

Regular

November 6, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 6, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:01 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, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Kris Knapp, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Adam Gongwer, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 16, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sapp reported:

- OYS financials were submitted to the Mayor, and suggested OYS attend a Council meeting after the first of the year.
- December 5th at 5:45 p.m. will be the first annual golf cart Holiday Parade. Entries can be a golf cart, ATV, or side-by-side. This event will take place prior to the Christmas Tree Lighting and music by the high school band and choir.
- The Haunted Hallways was a big success.

Mr. Rehfeldt cancelled the November 8th Finance Committee meeting, rescheduling on November 12th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Office, with a follow-up meeting on November 15th at 9:00 a.m. The temporary budget is to get through March because capital planning isn't done until the first quarter. The temporary budget will be the operating budget without all of the capital projects. Any first quarter capital projects will be included in the temporary budget.

Mr. Bradley said Glen Grisdale of Reveille will present the Ontario Community Comprehensive Plan at the Economic Development Committee meeting on November 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner will meet with the Mayor next week then determine when the Personnel Committee will review the policy.

Mr. Sunderland said the Safety Committee met this evening and Chief Hill provided updates:

- The FLOCK camera systems helped to locate a couple of missing persons and a shooting suspect in a neighboring county.
- The Ticket Waiver program begins November 20th – December 15th.
- Three speed limit signs were purchased and three more will be purchased next year.
- The Mayor and Director will meet with ODOT and the City of Mansfield on some traffic safety concerns.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knapp reported:

- The Veterans banners will be taken down next week. Families will be contacted and will be able to pick up their banners if they want to keep them. In January, applications will be available for the new banners.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gongwer provided an update:

- Administration Offices will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day.
- Leaf pick-up will continue another two weeks. There isn't a schedule, crews are out almost every day.

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- Electric will be installed in the park for the December 5th Christmas lights.

Mayor Knapp said the Hagerman holiday display will be in multiple locations, at the soccer field pavilion, north to the bandshell pavilion, and at the corner of Rock Road/Milligan Road. The train will be set up at City Hall.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

Mr. Rehfeldt asked the Law Director to make Council aware when he is reviewing matters that eventually go to them for discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo confirmed the change to upcoming Council meetings on December 4th and 18th, January 8th and 22nd, In February meetings resume with the regular schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, said he mentioned before that the fence at the ballfields needs worked on because there is a gap wide enough for the ball to get under. OYS should do something to fix the fence.

- Mr. Sapp will notify OYS and give their response at the next meeting.

Speaking before Council against marijuana dispensaries in Ontario, the effects it would have on the community, and the lack of technology to determine how recent the level is in someone's system, were Kathleen Johnston, Ontario Schools Substance Abuse Counselor, Steve Golding and Tonya Golding, 341 Chambers Road.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**ORDINANCE NO. 24-18**

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM INDEFINITELY, ON THE ACCEPTANCE, CONSIDERATION AND/OR GRANTING OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL LICENSING APPROVAL, AND/OR ANY ZONING, OCCUPANCY, OR OTHER PERMITS RELATING TO CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS OR RETAIL DISPENSARIES OF MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb read Ordinance No. 24-18, for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-19 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Ordinance No. 24-19, for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-19, second by Mr. Sunderland.
Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-19 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 301 DEFINITIONS; 301.183- LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-20 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Ordinance No. 24-20, for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-20, second by Mr. Sunderland.
Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-20 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 371 PEDESTRIANS; 371.14- LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-21 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 24-21, for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-21, second by Mr. Sunderland.
Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-21 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-22

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, INTERNAL SERVICE Fund, TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, BOND RETIREMENT FUND AND THE EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS FUND.

Mr. Sunderland moved to waive the 24-hour rule for Ordinance No. 24-22. Second by Mr. Sapp. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 24-22 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:35 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/ Eddie J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council