

## Regular

August 21, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on August 21, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham-Fonner, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Kris Knapp, Law Director Andrew Medwid, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 7, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Webb scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting on September 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Bradley said the Comprehensive Plan presentation coordinated by Glenn Grisdale of Reveille is on track for September.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner announced a Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting for September 4, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland acknowledged the Mayor and Police Department for representing the city at the Spread the Light event on Sunday at Graham Chevrolet.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Knapp reported:

- Material for the Spring Village sewer line project is scheduled for delivery September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Work should begin by the end of September.
- The Victoria Court I/I project will begin after the bidding process is completed. Lining the pipes will prevent stormwater from running into the sanitary lines.
- The Rosewood Court/Tanglewood area was resurfaced. The manholes and striping need finished.
- The Mary Lou Lane neighborhood should receive asphalt next week, weather permitting.
- The Zoning Inspector and Engineer inspected the Menards site and the grade work is very close to being done. Menards must submit a formal request for a site inspection to receive their certificate of zoning compliance. If all zoning requirements are met the certificate will be issued, and they can begin operation. Trees and grass must be planted prior to approval. The Engineer must verify stormwater is flowing the correct way. The tentative date is September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The roundabout for W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Rock Road is moving forward. In early September, Mayor Knapp will attend a District 3 meeting in Columbus pertaining to receiving full funding for this project through Safety grants.
- Denney's restaurant has closed, the signs were removed today. Raising Caine's is waiting on their building permit and naming a contractor for the demolition.
- Starbuck's submitted paperwork for the Steak-n-Shake building and will need to go through their plan process. Starbucks is not closing the Walker Lake Road store.
- The rate for the electric aggregation contract received today was \$0.071. Council approved up to \$0.073. Negotiations with the last contract included a grant up to \$10,500, which was received today. The same grant amount was included in the new contract. The grant reimburses the money used for any type of energy savings in the city.

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- Senator Romanchuk and staff will meet with the Mayor in early September to discuss how to appropriate funds in order to get the electricity needed at the Ontario Commerce Center property.

Mayor Knapp appointed Adam Gongwer as the new Service-Safety Director.

Mr. Sunderland said the trash issue continues on Victoria Court. The resident putting trash in the back of his pick-up truck was cited by the Zoning Inspector, but has started putting trash in his truck again.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Mr. Bradley has received multiple complaints about speeding vehicles on Mabee Road. Reducing the speed limit on N. Rock Road years ago was successful. Mr. Bradley proposed reducing the speed limit on Mabee Road, between the two W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street access points, from 35 mph to 25 mph and include a permanent radar sign for safety awareness.

- Mr. Webb suggested purchasing a couple of speed limit notification signs then vary their location among neighborhoods.
- Safety Chair Sunderland was asked to follow up with Mr. Bradley and Captain Griefenstine.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Marc Vanerio, 1883 Walker Lake Road, said the Menards drain behind his house has build-up along the sides. Water pools at the bottom and won't go into the drain because the drain is almost filled with dirt due to the grading.

- Mayor Knapp has discussed this drain with the Engineer and will contact him.

Molly Sapp, 297 Camelot Lane, came forward to say the Administration is doing a great job in moving the city in the right direction. She is excited for Raising Cane's and Starbucks.

Jim Barnes, 161 Clare Road, came before Council to say years ago a contractor put dirt on the property behind him and the creek was temporarily stopped up. A large drain was installed on the property. Years later when someone attempted to build a home on the property they were informed the drain had to be moved, they did not build. Recently, the property sold to Richland County Home Buyers, LLC. He is concerned he may get flooded if a house is built. The drain protects his home and his neighbors from being flooded.

- Mayor Knapp said the line was put in as part of the city's MS4 stormwater permit. He discussed this with the Engineer and any build on that property must comply with the city's MS4 permit.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION****RESOLUTION NO. 24-11**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 157.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY BY CHANGING THE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF APPORTIONING INTEREST AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 15-04.

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

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

## ORDINANCE NO. 24-12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES (EAST), LLC D/B/A DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES, LLC FOR THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$0.0730 kwh, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-12 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Webb read Ordinance No. 24-12, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Webb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-12, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-12 was adopted.

## ORDINANCE NO. 24-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RECEIVE THE SALARY ESTABLISHED FOR THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR POSITION WHILE THE MAYOR IS SERVING BOTH ROLES FOR THE LESSER OF 45 DAYS OR AN APPOINTMENT IS MADE TO THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 24-13, for the first time, by title only.

## ORDINANCE NO. 24-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL TEMPORARILY ACTING IN A CAPACITY OTHER THAN HIS OR HER ORIGINAL CAPACITY TO RECEIVE THE PAY OF THAT POSITION WHILE TEMPORARILY ACTING IN THAT POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 24-14, for the first time, by title only.

## ORDINANCE NO. 24-15

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 23-04, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-15 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 24-15, for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-15, second by Mr. Sapp. Five members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Rehfeldt, and Ordinance No. 24-15 was adopted.

At 7:36 p.m., Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official, licensee, or regulated individual. Second by Mr. Sunderland. At roll call, six members voted aye, zero nay, and the motion passed.

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting reconvened into regular session upon a motion by Mrs. Branham-Fonner, second by Mr. Sunderland.

At 8:11 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mrs. Branham-Fonner, second by Mr. Sunderland.

/s/ Eddie J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council