

## Regular

April 15, 2026

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2026, at the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Brennen Finfgeld, Rick Pauley, Anderson Roll, Jason Bilyj, Sherry Branham-Fonner, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Josh Bradley, Law Director Andrew Medwid, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 1, 2026 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Finfgeld said the Utilities Committee met this evening in executive session.

Mr. Pauley reported the Economic Development Committee met today and discussed the small business appreciation luncheon. Based on new numbers and growing size they are going to reschedule for July to look for a venue. Caterers will remain the same.

Ms. Feagin called a Parks Committee meeting of the Whole for May 6, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to form a Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bradley provided updates:

- Pioneer Community Service Day will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students assist the Parks Department with spreading mulch and other light duty work.
- Spring Cleanup is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the rain date is April 29<sup>th</sup>. The location is the area around Taco Bell going north to the area of Culver's.
- The construction behind Kohl's is property management storing asphalt that came off the parking lot during snow plowing.
- The Streets Department is purchasing an asphalt hotbox. This investment intends to save the City money through work efficiency, safety, and significantly reduce hiring contractors to patch the roads.

Planning Commission and Zoning updates:

- A variance request for a front yard setback reduction at 1783 Victoria Court for a garage was approved.
- A variance request for a rear yard setback reduction on 3703 Alexander Drive for a covered porch was approved.

Mr. Sunderland said last weekend at Doris Carr Park basketball players used their vehicles to shine lights on the court to finish their game, and were revving their engines around 10:00 to 11:00 p.m.

- Mayor Bradley will contact the Chief of Police about this issue.

### LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

### MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Ms. Feagin reported:

- Soccer season has started and practices are going well.
- Senior Prom has a band booked and Texas Roadhouse is donating the food.

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- Work has started at Stowell Park, the field in the back is getting resurfaced.

President Gallo advised:

- Registration is open for Miss Ontario, Jr. Miss Ontario, and Little Miss Ontario.
- Contestants do not have to attend Ontario Schools. If they live in the district they can register.
- The age groups are grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> for Miss Ontario, grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> for Jr. Miss Ontario, and grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> for Little Miss Ontario.
- The pageant will take place during the week of the festival.
- He is looking for volunteers, sponsors, and contestants.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Alec Schmitz, 265 Sugar Maple Lane, requested vacating an alley that separates his two properties.

- He wants to build a structure that would support other businesses who may not have access to or money to purchase a location.
- This will increase revenue for the City through taxes and not having to maintain the alley.
- The business will support the development goals of the City.
- It could be a positive economic signal to others in the community.
- The new building near the schools will be masonry with a standing seam roof.
- Neighbors will still have access to their properties.
- The property has not been developed in 26 years.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

ORDINANCE NO. 26-09

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC ALLEY BETWEEN PARCELS 0386018105000, 038601810800, AND 0386025604000 TO ALEC SCHMITZ AKA ALEC J. SCHMITZ, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED.

Mr. Bilyj read Ordinance No. 26-09, for the third time, by title only.

Mr. Bilyj moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-09, second by Mr. Roll.

Three members cast their votes Aye, three Nay by Mr. Pauley, Mr. Bilyj, and Mrs. Branham-Fonner, and one Abstain by Ms. Feagin. Under the Rules of Council, President Gallo voted Aye to break the tie, and Ordinance No. 26-09 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-11

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Branham-Fonner read Ordinance No. 26-11, for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PAY ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$105,000) TO THE ONTARIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE PUBLIC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin read Ordinance No. 26-12, for the second time, by title only.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM SPOT LOCATIONS OF PAVEMENT REPAIR ON SR 314 IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Roll moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26-05 on three separate days, second by Mr. Bilyj. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Sunderland read Resolution No. 26-05, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Sunderland moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-05, second by Mr. Roll. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 26-05 was adopted.

At 7:16 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 Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council