

## Regular

June 26, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 26, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Brett Baxter leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham-Fonner, 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 12, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Sapp scheduled a Parks Committee meeting on July 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Sapp reported OYS softball finished last night with the girls having a clean sweep of 8-U, 10-U and 12-U for the championship. On May 21<sup>st</sup> the military tank was moved to the entrance of Marshall Park at Shelby-Ontario Road.

Mr. Rehfeldt reported the Finance Committee met this evening to discuss the revenue budget legislation that is required by the county auditor, appropriation changes on this evening's agenda, and researching a new paperless accounting system.

Mayor Hutchinson said the Land Bank members would like to meet with Council to discuss potential plans for the property next to park. Mr. Bradley will contact them to schedule an Economic Development Committee meeting.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner said the Personnel Committee met on June 19, 2024 in executive session.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson provided the following update:

- Home Road/Walker Lake Road intersection. A traffic study is required prior to making it a 4-way stop. Mansfield has plans to remove the berm that impedes the line of sight. Regional Planning will need contacted if Council decides on a traffic study. Mansfield is responsible for the traffic lights at Home Road and Park Avenue West.

Mayor Hutchinson said it has been a pleasure working with Council over the last 10 ½ years. His initial goals were teamwork with Council, improve infrastructure and do what's best for the citizens. He thanked Council for their teamwork and what they have been able to accomplish over the years in the parks and the new water lines.

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

Director Knapp reported:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival is this weekend. The staff has been working very hard preparing for the event. He thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Sgt. John Mager for a tremendous job organizing behind the scenes, Parks Superintendent Corey Cardwell's department for working very diligently getting the park ready, and to all volunteers.
- Menards is working on the project per plan specifications so they can open. An on-site inspection will be done next week with the engineer and Zoning Inspector.

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- On Friday, weather permitting, KoKosing will begin paving S. Lex-Springmill and finish by July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The M42 40mm SPAAG “Duster” military tank was moved by the 1486<sup>th</sup> Transportation Ohio Army National Guard. MSG Brett Baxter was instrumental in this project. Director Knapp thanked all who were involved: CPT Michael Sheu, 1SG Matthew Gravius, SFC Jason Balok, SSG Jesse Dunlap, SGT Jackson Klinehamer, SGT Nathan Johns, and SGT Tyler Shambaugh. The manufacturer of the tank was General Motors Corporation Tank Division in Cleveland, Ohio. The 1952 tank is located at Marshall Park: Parcel #03860121100, 40 Degree 45’ 54 North, 82 Degree 38’ West.
- Director Knapp thanked Mayor Hutchinson for the opportunity to work in this position. It has been challenging but very rewarding.

Mr. Sunderland requested the Zoning Inspector be notified it is past the deadline for the clean-up of the trash in the back of the pick-up truck on Victoria Court. The truck was emptied on Saturday but more trash was added on Sunday.

Mr. Rehfeldt asked what controls are in place for property maintenance.

- Some ordinances need revised that would allow the Zoning Inspector to enforce.
- The Zoning Inspector will be asked to send the Streets Committee ordinances that need refined.

Mr. Bradley said a Mabee Road resident is concerned about drivers speeding on Mabee Road and using it as a cut-thru to Rock Road. There is space next to his driveway for a speed trailer.

- Information will be given to the police department.

## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo stated:

- A short executive session will be held at the end of this meeting.
- Beginning July 11, 2024, President Gallo will be the Acting Mayor until the new appointment is made. Council President Pro Tempore Sunderland will oversee Council meetings.
- The five-year OYS Agreement passed last year had a one-year probation renewal review. A motion is needed to continue the remaining four years of the contract.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to continue the five-year OYS Agreement, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members voted aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival kicked off last week with the crowning of Little Miss Ontario Mila Morrison, Junior Miss Ontario Karlie Brinker, and Miss Ontario Katie Bolin.
- Raising Cane’s restaurant has filed paperwork to come to Ontario.

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Connie Smith, Shelby-Ontario Road, commended Mayor Hutchinson on being a great mayor. She shared a suggestion to name the Splash Park and Playground after him.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Chairman Rick Timmer invited everyone to attend and enjoy the Festival. He thanked the Parks Department, Police Department, and Springfield Fire Department for helping to plan a safe and fun event. Mansfield Memorial Park loaned 100 of their Parade of

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Flags that will be on display along Dunlap Drive with nameplates of Veterans. Friday evening is the car show, corn hole contest, food concessions and beer garden. Saturday there will be a new set of kiddie games, Rock-Paper-Scissors competition, the Sorella Sisters will sing the Star-Spangled Banner, skydivers will exit planes with pyrotechnics and American Flags, and the evening ends with the fireworks. The new Little/Junior/Miss Ontario will be at the events. The dog parade will kick-off the Festival's parade. Miss Ohio and Miss Ohio Teen will be in the parade.

President Gallo thanked all those involved in organizing the Festival.

OYS Director Kenn Spencer thanked the Administration and Council for their support and what they have been able to do for the community.

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, expressed appreciation to Mayor Hutchinson for all of the improvements he has made.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 24-09**

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SIGN A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S AGENT WITH ONTARIO STUMBO III, LLC FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 24-09, for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-09, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-09 was adopted.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-08**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 24-08 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sapp read Resolution No. 24-08, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sapp moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-08, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 24-08 was adopted.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-09**

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, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 24-03.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 24-09 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Resolution No. 24-09, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-09, second by Mr. Bradley. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 24-09 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING UPDATES TO THE CITY'S PERSONNEL MANUAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Ordinance No. 24-10, for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 24-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2024 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, ENTERPRISE FUND AND THE TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-11 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 24-11, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-11, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-11 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MAYOR RANDY HUTCHINSON FOR HIS TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Ms. Feagin moved to waive the 24-hour rule, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 24-10 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Resolution No. 24-10 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-10, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 24-10 was adopted.

At 8:03 p.m., Mr. Rehfeldt moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the employment, dismissal, or discipline of a public employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. At roll call, six members voted aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:23 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session.

At 8:24 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, second by Ms. Feagin.

/s/ Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council