

Regular

May 3

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on May 3, 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; Assistant Law Director Ryan Hoovler; Service/Safety Director Chuck Au; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 19, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Calling twice and hearing no one who wished to speak, Mr. Metzger closed the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hellinger commented on the April 24, 2007, Utilities meeting that was canceled due to the lack of a quorum. Time ran out on the Utilities meeting held earlier this evening, so the next scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Williams referenced the main purpose of the Economic Development meeting that was held on April 30, 2007, was to discuss the TIF but nothing was resolved at that time. A date has not been set for the next meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender directed Council's attention to the April Zoning Report showing applications for two new homes and one new business which is for Furniture Row. The total fees collected were \$151 with an approximate property evaluation of \$3.9 million.

Scrap Tire Collection Day is May 5, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at three sites: Richland County Transfer Station at 621 Newman Street, Dowds Elementary School at 18 Seneca Drive, Shelby, and in Bellville east of the Feed Mill along the Bike Trail.

At this time Rose Biddle came forward to receive a Proclamation for her retirement which was effective April 30, 2007. Mayor Bender read the following:

Rose Biddle Day

It is a privilege and an honor for the Mayor of the City of Ontario to give praise and special recognition to Rose A. Biddle; and

Whereas, Rose Biddle has proven herself to be a valuable and intricate member of the staff of the City of Ontario; and

Whereas, Rose began her service to the City of Ontario on November 25, 1996; and

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Whereas, during her years of service she has diligently and faithfully worked in the City of Ontario's payroll and income tax departments; and

Whereas, Rose Biddle's knowledge and experience will be greatly missed by all her fellow workers; and

Now, therefore, as the Mayor of the City of Ontario, I do hereby proclaim, May 4, 2007 as Rose A. Biddle Day in the City of Ontario and urge all citizens to remember the valuable and distinguished role that Rose has played in our community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the seal of the City of Ontario to be affixed this 3rd day of May, 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 items:

- Chief Rod Smith was elected by his peers as President of the Chiefs Association. The Sheriffs and State Highway Patrol are also members of this association.
- Recently, there have been several robberies during the day in the Meadowlark area as well as in Mansfield and Lexington. This person was finally apprehended as the result of the ability to go online and match the description of the car with the first and last number of the license plate. He was surrendered to Lexington.
- Officer Jeromie Barnhart was highlighted on the Hot Sheet for the arrest of seven time offender Anthony Campano. He was cited for speeding and marked lanes violation
- The Police and Service Departments will participate in a 2-hour First Aid refresher course which will also include defibulator training.
- The curbed streets will be swept May 8th and 9th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Bids for the 2007 Paving Program were opened on April 27th, resulting in Smith Paving and Excavating of Norwalk was the successful bidder. The first part of the program includes Rosewood Drive and Willowood North and West. Three bids were submitted and the low bid of \$516,303.85 was well below the estimate.
- A tentative agreement has been entered with Richland County Engineering Department to pay Ontario's fair share of resurfacing Walker Lake Road from the Target area to the west corporation line at an approximate cost of \$23,000. They will purchase the asphalt through Central Purchasing at a lower rate than Ontario can make the purchase. This is a shared street and they will do the work at the end of the construction season.
- Bids will be received on May 25th for the Spring Village Lane Sewer Repair Project.
- Dunlap Drive was paved and opened today. Vivian Drive has also been paved.
- Work on Lindaire Lane is expected to begin within the next week and should take approximately a week to complete.
- Patch repairs are being done on Park Avenue and several other streets. If funds are still available at the end of the year another patch repair will be done.

Mr. Weidemyre asked if anything will be done on Dunlap Drive to slow down the traffic. Mr. Au responded they have held discussions with the Streets and Police Departments and they will take care of the situation.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hoover had no report.

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Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ACCEPT PAYMENT IN CASH OF ALL OUTSTANDING INSTALLMENTS ON A CERTAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE FIRST WESLEYAN CHURCH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Shook made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-08 on three separate days. Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Hellinger read Resolution No. 07-08 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-08. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 07-08 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-19

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-19 on three separate days. Mrs. Konczak seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 07-19 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-19. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 07-19 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE RODNEY SMITH TO DONATE TO THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT A VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED BY THIS CITY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the 24-hour rule on Ordinance No. 07-20. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the 24-hour rule passed.

Mr. Shook made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-20 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. Mrs. Konczak read Ordinance No. 07-20 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Konczak made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-20. Ms. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 07-20 was adopted.

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At 7:20 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Williams, and a second by Mr. Shook. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council