

Regular

June 21, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 21, 2023, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:13 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Gallo introduced Air National Guard Senior Airman David Whittaker, who is with the 200th Redhorse Squadron and had duty in Greenwich, Nova Scotia. David, an Ontario High School graduate, was a three-year state finalist on the swim team, ran varsity track, entered the Air National Guard during his senior year, and is currently the Water Department Head for the City of Ontario, recently earning a Class II water certification.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 7, 2023 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on July 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a mid-year review.

Mr. Webb reported the Utilities and Finance Committees held a combined meeting this evening to discuss upcoming projects that included adding a TIF for the proposed car wash on Walker Lake Road, the sewer line project in the Spring Village Road area that would increase the size of the line from 8" to 10", and the water valve replacement program.

Mr. Bradley said the Economic Development Committee met to review the Comprehensive Plan Presentations and selected Glenn Grisdale's proposal from Reville. Mr. Grisdale will be contacted about alternative funding and grants, and will be invited to the July 12th meeting. After meeting in executive session, the Committee approved a motion to have legislation prepared on a tax abatement for Moment Development.

Mr. Sunderland referenced the speeding vehicles in the Victoria and Spring Village area near Doris Carr Park. The police patrol the area but that doesn't seem to deter the problem and putting up signs probably wouldn't have any affect. There are a lot of children riding bicycles and walking in this area.

- Electric scooters are a concern because they can't be seen around the parked cars.
- Cars parked on the wrong side of the street on Spring Village Drive creates an additional problem.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson provided updates:

- Paving on Dunlap Drive is finished. The traffic pattern was changed and the stop signs were moved near the Dog Park. The Milligan Road parking lot will be striped.
- The city has three job openings in the Streets Department for General Laborer. Three banners were ordered to place at the city building and park entrances.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo said the festival week started last night with the first summer Concert in the Park. This Friday is the first Little Miss and Junior Miss Ontario Pageants and Saturday is the Miss Ontario Pageant. Miss Ohio will be there and will provide entertainment. On Friday, June 30th,

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there will be live music in the park, a cornhole tournament, car show and food trucks. The 5K run kicks off Saturday morning with events taking place all day until the fireworks.

President Gallo read a Notice of Public Hearing that will be held on August 2, 2023, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1145.18 Off-Street Parking Requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Marc and Robin Vanerio, 1883 Walker Lake Road, and Mike Stallings, 1915 Walker Lake Road came before Council to express concerns pertaining to the construction site of the Menards storage units and the bright lights used for workers during late nights and early mornings.

- President Gallo said the city will schedule a meeting with the management at Menards and let them know when it will take place. He requested a comprehensive list of concerns to address during their discussion with Menards.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came forward to compliment city crews on how good the parks look. The road near the soccer fields was redirected for the safety of the children, now the same problem exists at the top of the hill with people parking in the grass.

Janine Caico, 75 Bethel Lane, came forward to remind Council that last July she pointed out what people see as they enter Ontario on PAW. There still aren't flags on the street poles, the Wilson garage project that was to be completed in nine months isn't finished and looks terrible. The abandoned church was recently purchased so hopefully it will be improved.

- The city is restricted on what can be attached to the electric poles that belong to Ohio Edison. The Flag banners will be put up soon, at the same locations as last year.
- An update will be requested on the progress at the Wilson garage.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**ORDINANCE NO. 23-09**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AMENDING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT HEAD AND PARKS FOREMAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23-09 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 23-09 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-09, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 23-09 was adopted.

At 8:21 p.m., Mr. Bradley moved to enter into executive session per Ohio Revised Code Section 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 cast their votes aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:36 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Sapp.

At 8:37 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Ms. Feagin.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council