

**ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, August 19, 2013**

The meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Council President Dan Jones at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Norm Crume, Charlotte Fugate, Dan Jones, Larry Tuttle, and Ron Verini. Jackson Fox was excused.

Members of staff present were Jay Henry, Tori Barnett, Larry Sullivan, Mark Alexander, Mike Long, Bob Walker, and Marcy Skinner. The meeting was recorded, and copies are available at City Hall.

Cathy Yasuda led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

Council consensus to add New Business 9(B) - Acceptance of FAA Grant.

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Larry Tuttle, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Ron Verini, to approve Consent Agenda Item A: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2013; and Item B: Approval of the Bills. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

Mike Long, Finance Director, stated he had been asked to contact the city's audit firm, asking for comments or suggestions with regard to the proposed Credit Card policy. He also asked the Auditors about doing an audit. That request would be reviewed, and he hoped to hear back by the next Work Session.

Alan Daniels, Airport Manager, stated with regard to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), there was \$16M on the books for 2015-2018 road improvements. That had been whittled down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project making the list at approximately \$2.9M for the city. The earliest they could begin construction was three years out, but they were in the queue for funding. If that project hadn't been 90% engineered, they probably wouldn't have received the money. Also, in talking with ODOT, the committee brought up that the larger, more important, projects were not on the list because they were so big. Region 5 put together a needs list, which included finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, both Idaho to 5<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, and to rebuild Butler. That was an \$11M project. He didn't know when it would be funded, but it was in the system.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

[Copied from hand-out]

Ruth Rolland, Ontario, stated *"The residents of Ontario should pay close attention to the attitudes of Ontario's City Council and City Manager about what our Citizens need and care about, in this community that we all consider our home. For example, when it came to funding their share to keep the bus lines in service, which greatly improves the overall opportunity to have a quality life in Ontario, Oregon, the City Council's majority bent was on bowing out of the picture. To the extent certain City Councilors cared about having bus service in the City at all, they preferred somebody else take care of the bill, even though the entire City benefits from having the bus service. It's not only the city's non-drivers, and more senior or disabled residents who benefit. – Ontario's retail businesses, educational*

*and medical services communities, and families also benefit. The buses keep people productive, active as consumers and customers, contributing and engaged with this community they call home. Many of Ontario's business community quickly acknowledge this, and agree that City endeavors such as maintaining bus services, are essential things to support – for the practical benefits, positive image and positive future of the City. Others prefer to deny it and prefer not to recognize that even those who are outside their won circle are important to the overall vitality of the City. A recent example of the City Leadership's narrow attitude concerned a request to replace recliners for the Fire Department. Why is it that the leadership of this City has no interest in treating its citizens, nor the very employees who work for the City, with any degree of respect? Fire Department, Police and Public Works employees keep the public safe and the City services functioning. The City Council reminds me of a neighbor I once had, who kept his dog tied in the yard as a watch dog, and neglected to properly feed it. He had no feelings for the dog. When you get right down to it, you cannot slice and dice, and pick or choose which aspect, or sector or faction of the City of Ontario has more value. The City exists and functions as one entity. If you neglect any of the Ontario's citizens, families and workers, the City cannot thrive. The Future of the City suffers. As you may have noticed, supporters of the Ontario Public Works Employees have been carrying signs again today, outside City Hall, calling on the City Council and City Manager to put an end the unfairness to Ontario's Public Works employees. It is their hoe that the City Council will decide it's time to say to these employees that you understand and recognize that they have a good reason to feel discounted and disrespected by the City Council. The Public Works employees want a chance to finish the negotiations that City Council chose to disrupt when they voted to impose the City's Implemented Offer on these workers. The Public Works employees want a chance to reach a fair, respectful mutual conclusion to the negotiation of their labor contract."*

