

Regular

May 1, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on May 1, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with John Avery leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Avery enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1957 and completed basic training at Ft. Knox, KY. He was discharged in 1963, and was a six-year member of the Army Reserve. Mr. Avery was a 50 caliber machine gun operator.

Present during roll call were Council members Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham-Fonner, 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 April 17, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mayor Hutchinson presented a Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week to Mansfield Power Squadron Commander John Fort and past Commander/District Commander Gary Schroeder.

- Mansfield Power Squadron has been teaching safe boating practices in Mansfield since 1951.
- Classes are offered February to April at Pioneer Career and Technology Center, West Holmes Career Center, and Madison Adult Career Center. The class is free but there is a charge for the book.
- This is a public service to help area residents safely enjoy the natural waterways.
- National Safe Boating Week begins May 18th and ends Memorial weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sunderland reported on the Streets Committee meeting held this evening.

- Street paving bids will be opened May 20, 2024.
- The proposed roundabout at 4th Street/Rock Road will be discussed on May 13th at the Regional Planning meeting. Construction will probably be in 2026.
- S. Lex-Springmill Road was added to the paving budget.
- The Mayor and Service-Safety Director will speak with Culvers about not using the private road owned by Belle Stores for parking.
- Committee members agreed that Culvers should comply with the recommendation from their traffic study and put in a left-turn lane for south bound traffic.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Director Knapp reported:

- A Zoom meeting was held with Menards representatives, the city engineer, the Zoning Inspector, and several others to create a plan for the dirt mounds at the storage units.
- Menards is currently paving the parking lot. They can finish construction but are not allowed to open.
- The city is working with Menards on storm water. They have met EPA regulations.
- Drainage issues in some of the residents' back yards and the pooling concerns behind the buildings were discussed.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the May 15, 2024 Caucus meeting due to the Council meeting being held in the morning at the school, second by Mr. Webb. Five members cast their votes aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Webb would like to proceed with live streaming meetings. He met with Director Knapp and the city's IT contractor on ideas for cameras and the potential upgrades to the Council Chambers on replacing the projector, and adding televisions in the Chambers and Conference Room. Mr. Webb will work with Director Knapp and Sentec on getting more precise amounts. New laptops were discussed. At the next meeting he would like to authorize the Director to implement this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came before Council to ask:

1. If there were health concerns with VASU adding antennas and repeaters.
 - These are standard radio waves.
 - The current communication devices have been on the tower for almost 20 years.
2. There were complaints about the availability of parking during the Marshall Park tournaments.
 - If the tournament committee could let Council know what problems they have and how the city could help them, or they could possibly help themselves by reducing the number of teams. He doesn't want it to cost the taxpayers any more money, and he would like the Ontario residents to be happy with the parks.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

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. Sunderland read Resolution No. 24-05 for the second 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.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Ordinance No. 24-08 for the second time, by title only.

President Gallo said volunteers and sponsors are welcome for the 4th of July Festival Committee and the Miss Ontario Pageant Committees.

The Veteran banners should be up within the next couple of weeks.

At 7:25 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mrs. Branham-Fonner, second by Mr. Webb.

/s/ Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council