, by title only, as amended.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-02, second by Mr. Sunderland.  
Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 23-02 was adopted.

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

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Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council