

Regular

April 17, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 17, 2024, 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, Josh Bradley, 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 April 3, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sapp gave kudos to the Parks Department for how well maintained the park and the playing fields look.

President Gallo shared congratulations for Mr. Sunderland on the birth of his first grandchild.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson reported:

- Richland County Regional Planning has a survey on their website for suggestions of what people would like to see in the community over the next 10 – 20 years.
- Approximately 150-200 people were in the park to watch the eclipse.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Director Knapp updated:

- Due to the weather, branches are being picked up until Friday.
- Pioneer Students are spreading 100 pounds of mulch in the park on Friday.
- On April 24th, Ontario students will pick up trash along Lex-Springmill Road as part of Earth Day.
- Kokosing is sweeping all curb and gutter streets, which is a requirement that needs done every couple years for the stormwater permit.
- The Lex-Springmill waterline project is complete. Barrels will be taken down tomorrow after the concrete cures. Next week they will create a punch list of items that need finished.
- Director Knapp gave kudos to the Service Department and Police Department for their extra work during the Eclipse weekend. The Police were scheduled on 12-hour shifts, they worked on 144 calls and 287 service calls/details.
- The school is covering all costs for power washing the tennis courts.
- The Menards engineer is working with the city engineer on getting the water behind two homes to flow back onto Menards property. They are also working on controlling the water runoff from the dirt pile from running onto the east side of the property.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo said:

- Culvers opened today after the grand opening. The city is glad to have them in the community. Customers were waiting in line for them to open.
- The May 15th Council meeting will be held at the school auditorium at 8:30 a.m.
- Condolences to the Richland Poffenbaugh family. Mr. Poffenbaugh was a long-time member of City Council, President Pro Tem, Shade Tree Commission, Planning Commission, a teacher at Mansfield City Schools and his wife was a teacher at

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Ontario Schools. His service to the city and community over the years is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Sapp moved to authorize the Mayor to designate President Gallo to sign for the possession of the military tank to finalize the process with the government entities that need notified and the city can take possession of the tank, second by Mr. Webb. Four members cast their votes aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mike Stallings, 1915 Walker Lake Road, said his two oak trees are not blooming because of the water from the Menards site and his driveway has a large crack on the right slab from the water freezing over the winter.

- Director Knapp said he will take pictures of the driveway and trees then inform Menards.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND VASU COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO LEASE SPACE FOR COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES ON THE CITY WATER TOWER LOCATED ON PARK AVENUE WEST.

Mr. Webb read Resolution No. 24-03 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-03, second by Mr. Bradley. Four members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 24-03 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-05

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 2024 AND 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Resolution No. 24-05 for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-08

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 24-08 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:17 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Bradley.

/s/ Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council