

## Regular

September 20, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 20, 2023, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. President Gallo introduced Marine Corps Veteran Marc Vanerio, whose father was in the Navy, uncle in the Army, and brother in the Air Force, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Vanerio was on the first Marine Division Football Team, they won the Division and Base Championship, and he has been very active in the American Legion.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham, 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.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 6, 2023 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Sapp scheduled a Parks Committee meeting on October 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Ms. Branham reported the Personnel Committee met this evening in executive session.

Ms. Branham moved for the Law Director to draft legislation regarding the wage and working ordinance, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- City Hall will no longer be a location for voting. Ontario Precinct 3A will be combined with the voting poll at Crossroads Church on Lex-Springmill Road.
- Proclamations were emailed in support of the following:
  - 1) Mansfield Optimist Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is the second oldest club in Ohio.
  - 2) Stormwater Awareness Week, October 1 – 7, 2023, recognized by the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Council was in favor of a business overlay for the mall property that would allow technology or quiet and clean industry in a Business District rather than requiring a rezone. The Zoning Inspector will prepare details for the overlay.
- The solar eclipse is April 8, 2024. The Parks Committee will discuss how to prepare for the anticipated large crowd attending this event at their next meeting. Schools will be closed on that day.

### **SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Knapp, the Zoning Inspector, and the City Engineer, met with a Menards project representative at the resident's property getting runoff from the construction site. The city is going by the plans. Some of the dirt mounds will be excavated and reshaped to meet the needs of the stormwater for that area. The Engineer will inspect the work before the stop work order is released.

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## **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

President Gallo read a Public Hearing on a rezone request will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building, upon an application submitted by C.J. Donley Corporation to rezone property located on Walker Lake Road, Parcel #: 038-60-500-61-000 from R-2 Medium Residential Density to R-3 High Residential Density. The City Planning Commission does not recommend this rezone. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Connie Smith, 516 Shelby Ontario Road, came before Council to propose renaming the upper portion of Marshall Park to Smith Park because that was the Smith farm. Everett Smith bought the farm in 1946 to develop the land. He built the houses on the north side of Milligan Road, sold the land for Stingel Elementary to the Board of Education for \$1.00, and gave the Cemetery Association the land for the cemetery next to the church in exchange for his cemetery lot. Renaming that section would help people know where to go in the park. The pavilion was named Everett C. Smith Pavilion, but she would like the land renamed to Smith Park to honor the Smith family.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 23-16**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-02 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2023 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND.

Mr. Bradley moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23-16 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 23-16 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-16, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 23-16 was adopted.

President Gallo recapped upcoming events in the park.

- October 8 – Honkin Haulin Touch a Truck, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- October 21 – Haunted Trail
- November 30 – Christmas Tree Lighting at the Bandshell

At 7:29 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Feagin, second by Mr. Webb.

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Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

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Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council