

Regular

April 19, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 19, 2023, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. President Gallo introduced Scott Haggerman, a 13-year Ontario resident who served with the 180th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard in Dessert Storm and Dessert Shield as a Crew Chief on attack and fighter jets, and was the first Guardsman to receive the Quarter Award.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Law Director Medwid, Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 5, 2023 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Webb reported on this evening's Utilities Committee meeting:

- Sewer line replacement engineering is moving forward to replace an 8" section of water line on Spring Village Lane.
- There will be a smoke study for storm water intrusion May 8th – 12th.
- Water valve replacement engineering is being done to replace two valves in front of the Water Plant so specific sections can be turned off if needed.
- Engineering is being done for an emergency water hook-up to Mansfield.
- Mansfield plans to tear down the water tower on Lex-Springmill. The EPA requires an immediate inspection of the 70 year old tower if Ontario considers taking ownership to rehab the tower. Council will wait for more information before making a decision.
- The Shangri-La waterline project is going well.
- Ontario residents who received letters from the City of Mansfield on the aggregation program should opt-out of their aggregation and opt-in to Ontario's aggregation. More information will be posted explaining the process.

Mr. Webb scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting of the Whole on May 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bradley said the Economic Development Committee met this evening in executive session.

Mr. Bradley combined an Economic Development Committee meeting with the Utilities Committee meeting on May 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

President Gallo said:

- An auction for obsolete equipment will be held at the Service Building on May 4, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
- Openings for General Laborer positions will be posted soon.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo said sponsorships are needed for the 4th of July Festival and the Miss Ontario programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Rebecca Owens, Richland County EMA Director, introduced herself to Council and handed out information on their services.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 23-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1146 SIGNS, SECTIONS 1146.02
DEFINITIONS, SECTION 1146.03 SIGNS BY NUMBERS, SIZE, AND LOCATION,
1146.08 ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS, AND 1146.11 NON-CONFORMING SIGNS.

Mr. Webb read Ordinance No. 23-03 for the second time, by title only.

At 7:09 p.m., Ms. Branham 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. Sapp. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:28 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Ms. Branham, second by Mr. Sapp.

At 8:29 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Branham, second by Mr. Bradley.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council