

Regular

July 19

2007

Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 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; Recreation Director Janet VanCura; Substance Abuse Coordinator Veronica Cain; and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. A number of interested citizens were present in the audience.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 14, 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.

The minutes of the special Council meeting of June 19, 2007 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Hellinger 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. Konczak announced a Personnel Committee meeting will be held on July 25, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Zeiter scheduled a Streets Committee meeting directly following the Personnel meeting on July 25, 2007.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bender provided information on several items:

- The monthly Zoning Report indicated eleven building permits were issued for a value of \$977,000. An additional seventeen permits and miscellaneous items were issued for a total income to the zoning department of \$2,653.75.
- The June receipts for Mayor's Court totaled \$22,658.
- Mayor Bender thanked the Ontario 4th of July Festival Committee and commented on the exceptional fireworks that approximately 10,000 people observed. He also thanked the area businesses that donated raffle items, the police department for security and traffic control, and the preparation and clean-up provided by the service departments.
- The Planning Commission met on July 11, 2007 and discussed four items.
 1. Two sign variance requests by Furniture Row. One was approved to add height to their sign along St. Rt. 30. The second request was withdrawn.
 2. The Humane Society received site plan approval for a new facility on St. Rt. 309 across from Lewis Road.
 3. Ashley Furniture requested a variance which was tabled because additional information was necessary.
 4. The Springfield Township Trustees requested a change-of-use permit for the property they purchased on Spring Village Lane. This will allow an emergency

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vehicle on-site and possibly establish 24-hour living quarters which will provide coverage to the north end of the City. No major renovations are necessary.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Au reported on the following:

- Construction on the sewer restoration work for Spring Village should begin next week. The actual construction of the sewer will take only two to three weeks then the area will have to set before the final restoration is completed which will include replacing a few driveways and lawns.
- The curb and gutter work in the Rosewood/Willodell area is completed, the catch basin is rebuilt and the driveway approach has been poured. The asphalt contractor is scheduled next week and it will take two to three weeks to grind down the surface.
- Rudy Road was scheduled in the 2006 paving project and was detained because of anticipated sewer lateral work. The decision was made to not dig up the road to replace the sewer laterals; this will be done in a different manner. The City Engineer has been notified to contact Kokosing to begin paving.
- Jill Waite was sworn in today as the new Chaplain for the Ontario Police Department. This is a volunteer position that has not been filled for quite some time.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thomas had no report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. VanCura presented the following information.

Lifeguard Certification Class. Seven Ontario students completed the lifeguard certification class in June. They will now be working for the Family Swim program and Summer Recreation next year.

Summer Recreation. Over 240 children signed up the first week and approximately 230 the second week. Eighty-four teens worked during the program with seven adults supervising the activities. The program went very well this year.

Swim Lessons. Fifty-one children paid \$40 each to attend the swim lessons that were held following the Summer Recreation program. Seven swim team members helped Melisa Watters instruct the swim lessons.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Cain provided an update on the Ontario Substance Abuse Program.

- Warrior Pride is the 4th grade prevention program that met monthly January to May with fifty-six students attending.
- ADIOS, the middle school program, met weekly prior to school at 7:15 a.m. with sixty-five students attending.
- No Use, the high school program, met before school and sixty students participated during the weekly meeting.
- A limited beginning budget of \$100 prohibited some of the activities done in previous years but Mrs. Cain anticipates continued growth.
- The senior Trader Card program is very popular. Seniors commit to a drug free year, take their trader cards to the elementary school and make presentations. Thirty-two students participated. Each classroom from kindergarten through fifth grade received two presentations that are done prior to lunch time then the students eat lunch together.

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- Life Skills Program is a research based prevention program shown to reduce the use of drugs and alcohol. Money provided by the CACY office funded this program. Mrs. Cain, along with the middle school guidance counselor Diane Cunningham and eighth grade teacher Carol Rinehart, received free training for the program that was then implemented to all of the sixth graders during study hall rotation for a duration of eleven sessions.
- The ADIOS students assisted with Warrior Pride after school.
- Not only is education and prevention an important part of the program but also intervention. When students break the athletic policy they must see Mrs. Cain. There were twelve offenses this year: two were self-referrals and eight were first time offenses. All were reinstated but one senior who was not playing a sport. Two students had second offenses and chose not to reinstate because once they sat out a year they would not be eligible to play.
- Approximately 240 parents attend the Parent Forum.
- Concentration will be focused on implementing the Safe Homes Program where families commit to no underage drinking or drug use at home parties.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to extend the liability insurance policy with Rinehart-Walters-Danner & Associates Insurance Agency Inc. for an additional two years. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

At 7:33 p.m., Mr. Metzger opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Noting there were no signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 07-26

(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 07-12 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2007 BY MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE GENERAL FUND.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 07-26 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, one Nay by Mrs. Konczak, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 07-26 for the second time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-26. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, four members cast their votes Aye, three Nays by Mr. Weidemyre, Mrs. Konczak and Mr. Zeiter, and Ordinance No. 07-26 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-09

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to amend Resolution No. 07-09, Section 4, to read: "That provided a majority of electors voting thereon shall approve this issue, Council shall take all necessary steps to implement this election system, beginning with the **2011** primary election." The purpose is to stagger the term with that of the Mayor. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THIS CITY SHALL BE CHANGED FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS AS PROVIDED IN R.C. 733.09(B) AS AMENDED.

Mr. Zeiter made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-09 on three separate days. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mrs. Shrader read Resolution No. 07-09 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-09. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-09 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-10

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-10 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. Mr. Shook read Resolution No. 07-10 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Shook made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-10. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-10 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RICHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COUNTY CENTRAL PURCHASING.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-11 on three separate days. Mr. Shook seconded the motion. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Williams read Resolution No. 07-11 for the first time, by title only.

Mrs. Hellinger made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-11. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-11 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROJECT NUMBER CP20K WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A 0% INTEREST LOAN TO BE USED FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Shook made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Resolution No. 07-12 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. Mrs. Konczak read Resolution No. 07-12 for the first time, by title only.

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Mrs. Konczak made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-12. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 07-12 was adopted.

At 7:40 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Weidemyre, 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