

## Regular

November 20, 2024

Ontario City Council met in regular session on November 20, 2024, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:04 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, 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 November 4, 2024 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Rehfeldt reported the Finance Committee met to discuss the 2025 temporary budget, which is on this evening's agenda, for the first reading. The permanent budget will include items in the capital plan for approval by the end of March.

Mr. Rehfeldt scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to finalize the temporary budget.

Mr. Bradley said during this evening's Economic Development Committee meeting Glen Grisdale of Reveille presented the Comprehensive Community Plan. Mr. Bradley acknowledged many of the community members who were involved in the process.

Mr. Bradley called an Economic Development Committee meeting on December 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner announced a Personnel Committee meeting on December 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

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

Director Gongwer provided an update:

- Leaf pick-up is scheduled through Friday, but will be extended until Thanksgiving if there is a lot of rain and snow.
- A new employee was hired for the Water Department, making it fully staffed. There are four positions open in the city. A Civil Service exam will be given for the Office Personnel position, the new maintenance employee starts in December, and there will be an opening in the Sewer Department and Police Department after the first of the years due to a retirement and promotion.

### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Law Director Medwid reported he worked with other attorneys to get cases resolved, he worked with the magistrate and Clerk of Court on aversion cases, reviewed the Spring Village sewer contract upon the request of the City Engineer, filled two public records requests, worked with the Clerk of Council on the classification of that position, and with the police on the consideration of two charges for a potential defense.

Mayor Knapp said the Bailiff is leaving and until a new Bailiff is hired the police department will cover those duties.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

The Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control submitted notification that all Class C and D retail permits to sell alcoholic beverages in Ontario expire February 1, 2025. The City is to notify the Department of Commerce if they object to renewing any of the permits. Council made no objections.

A request was made to display a lighted Menorah in Marshall Park during the holiday season. This is the same group that put up the Menorah the last few years. Council members unanimously agreed.

Mr. Sapp said December 5<sup>th</sup> is the tree lighting. Ontario Community Events is trying something new this year with a golf cart and side-by-side parade.

- Each year the school choir, jazz band, auxiliaries, and dance teams perform.
- Miss, Little Miss, and Junior Miss Ontario will escort Santa.

Mr. Bradley said two toy drives are being organized. The Ontario Police Department is partnering with the Lions Club. Ontario Community Events, the Ontario Center (former Richland Mall) and the Springfield Township Fire Department are working together to collect toys for children.

Mr. Sapp said the Ontario High School Football Team is playing Sandusky Perkins at Tiffin. There will be a send-off at the high school at 4:45 p.m. on Friday.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:20 p.m., the public hearing was opened for the rezone of two parcels at 3052 Mabee Road from R-1 Residential to Business.

At 7:20 p.m., hearing no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

President Gallo read a letter submitted by eight local clergymen in opposition of commercial cannabis inside the city limits.

Rachelle Gallo, 1800 Spring Village Lane came before Council to express the negative affect marijuana has on employees and businesses. She explained the potential consequences marijuana could have on employees working in an assisted living facility where the company no longer requires drug testing.

## **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.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Ordinance No. 24-18, for the third time, by title only.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-18, second by Mr. Webb. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-18 was adopted.

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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.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 24-22 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 24-22, for the second time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-22, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 24-22 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 24-14 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Resolution No. 24-14, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-14, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 24-14 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTION OF CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb read Ordinance No. 24-23, for the first time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-24

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to waive the 24-hour rule for Ordinance 24-24, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes aye, zero nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Ordinance 24-24 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:34 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Ms. Feagin, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner.

/s/ Eddie J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council