

## Regular

September 3, 2025

Ontario City Council met in regular session on September 3, 2025, at the Municipal Building with Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland presiding. The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Dave Rehfeldt, Josh Bradley, Sherry Branham-Fonner, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Pro Tem Nathan Sunderland, Mayor Kris Knapp, Assistant Law Director Andrew Burton, Service-Safety Director Adam Gongwer, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 22, 2025 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Feagin said the Streets Committee of the Whole meeting was rescheduled to October 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Knapp provided updates:

- Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, is the last day the Splash Pad will be opened for the season.
- Trick-or-Treat will be Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Directional signs will be installed in the park for the splash pad, disc golf, soccer fields, bandshell, baseball fields, and dog park.

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

No report.

Mr. Sunderland mentioned a utility company working in the area is parking their trucks overnight at Doris Carr Park in the Handicap spots causing people who want to use the basketball court or playground to park on the street. Director Gongwer will contact the company.

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

No report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- Mr. Sunderland asked Council members to think about the December meeting schedule so they can discuss options at the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Sherry Branham-Fonner, 2395 Ferguson Road, Director of the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, spoke to Council about the 1 mil, 10-year renewal levy, that is on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. Informational handouts with options on how to help promote the levy were available.

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Craig Hunt, 3680 Park Avenue West, came before Council to say it was a good year for the parks with the parking issues being taken care of that has made the parks safer. A couple of possibilities for additional parking could be near Stingle Elementary as you enter the park, down to the dog park, or using a third of the field south of the band shell. He thanked Council and felt those outside the community would thank them too.

Marc Vanerio, 18831 Walker Lake Road, spoke to a landscaper at Menards who said the landscaping would not fix the drainage concerns, and a fence would be better than trying to replace the trees. Mr. Vanerio doesn't see any relief coming from Menards, the neighbor's side yard will continue to flood, and the trees will die.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-09**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.**

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 25-09 on three separate days, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Rehfeldt read Resolution No. 25-09, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-09, second by Mrs. Branham-Fonner. Five members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 25-09 was adopted.

At 7:25 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