

Regular

November 15, 2023

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 15, 2023, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Sherry Branham-Fonner, 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 November 1, 2023 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sapp reported the Parks Committee met this evening and discussed several items.

- The Christmas Tree lighting is November 30th at 5:30 p.m. The holiday lights will be on each evening from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- The committee approved for the Bob Henry family and the Robert Earick family to purchase benches to place on the two concrete pads near the Dog Park in honor of Bob Henry and Robert Earick.
- The location for the VFW tank will be on the north side of Dunlap Drive at Shelby-Ontario Road. Flag poles representing each branch of the military will be placed near the tank.
- A motion was approved to draft the Johnny Appleseed Baseball Club contract with the city .
- Capital Improvement projects for next year were discussed: lighting at the Rock Road park entrance, a paint sprayer that attaches to the gator, and adding a light on the soccer field concession stand to brighten the parking lot.

Mr. Rehfeldt said the Finance Committee met this evening for the first discussion of the 2024 budget to ensure the revenue projections would fund the anticipated expenditures and inflation concerns, and specific line items were reviewed. The budget will be updated and distributed for members to review before the next meeting. The Treasurer has contracted with different banks and state agencies to improve the interest rates which increased income \$150,000 this year.

Mr. Rehfeldt said the next Finance Committee meeting will be December 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to finalize the temporary budget.

Mr. Webb scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting on January 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Feagin announced a Streets Committee meeting on December 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- The Ontario Community Craft Show will be Saturday, December 2nd at the Fairgrounds from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Entry Fee is \$2 or a toy donation. Proceeds benefit the Ontario Lion's Club and toys go to the Ontario Police Department and Springfield Township Fire Department toy drive.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting is November 30th at 5:30 p.m. School groups will provide entertainment and Santa Claus will be there.
- The new Holiday Inn opened today.
- Christmas decorations will be on the street poles in the next couple of weeks. The flags will be taken down for the winter.
- The Workers' Comp company donated \$1,200 in Wal-Mart gift cards for the Police Department's toy drive. Toy donations can be dropped off at the Craft Show, Fire Department, or Police Department.

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SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Knapp provided updates:

- Leaf pick-up ends Friday.
- Representatives from Menards were not able to attend this evening but will be invited to the December 13th meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Robin Vanerio, 1883 Walker Lake Road, requested a list of the Menards release to work requirements, stipulations on what needs done, and how it will be carried out. She asked how their privacy would be protected because there is now an opening behind their house where the buildings were to be connected.

- Director Knapp said Menards was given a list of items that need done, such as the hill and trees. The city is holding their bond until completed.
- Mrs. Vanerio mentioned the curb in front of Party Supplies wasn't marked with paint as a safety measure. The County Building Codes and Permits Department would need notified.

Mike Stallings, 1915 Walker Lake Road, asked if there was an opening date for the Menards storage units. An asphalt worker told him a top coat was still needed so they won't be done this year. He asked if the water run-off problem they are having will be corrected because they didn't have any water problem beforehand.

- Director Knapp said there is not an opening date at this time and the water issues will be taken care of.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 23-19

AN ORDINANCE REZONING ONE (1) PARCEL, LOCATED AT WALKER LAKE ROAD FROM -MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R3-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin read Ordinance 23-19 for the third time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-19, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, two Nay by Ms. Feagin and Mr. Sunderland, and Ordinance No. 23-19 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23-22 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 23-22 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-22, second by Mr. Rehfeldt. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 23-22 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-24

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 23-24, for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO 23-25

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, ENTERPRISE FUND, AND THE TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 23-25 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Webb read Ordinance No. 23-25, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-25, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 23-25 was adopted.

At 7:21 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council