#### PRESENTATION

Cathy Yasuda, Co-Chair of the Ontario Sister City Program, stated it gave her pleasure to give a presentation and update on the Sister City Program. Six or seven years ago, former Mayor Joe Dominick asked her to be involved in the program, which had waned for a few years, and he wanted to resurrect the program. There was a long-standing relationship with the Sister City of Osakasayama, Japan. Nearly 40 years ago, then Mayor Leonard Cates, along with George Iseri and Bob Sullivan, created this program and partnership, which has surpassed several decades. It was a pleasure for her to become involved, not only because of her cultural background, but also because she felt strongly about continuation of the program. The resurrected the collaboration and partnership shared with Osakasayama. Over the past several years, Ontario had hosted several exchange students during Spring Break, and the experiences, on both sides of the program were memorable. Friendships had been forged that would last forever. Another intent of the program was to continue the friendships, and ties across the world, and to build a strong program of community within Ontario. Thanks to the Visitors & Conventions Bureau, they had been the recipient of grants through the City of Ontario, and those funds were very much appreciated in continuing this program. They all serve on a volunteer basis, and relied heavily on folks in the community who opened their hearts and their homes to our visitors from Japan. This past summer, in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to send an 11 member delegation from Ontario to Japan, and Osakasayama was thrilled to receive such a large contingency coming to visit.

Matt Stringer, Executive Director, Four Rivers Culture Center, one of the delegates who went to Japan, presented a gift to the City of Ontario. Every year, Osakasayama sent a gift to Ontario. Most, if not all, were housed on display at the Cultural Center. The piece being presented was done be a local artist, renowned throughout Japan. It was representing prosperity and gratitude. It would hang at the Cultural Center.

Pam Suyematsu, Ashley Suyematsu, Samantha Mendez, Debbie Tanaka, and Dehlia Mong, all spoke of their interactions with the Sister City organization, whether it be by visiting Osakasayama or hosting a student.

Ms. Yasuda stated that this was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the program, and on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Osakasayama was sending a large delegation over, including Happy Furakawa. He was a Councilman, and official from Osakasayama, was in his late 70's, and had made numerous trips to Ontario, and it was probably for the last time. The Mayor of Osakasayama was also coming. Everyone was very excited, and hoped that they were able to see many of the Council members during the visit. It would only be for two days, and about 20 people. If anyone was interested in

Council members during the visit. It would only be for two days, and was about 20 people. If anyone was interested in hosting, or being a part of the visit, please contact her. They appreciated all the support from the community – people volunteering their homes, businesses making donations, allowing them to self-support, along with grants from the V&C Committee and the community to keep this program alive.

Councilor Jones asked Ms. Yasuda to please relay the city's thanks for the gift. Also, in seeing the enthusiasm from that group, he was sure the program would continue to grow. Congratulations on a successful program.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Ordinance #2680-2013: Annexation and Rezone – Portion of Ontario Airport (Final Reading)**

No changes since First Reading.

Charlotte Fugate moved, seconded by Norm Crume, that the City Council adopt Ordinance #2680-2013, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 48 ACRES OF LAND NORTH OF SW 18<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND SOUTH OF THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, ASSIGNING CITY ZONING, on Second and Final Reading by Title Only. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Ordinance #2684-2013: Amend OMC 9-3 re: Parking in Front Yards (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mark Alexander, Police Chief, stated Ontario Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 3 defined prohibited parking in the city, which included parking in the front yard of a residence. The definition of a front yard provided for situations where vehicles could still park in a front yard, avoiding the intent of the prohibited parking. The Police Department crafted changes to the definition of a front yard and believed that language would be more effective in enforcing the behavior. Increased enforcement might create complaints taking staff time or more court appearances with those disputing citations. It was the intent of the prohibitions to increase the orderliness of neighborhoods, thus increasing surrounding property values.

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Larry Tuttle, that the Council adopt Ordinance #2684-2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, on First Reading by Title Only. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

##### **Acceptance of FAA Grant AIP #3-41-0044-011-2013**

Alan Daniels, Airport Manager, stated the 90% grant was for the rehabilitation of several taxi ways and to replace the rotating beacon. It had just been received that day, and had to be back by Friday. The next step would be sending it back to the FAA, who would issue a Notice to Proceed. Then, at the next Council meeting, he would present the Bid Award and the Notice to Proceed, and they hoped to begin construction on September 4<sup>th</sup>. They had already contacted the contractor, and there was only 44 days for construction time. It was standard language in the Agreement.

