

Regular

February 19, 2025

Ontario City Council met in regular session on February 19, 2025, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Martin.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Kris Knapp, Law Director Andrew Medwid, Service-Safety Director Adam Gongwer, and Administrative Assistant Abbey Beaver.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 5, 2025 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sapp reported the Parks Committee met this evening and approved the proposal presented by Ontario Senior Thatcher Samuels, who is working toward earning his Eagle Scout designation. The project is to build an exercise station along the Marshall Park walking path that would consist of a 10' x 10' concrete pad for pull up bars and a 7' x 15' mulch area for 10' long parallel bars, 2' apart. His goal is to have the project completed by May 3rd at no cost to the city. The cost of the project is approximately \$2,316 that he would collect through donations.

Mr. Bradley said the Economic Development Committee met in executive session. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be March 5, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss quotes for zoning updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Knapp reported:

- Applications for Veterans Banners are being accepted for Veterans with connections to Ontario and Springfield Township. Currently, 17 applications have been submitted.
- The School Board is working on the Mayor for a Day program. An update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

President Gallo announced the Council meeting to be held at the high school is scheduled on Monday, May 12, 2025. The regular May Council meetings will need adjusted.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Janine Caico, 75 Bethel Lane, said she listened to the News Man Weekly interview on where Ontario is headed and read recommendations from the Ontario Comprehensive Plan. She expressed concern that improvements to the abandoned church on Park Avenue are taking a long time.

- President Gallo said assessments were done at the church last year on the stability of the structure and utilities to the building, but he does not know the result.

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Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, asked:

- If there was a local business that could make the Veterans banners.
 - The banners are being made locally.
- What is Ordinance 25-02 and how is it being amended?
 - This is changing the number of Police Department sergeants from three to four, the number of officers from 15 to 14, the title of Captain to Assistant Chief of Police, and correcting the language to follow the ORC, stating the Service-Safety Director oversees the Police Department.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ONTARIO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION AS THE OFFICIAL AGENCY AND INSTRUMENTALITY OF CITY OF ONTARIO FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CORPORATION TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Mr. Bradley read Resolution 25-02 for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-02, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 25-02 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE THREE (3) UNNEEDED AND SLATED FOR AUCTION PATROL CARS TO NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 25-01 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 25-01 for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-01, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 25-01 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 139.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 25-02 on three separate days, second by Mr. Webb. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 25-02 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-02, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 25-02 was adopted.

At 7:24 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Sapp.

/s/ Eddie J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council