

Regular

May 3, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on May 3, 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 Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 19, 2023 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Economic Development Committee and the Utilities Committee held a combined meeting this evening.

Mr. Webb reported on the Utilities portion of the meeting:

- Smoke testing on the north end of town will take place next week.
- The Home Road water connection is in the design phase.
- A water hook-up was requested for a Mansfield property that is closer to the Ontario line. The request was denied because legislation is in place that doesn't allow connections outside the city limits.
- New water billing software was proposed because the current billing software company was purchased. The new company increased the price, and their product isn't as efficient. Muni-Link Billing System was selected due to their software capability of providing live updates to the Service Department. The initial cost is \$13,000. A recommendation was made to increase the monthly administration fee from \$1.25 to \$2.00 to cover the monthly software fee.

Mr. Bradley reported on the Economic Development portion of the meeting.

- A city wide CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) was discussed.
- A company would like to place a cell tower on city property. More information is forthcoming.
- Three bids were received on the Strategic Plan proposal. A meeting will be scheduled for the presentations.
- Possible upcoming rezone requests were discussed. The owner of the former OSU property on Walker Lake Road may seek R-3 for apartments, and the property owner of PAW/Home Road may ask to rezone the lot Business to sell sheds.
- The vacant church on Park Avenue West was sold.
- The remainder of the meeting was held in executive session.

Mr. Bradley scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting on May 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. for the Strategic Planning presentations.

Mr. Sunderland announced a Safety Committee meeting on May 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported on the following items:

- An auction for miscellaneous items will be held tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., at the Service Building.
- Spread the Light will be held in the Community Room on Sunday, May 14th.
- Greg Boyce, of Modern Woodmen, donated an ADA accessible table for the splash pad area.
- The new sidewalk is in at the splash pad.
- Recreation Director Heather Hendrix turned in her resignation, effective June 16, 2023.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Knapp reported:

- Safety posts are being added to the park. Posts were placed at the lower parking lot that will be paved this summer, the corner of Dunlap/Shelby-Ontario Road, and near the Dog Park.
- Only one company responded to quote installing electricity to the soccer field concession stand.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo said sponsors and volunteers are needed for the Miss Ontario Pageant and the 4th of July Festival. This will be the first year for Little Miss Ontario and Junior Miss Ontario pageants. The deadline to sign up for the pageants is May 12th.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 23-03 – (THIRD READING) 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. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 23-03 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-03, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 23-03 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT PROGRAM FOR THE AWARD OF ROAD SALT NEEDED DURING 2023 AND 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 23-07 on three separate days, second by Mr. Webb. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Resolution No. 23-07 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-07, second by Ms. Branham. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 23-07 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-05 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, BY ADDING SECTION 505.17 FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED.

Ms. Branham read Ordinance No. 23-05 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:23 p.m., Mr. Bradley 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 Ms. Branham. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:07 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Sapp.

At 8:08 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Feagin, second by Ms. Bradley.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council