

## Regular

July 17, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 17, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Gordan Cantley leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Cantley is a Bailiff with the Ontario Court System, an Auxiliary Police Officer, and while serving six years in the Ohio Army National Guard he was deployed with Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Kyle Webb, Sherry Branham-Fonner, Rose Feagin, Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland, Acting Mayor Eddie Gallo, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 26, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Sapp reported on the Parks Committee meeting held this evening where they discussed:

- Asking Ontario students to design the memorial around the military tank that was recently moved to Marshall Park.
- Contacting local Veterans organizations for donations to offset costs for the memorial and the Mansfield Brick and Supply expenses.
- Setting up the Marshall Park Christmas light display as a drive-thru and contacting the subcontractor from last year to set up the lights.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

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

Director Knapp provided an update on the Menards site:

- Contractors have not worked for at least two weeks at the Menards site due to a contract discrepancy that has been resolved. Contractors are moving dirt, the dirt mounds are higher than specified on the plan but this is a two-to-three-week process. A water tank is on site to control the dust.

### **LAW DIRECTORS' REPORT**

No report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Mike Stallings, 1915 Walker Lake Road, suggested widening the concrete drive to the ballfields approximately 5' to allow room for both vehicles and pedestrians. There is mud where cars go off the concrete into the grass.

- Acting Mayor Gallo would like to consider separating the walkway from the drive to the ADA parking area.

Marc Vanerio, 1883 Walker Lake Road, said when his dogs were barking one of the Menards contractors picked up a stick and acted like he was going to hit the dog. Other times the contractors would yell at them. Mr. Vanerio spoke to someone at Menards and it hasn't happened since but he doesn't want it to become a problem.

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**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

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 second time, by title only.

At 7:12 p.m., Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the employment, dismissal, or discipline of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official, second by Mr. Sapp. At roll call, five members voted aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

At 7:43 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Mrs. Branham-Fonner, second by Mr. Sapp.

At 7:44 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mrs. Branham-Fonner, second by Ms. Feagin.

/s/ Nathan Sunderland  
President of Council Pro Tem

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council