

Regular

August 5, 2026

Ontario City Council met in regular session on August 5, 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, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland; President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Josh Bradley, Assistant Law Director Andrew Burton, Service-Safety Director Michael Morton, Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker, and Assistant Clerk of Council Abbey Beaver.
Excused: Sherry Branham-Fonner

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 15, 2026, were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Finfgeld stated the Utilities Committee met tonight to discuss water rates and infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Pauley briefed the Economic Development Committee hosted a Small Business Luncheon on July 29, 2026. He expressed special thanks to the Ontario School Board, Superintendent Keith Strickler, The Cove Coffee and Pizza, Clerk Cathy VanAuker, Assistant Clerk Abbey Beaver, Mayor Bradley, Director Morton, Councilwoman Rose Feagin, and Committee member Anderson Roll. The Committee will meet to review and discuss how to promote the event better in the future.

Mr. Roll noted the Streets Committee met this evening and added more streets to the 2026 resurfacing project.

Ms. Feagin said the Parks Committee of the Whole met today and appointed Retired Air Force Colonel Ken Kmetz as the Chair of the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bradley reported:

- He has not heard back on extending recycling pickup on Elliott Way to three days a week. He has been checking and they have been keeping up with emptying the bins.
- The asbestos has been removed from 3620 Park Avenue West. The Community Investment Corporation (CIC) is collecting estimates for demolition.
- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be posting qualifications for the intersection study at Walker Lake Road and Lexington Springmill Road.
- We are working on an emergency water connection with Mansfield, coordinating with K.E. McCartney and the EPA. This safety measure is for a catastrophic incident where the City would not be able to supply water to businesses and residents. A study will determine if Mansfield and Ontario water systems will be compatible.

Mr. Sunderland inquired about road study strips across Walker Lake Road close to Donley's property.

- Director Morton said it is a traffic counter put there by Regional Planning.
- Mayor Bradley believes Regional Planning is working on their comprehensive plan. They will check on this and report back.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Morton advised:

- Ontario is now enrolled in a program which allows ODOT to hire contractors to inspect all bridges in the City. They extended funding through 2028 so we will have this benefit for the next three years.
- The City auction will be on August 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Service Garage to eliminate our unneeded or outdated equipment.

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- The Ontario Center is resurfacing some areas of their parking lot and removing pavement to add greenery where parking is not needed.

Mr. Bilyj stated the shopping plaza parking lot in the Walmart complex has been repaired.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Seeing no one who wished to speak, the Public Commentary portion of the meeting was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY SETTLEMENT.

Mr. Finfgeld read Resolution No. 26-11, for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Mr. Sunderland moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26-12 on three separate days, second by Mr. Roll. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Pauley read Resolution No. 26-12, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Pauley moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-12, second by Mr. Bilyj. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 26-12 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO ROCK ROAD LIFT STATION PHASE 1 FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Roll moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26-13 on three separate days, second by Mr. Finfgeld. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Roll read Resolution No. 26-13, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Roll moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-13, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 26-13 was adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT STUDY FOR THE LEXINGTON SPRINGMILL ROAD AND WALKER LAKE ROAD INTERSECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bilyj moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26-14 on three separate days, second by Mr. Finfgeld. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bilyj read Resolution No. 26-14, for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bilyj moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-14, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 26-14 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26-15 on three separate days, second by Mr. Finfgeld. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Ms. Feagin read Resolution No. 26-15, for the first time, by title only.

Ms. Feagin moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-15, second by Mr. Roll. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 26-15 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE UNNEEDED AND OBSOLETE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY FROM THE POLICE EVIDENCE ROOM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 26-22, for the first time, by title only.

At 7:15 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Sunderland, second by Ms. Feagin.

/s/ Eddie Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council