

TELEPHONIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2015

A special telephonic meeting of the Ontario City Council was called for Friday, January 2, 2015, in the office of the City Recorder, Ontario City Hall, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Council members present were LeRoy Cammack and Ron Verini. Also present was a representative from the Argus Observer. Councilors who participated were LeRoy Cammack, Ron Verini, Norm Crume, Charlotte Fugate, Larry Tuttle, Dan Jones, and Jackson Fox.

Staff present was City Recorder/Interim City Manager Tori Barnett.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Argus Observer on December 30, 2014.

AGENDA

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Charlotte Fugate, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6/1/0. Dan Jones voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2015-101: Authorizing the Funding of the Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief Position

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder/Interim City Manager, stated due to the upcoming retirement of the Fire Chief on June 30, 2015, the Fire Department would like to hire a Deputy Fire Chief. Funding was proposed to come from the General Fund Contingency and Public Safety Reserve Fund.

The Fire Chief plans to retire effective June 30, 2015; therefore, the city needs to hire a Deputy Fire Chief now to ensure adequate training is provided so the new hire is ready to step into the position of Fire Chief following the existing Chief's retirement. Funding the Deputy Fire Chief position for the remainder of the 2014-15 fiscal year was estimated at \$54,300.

On November 4, 2013, the Council adopted Ordinance #2685-2013, allocating 26.5% of Motel Occupancy Tax to a Public Safety Fund. Currently the fund balance was approximately \$177,000, and continuously replenished each month. It would cost approximately \$2,500 to obtain the necessary uniforms and equipment for the Deputy Fire Chief, and staff would like to take that funding from the Public Safety Reserve.

The Council could decline to authorize the hiring of the Deputy Fire Chief; however, that would potentially cause detrimental department issues with the retirement of the current Chief in June and would leave the department without trained upper management leadership.

The purchase of uniforms and equipment, for \$2,500, would be taken from the Public Safety Reserve Fund, and \$54,300 would come from the General Fund Contingency.

The Public Safety Reserve has \$134,600 budgeted in contingency, which would be reduced by \$2,500, decreasing the reserve to \$132,100. The General Fund has a budgeted amount of \$997,076 in contingency, and would be reduced by \$54,300, decreasing the balance to \$942,776.

Charlotte Fugate moved, seconded by Ron Verini, to table Resolution #2015-101 until the newly elected Councilors were sworn into office [*January 5, 2015*]. Motion carried 6/1/0. Norm Crume voted no.

Charlotte Fugate moved, seconded by Ron Verini, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 6/1/0. Dan Jones voted no.

APPROVED:



Ronald Verini, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder