

## Regular

June 12, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on June 12, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland 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, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 15, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Pat Wewel, Menards Real Estate Representative, 5101 Menard Drive, Eau Claire, WI, provided an update on the work being done at the Walker Lake Road site. Areas being addressed are stormwater, the required 4' berm along the northern property line, grading, water flow around the site, adding a secondary swell on the eastern side to catch the water, regrading the space between the buildings and the slope, and adding a drain under the swale behind the buildings. Contractors will be on site tomorrow, they plan completion in four weeks, then there will be some landscaping requirements. Mr. Wewel said they appreciate the city working with them and their patience with this project.

- Zoning Inspector Morton said some trees on the east side were removed by the previous contractor. He would like to provide a way to address what trees will be required, acceptable with the neighbors, when trees need removed.
- Mayor Hutchinson verified the contractor will maintain dust control and keep the mud off the road.
- Robin Vanerio, 1882 Walker Lake Road, asked what will be done for the residents that have damage to their property. Fence posts installed three years ago are coming out of the ground from sitting in water too long, and there are extra cracks in the driveway from excessive water and freezing.
- Mike Stallings, 1915 Walker Lake Road, said they talked about what they will do with the hill. The water goes down his driveway, it froze and cracked his driveway in two places. Mr. Wewel asked them to send the information so he can have it looked into.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2024 to discuss budget revisions.

Mr. Bradley reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening.

- Land Bank property adjoining Stowell Park could become available to the city.
- The VASU Communications agreement will be amended to 2 antennas and 4 repeaters.
- The decision for a city-wide CRA will wait until the Comprehensive Plan is completed and reviewed.
- The Walker Lake Road sewer and water easement project is ready to move forward at a total cost of \$35,000.
- The Walker Lake Road development project is ready to begin excavating at the end of the summer. A TIF was recommended for any further development on this property for infrastructure concerns.
- ICP will be asked to attend the next Council meeting since they couldn't make it tonight.
- Reveille will be asked to set up a booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival for community surveys.
- The former Macy's store is being remodeled.

Regular

June 12, 2024

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hutchinson reported he has received many compliments on the Veterans banners. At the end of the year applications will be taken for next year's banners. The banners on display will go to the families.

- The six-month marijuana moratorium will expire in September. They should discuss what they want to do as there have been several inquiring calls.
- Kokosing was awarded the street paving contract. B & K Construction won the sewer line project.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Inspector Morton was asked to look at updating legislation on penalties for various citations.

Mr. Sunderland asked if they could talk with Mansfield about a 4-way stop at Walker Lake Road/Home Road. This is a dangerous intersection and when the weeds aren't mowed it's much worse.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Seeing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary was closed.

## **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 second time, by title only.

At 7:40 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Sapp.

---

Nathan Sunderland  
President of Council Pro Tem

---

Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council