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Ron Verini, that the Council accept FFA Grant AIP Project Number 3-41-0044-011-2013, Contract Number DOT-FA13NM-0027, in the amount of \$617,655.00, for the rehabilitation of taxi lanes and the replacement of a rotating beacon, and authorize the City Manager to be signatory on the Grant Agreement. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**Ordinance #2682-2013: Annex & Rezone City Shop (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter of Ordinance #2682-2013, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Marcy Skinner, Planning Technician, stated a request was made for Annexation and Rezoning of city owned Tax Lots #3100 and #3400 totaling 7.81 acres. Tax Lot #3100 was five (5) acres currently zoned Urban Growth Area (UGA) I-1, Light Industrial. Tax Lot #3400 was currently zoned City I-1, Light Industrial. Both lots would be rezoned to City PF, Public Facility Zone. This was a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map amendment, Map number 17S4733D. On August 12, 2013 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request for Annexation and Rezoning of city owned tax lots currently zoned UGA and City I-1, Light Industrial to City PF, Public Facility zone.

Larry Sullivan, City Attorney, stated on the annexation of those roads, those were not included in the current ordinance before them for 1<sup>st</sup> reading, but would be in there for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

Opponents: None.

Proponents: None.

There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

Ron Verini moved, seconded by Larry Tuttle, that the City Council adopt Ordinance #2682-2013, A CITY ZONING ORDINANCE PROCLAIMING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO; AND WITHDRAWING SAID TERRITORY FROM THE ONTARIO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; AND WITHDRAWING SAID TERRITORY FROM THE ONTARIO RURAL ROAD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. THE PROPERTY IS TAX LOT #3100; FIVE ACRES LOCATED AT 1151 NW 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND OWNED AND USED BY THE CITY FOR ITS CITY SHOP, ASSIGNING CITY ZONING, AND REZONING TAX LOT #3400, AN ADJOINING 2.81 ACRE PARCEL, BOTH WITHIN THE ASSESSORS MAP 17S4733D, on First Reading by Title Only. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

**Ordinance #2683-2013: Annex & Rezone Horning Way and Crest Way (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter of Ordinance #2683-2013, the annexation and rezoning of Horning Way and Crest Way, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Marcy Skinner, Planning Technician, stated a request was made for the Annexation and Rezoning of tax lots 400, 700, 1700, 1500, 1501, 2100, 1900, 2700, 3100, 500, 600, 1600, 2600, 2000, 800, and 1300 totaling 7.37 acres. The lots were currently zoned Urban Growth Area (UGA) Residential and would be rezoned to City RS-50, Single Family Residential zone. This was a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map amendment, Map number 18S4705AA. On August 12, 2013, the Planning Commission recommended the approval of the request for Annexation and Rezoning of City owned tax lots currently zoned UGA Residential to City RS-50, Single Family Residential.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony.

Opponents: None.

Proponents: None.

There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

Councilor Verini verified the Reeve family was okay with the modification on the ordinance regarding their animals?

Ms. Skinner stated they were, and had signed the Consent form.

Larry Tuttle moved, seconded by Norm Crume, that the City Council adopt Ordinance #2683-2013, A CITY ZONING ORDINANCE PROCLAIMING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO; AND WITHDRAWING SAID TERRITORY FROM THE ONTARIO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; AND WITHDRAWING SAID TERRITORY FROM THE ONTARIO RURAL ROAD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; THE PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS THE VERDE DRIVE, HORNING WAY AND CREST WAY NEIGHBORHOOD, WITHIN THE ASSESSORS MAP 18S4705AA, INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 7.37 ACRES OF PRIVATE LAND AND THOSE ADJOINING STREETS, AND ASSIGNING CITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, RS-50, ZONING, on First Reading by Title Only. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

**CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

- Councilor Fugate stated the Feral Cat Project had received a \$5K grant from PetSmart, so they could continue the trapping, spaying, and neutering of feral cats. They had taken care of close to 8,000 cats.
- Councilor Tuttle stated it had been brought up several times about the bus system, and the Council not funding it, and the Budget Committee didn't fund it, and that was totally false. The people approached the Council, made the request for \$20K, said they could live with \$15K, the Budget Committee and Council voted, and \$15K was given. He was tired of hearing people say the Council didn't fund the bus.

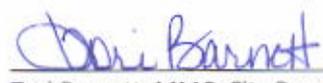
**ADJOURN**

Norm Crume moved, seconded by Ron Verini, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Crume-yes; Fox-out; Fugate-yes; Tuttle-yes; Verini-yes; Jones-yes. Motion carried 5/0/1.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Dan Jones, Council President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder