

Regular

April 19

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 19, 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, Mark Weidemyre, Debbie Konczak, Dan Zeiter and Carol Shrader; Mr. Metzger; Mayor Kenneth Bender; Law Director Rebecca Thomas; Service/Safety Director Chuck Au; and Administrative Assistant Kristen Finfgeld. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 5, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Weidemyre and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hellinger shared information from the Utilities Committee meeting held on April 17th where Mr. Au informed Committee members repair was needed for the sewer drainage in Spring Village. To correct the problem, 577 feet of pipe will need lowered and enlarged. Ordinance No. 07-18 on this evening's Agenda will authorize this repair. Mrs. Hellinger scheduled a Utilities meeting on April 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Williams announced an Economic Development Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. on April 30th to continue discussion on the TIF.

Mr. Weidemyre commented on the Finance meeting that was held this evening to discuss additional appropriations which appear on Ordinance No. 07-17 on tonight's Agenda. The Streets Construction fund for the Willowood paving project will be increased from \$550,000 to \$675,000 due to the increased price of asphalt and paving material. Additional appropriations will be placed in a Temporary Personnel Fund of \$5,000 and an increase of Bank Fees from \$3,000 to \$15,000

Mr. Shook, Mrs. Konczak, Mr. Zeiter, and Mrs. Shrader had no report this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender reported on several issues:

- Mayor Bender shared the plaque that was presented by the Richland County Children Services for participation in the Pinwheel project displayed on the front lawn of the Municipal Building.
- The City of Ontario has been recognized as a 2006 Tree City USA.
- A tree planting to celebrate Arbor Day will take place on April 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. near the Service Building at Marshall Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Representatives from the Ontario Schools received a Proclamation supporting the Ontario School District's Tax Renewal on the May 8, 2007 Election. Mayor Bender read the Proclamation:

WHEREAS: the Ontario School District's primary mission is to provide to all students the best possible safe educational environment possible; and

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Whereas, the costs to the Ontario School District have increased significantly since the last renewal of this current operating levy; and

Whereas, the Ontario School System can be identified as one of the most significant strengths of the economic development of the City of Ontario; and

Whereas, a strong school district can impact the entire community on an educational, economic, and social level, and

Whereas, the economic health and quality of life in the City of Ontario, the Ontario School System and the community of Ontario are interrelated; and

Whereas, the Ontario School District, ranks among the lowest in the area in the amount of money spent per pupil but consistently ranks highest among area schools in terms of academic achievement; and

Whereas, for the second year, Ontario Schools were presented the banner of excellence on the State report card.

Now, therefore, I, Kenneth A. Bender, Mayor of the City of Ontario do hereby urge all citizens to support the Ontario Schools, that we may maintain our "Tradition of Excellent".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 19th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

Kenneth A. Bender, Mayor

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au reported on the following:

- Debris pick-up will continue through next week.
- The annual street sweeping will begin May 1, 2007, and should be completed by the middle of the May.
- Mr. Au encouraged everyone to clean-up the clutter throughout the City and asked residents to also remind merchants to do the same. The City can not do the clean-up for the business but letters have been mailed reminding them to maintain their property.
- When the street sweeping is completed the mowing will begin.
- Mr. Au urged Council to give consideration on their votes tonight and commented that everyone is conscious of the finances but delaying the paving projects can cost a tremendous amount of money. Historically, Ontario takes bids late in the year which results in higher pricing. Bids will be taken on this project next week and Mr. Au would like legislation passed so at that point he will be prepared to move aggressively on the paving project.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

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Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-14

(THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PLAT OF BERNHARD WOLF ALLOTMENT.

Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 07-14 for the third time.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-14. Mrs. Shrader seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and Ordinance No. 07-14 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ONTARIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-07. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Mr. Weidemyre commented on the great school system in Ontario and this does not raise taxes. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-07 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 07-12 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2007 BY MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 35% STREET CONSTRUCTION FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-17 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Konczak read Ordinance No. 07-17 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Konczak made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-17. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and Ordinance No. 07-17 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND THE AWARDED OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SPRING VILLAGE REPAIR PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Konczak made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-18 on three separate days. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Williams read Ordinance No. 07-18 for the first time, by title only.

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Mr. Shook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-18. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 07-18 was adopted.

At 7:19 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. Zeiter. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council