

Regular

April 5

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 5, 2007 in the City Offices, with Council President Dave Metzger presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Bobby Shook, Charlotte Hellinger, Paul Williams, Debbie Konczak, Dan Zeiter and Carol Shrader; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Service/Safety Director Chuck Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to excuse Mr. Weidemyre from this evening's meeting. Mrs. Konczak seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 15, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Shook made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

The minutes of the special Council meeting of March 27, 2007 were presented for approval. Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. At roll call, five members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mrs. Konczak and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Barry Lewis, of 2070 Princeton Street, came before Council to say: I wanted to remind Council the first piece of legislation tonight, Ordinance 07-14, is the same people, GEM Development, who didn't finish the first building program they had when they applied for it the first time. They started it a second time, didn't finish it that time; they started it a third time and they still haven't finished it. They left the place like a disaster off of Hazel behind Pepsi-Cola where the apartments are. I'd consider that and think about it. This, I know, has to be done in order to get them out of the whole thing to start with but just keep in mind these are the same people that left that area over there in an absolute disaster. If you haven't been over there then you need to go look; it looks like a bomb went off back there. They cleaned up part of it four months ago, the little dead-end street that was never paved, but moved it all down to the end of Hazel and now it's all back in the woods. Just keep that in mind.

Hearing no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Metzger closed the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zeiter reported on the Streets meeting held prior to Council this evening. The Service/Safety Director presented preliminary estimates for the 2007 paving program. The estimates are considerably more than anticipated, therefore, the Committee unanimously voted to move \$125,000 from the General Fund into account 209-6020-52550 for the 2007 paving program.

Mrs. Shrader reviewed the results of the two Parks Committee meetings held March 15th and 20th where they discussed the upcoming Parks Levy for the Marshall Park improvements. Harry Winfrey of Richland Engineering and Steve Perry of Astro Pool Company attended to provide information on pools in the surrounding area and answer questions. Dave Rehfeldt and Joe Sansalone, members of the parks levy committee, attended to obtain information to promote the levy to the community which will be on the ballot in May.

Mr. Shook, Mrs. Hellinger, Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Konczak and had no report this evening.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender reported on several items:

- The Mayor's Court Report for March totaled receipts of \$18,253.
- The monthly Zoning Report showed three new home permits and four permits for doubles. The total fees and license income was \$1,148 for a combined assessed value of \$1,655,000.
- April 14th is appliance recycling day at the Richland County Transfer Station at 621 Newman Street in Mansfield.
- At the recent Ontario/Mansfield/Richland County Health Department meeting proclamations were given to the mayors of Mansfield and Ontario in recognition of April being health month and the important roles of those who work in the health fields.
- April is Earth Celebration month. Local groups are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Earth Celebration by organizing beautification projects.
- Hannah Herrold, a nine year-old at Stingel Elementary, drew a poster to encourage Recycling Day. Her poster will hang in the lobby of the Municipal Building during the month of April.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au reported on the following:

- The open position in the Service Department has been filled by Eddie Cotter.
- The Ontario Street Department will be picking up limbs and brush not larger than 6" in diameter beginning April 16 through April 27. This is to help those with storm damage debris. Residents are asked not to take advantage of this program by cutting down trees or trimming shrubbery, these items will not be picked up.
- Residents are encouraged to clean-up their yards and the streets in front of their homes during April. Commercial areas are an on-going problem and reminder letters will be mailed to them.

Mrs. Hellinger commented a lot of litter has accumulated in the underpass on Park Avenue West. Mr. Au said he has already addressed this problem area and this should be cleaned up very soon.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Metzger announced two upcoming meetings:

1. Special Council meeting on April 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be to discuss and vote on the tax credits for the parks income tax.
2. Finance Committee meeting on April 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

At this time Greg Kahl of Richland County Children Services came forward along with Mayor Bender who read a Proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Pinwheels for Prevention
April—National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, our nation recognizes each April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Richland County agencies, faith-based community, civic and volunteer groups will all work together to

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heighten awareness and draw attention to the need for preventing child abuse in our communities; and,

Whereas, Pinwheels for Prevention is being implemented by Prevent Child Abuse Ohio and the Center for Child and Family Advocacy in sixty-six counties throughout Ohio, and Richland County Children Services and the City of Ontario are co-leading the campaign in Richland County; and,

Whereas, Pinwheels for Prevention was designed as a visual way to demonstrate the real fact that abuse is prevalent in every community and that we ALL need to do our part to assist in breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect; and,

Whereas, Richland County will display 1,939 pinwheels throughout the month of April to represent each report of child abuse or neglect; and,

Whereas, through this public awareness campaign, we encourage all citizens to report child abuse and neglect to their public children services agency or law enforcement officials, and recognize that reporting abuse is critically important to the safety of children and families and the health of our community;

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Ontario, I do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2007, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, in the City of Ontario.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
My hand and caused the seal of the
City of Ontario to be affixed this 5th
Day of April, in the year of our Lord
Two Thousand and Seven.

Kenneth A. Bender, Mayor

Mr. Kahl shared words of appreciation to the City of Ontario for cooperating with the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign this year to promote awareness within the community. There are 1,939 reported cases in Richland County of abuse and neglect, abuse can take many different forms.

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-14

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PLAT OF BERNHARD WOLF ALLOTMENT.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-14 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. At roll call, five members voted Aye, one Nay vote by Mr. Zeiter, and the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mr. Shook read Ordinance No. 07-14 for the second time, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-16

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PLAT FOR WALKER LAKE POINT ONTARIO, OHIO, TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 07-16 for the third time, by title only.

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Mr. Shook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-16. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, four members voted Aye, two Nay votes by Mrs. Hellinger and Mrs. Konczak, and Ordinance No. 07-16 passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE RICHLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to suspend the twenty-four hour rule of notification. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-06 on three separate days. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Zeiter read Resolution No. 07-06 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-06. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-06 was adopted.

At 7:26 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Shook and a second by Mr. Williams. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council