

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
05/01/2017

The Onida City Council met on Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor Gary Wickersham presiding. Present at Roll Call: Don Goddard, LaJena Gruis, Joel Miller, Marla Mosiman, Jane Pitlick and Bob Porter. Also present: Jennifer Kenzy-Soderholm, James Soderholm, Jackie Goddard, Tim Jost, Sheila Ring, Bill Stahl, Kevin Rosse, Emily Sovell and Terry Aaker.

MINUTES: Motion by Gruis seconded by Porter to approve the minutes from the April 3rd and 12th, 2017 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Council Member Don Goddard was recognized and thanked for his 17 years of service to the Onida City Council with a gift of a bible.

OATH OF OFFICE: Hiller gave Mayor Wickersham his Oath of Office and he, in turn, gave the Oath of Office to: Jennifer Kenzy-Soderholm, Joel Miller, Jane Pitlick, and Bob Porter.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Pitlick seconded by Miller to nominate Mosiman as Council President. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to move Kenzy-Soderholm into Goddard's positions. All ayes. Motion carried. Below are the positions of Council Members for 2017-2018.

President: Mosiman

Vice President: Porter

Rail Authority: Pitlick (Milt Handcock and Andy Kleven at large)

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Kenzy-Soderholm and Miller

Street/Alley/Fire/Parks/Sanitation: Pitlick, Kenzy-Soderholm and Porter

Finance/City Property/Pool/Insurance/Electric/Water: Miller, Gruis and Mosiman

Auditing: Gruis, Mosiman and Pitlick

News Paper: The Onida Watchman

Attorney: Emily Sovell

Enhancement District/Equalization: Porter

REPORTS: Jost reported that spring street sweeping has been completed, the water tower is full, there had been two (2) small power outages, the mosquito sprayer has been calibrated, and the pool pump repaired. He also stated that Paula Barber with Sully County Weed and Pest has been in contact with the City concerning some weedy areas that she would like to burn. Jost stated that he was uncomfortable with this and stated that he would rather talk to Terry Barber and have him spray the area which Council was agreeable with. Jost has also been in contact with a repairman for the generator and was told that it needs a new regulator at which time Wickersham told him to get the regulator ordered.

Sheriffs Office: Stahl was present to discuss some of the events that have taken place over the last month including: burning in town, dogs disturbing the peace and a temporary restraining order against Jimmy Wipf. The only burning that is allowed in town is that of fire pits and grills. Special permission must be attained from the City Council for any other burning. Stahl stated that he will work with Attorney Sovell on the disturbing the peace complaint to make it a ticket/fine condition rather than a Court appearance condition.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permits were presented for approval:

Jane Payer – 302 South 9th Street – shingle, siding, windows, roof, and interior.

Caleb and Katie Shepherd – 305 South 9th Street – 42” cedar fence

Cody Paxton – 806 Birch Avenue – 10 x 12 storage shed

Mike and Val Wolforth – shingles, siding, remodel bathroom and concrete pad

Motion by Gruis seconded by Kenzy-Soderholm to approve all permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: This being the time and place for a hearing on the renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses and no one was present to protest. The following Malt Beverage License Applications were presented to the Council:

Brewster's Tavern and Grill

Don's Food Center

The Blue Goose

Vilas Drug

Motion was made by Miller seconded by Pitlick to approve all applications. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

POOL: One bid was received for the new splash park which came from Sharpe Enterprises at a bid of \$312,000. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to reject the bid. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Terry Aaker of Schmucker, Paul, Nohr and Associates was present to discuss what needs to be done to further the water project and start the sewer project. Both projects are going to require rate increases which are a concern but an inevitable fact for the City's future. Council made the decision to hold off on the rate increases until the June meeting.

Aaker also presented the Council with an Engineering agreement for the stated projects. Motion by Gruis seconded by Miller to approve the agreement. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Hiller advised Council that LaLonde has been certified in wastewater collection and Soderholm as a pool operator. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to give LaLonde a .50 cent per hour increase which brings his pay per hour to \$19.52. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to give Soderholm a .50 cent per hour increase which brings his pay per hour to \$16.46. Roll Call: Kenzy-Soderholm abstain, Gruis aye, Miller aye, Mosiman aye, Pitlick aye and Porter aye. Motion carried.

LEGAL: Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to increase Sovell's retainer fee from \$300.00 a month to \$500.00 a month. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. The abatement process for 705 Ginseng Avenue was discussed. No communication has been received. Sovell will send a certified letter to the party.

BILLING ERROR: Following an audit by Council Member Miller of Oahe Electric's supplier bills to the City of Onida, an error of \$192,873.59 was found. Oahe has found that this error resulted from a program error in their system which has been corrected. Oahe is willing to pay the city back in a lump sum total of \$192,873.59. Motion by Miller seconded by Porter to accept this payout. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

HYDRANT FLUSHING: Gruis inquired about this year's hydrant flushing and if there was anything scheduled as of yet. Nothing is scheduled at this time and Jost will make sure that the fire department and the city work together on this project.

COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST: Hiller received a request from the County on their needing an amount from the City on next year's appropriations for the pool/summer rec programs. We have asked for \$15,000 a year for the last several years. Motion by Gruis seconded by Kenzy-Soderholm to request \$20,000 for 2018. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING: Motion by Gruis to come out of City Council at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Miller. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick to go into Zoning at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Miller. All ayes. Motion carried.

The City has received a request for permission from Gary and Shelly Wickersham to be allowed to vacate 15' of street at the new Wickersham addition. They have handed in the necessary paperwork. Motion by Gruis seconded by Porter to approve the application. All ayes. Motion carried. Hiller will advertise and send letters out to those closely affected with a decision to be made at the June 2017 City Council meeting.

Motion by Miller seconded by Gruis to come out of Zoning at 9:04 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Porter seconded by Kenzy-Soderholm to go into City Council at 9:04 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Tim Jost 2649.70 Rondha Hiller 2514.17, Isaac LaLonde 2744.21, James Soderholm 1292.06, Mike Becker 646.56, Council 1062.05, Deanna Sutton 354.63, Election personnel 472.80, Gary Knodel 69.27. OT: Tim Jost 180.28. OTHER: Petty Cash postage 32.21, Sully County law enforcement 4953.87, SD Retirement contributions 1524.78, EFTPS taxes 3365.86, Lamb's Discount supplies 355.50, SD Treasurer taxes 3986.03, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 7247.50, Post Office 145.18, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1627.12, Venture Communications 302.17, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 2919.48, Oahe Electric supplier 60099.19, Oahe Electric repairs/dues 416.67, Stewart and Daughters fuel 591.57, Child Support 415.50, BankWest fee 50.00, City of Onida deposit refund 200.00, Dept. of Revenue testing 491.00, Lamb Motor pick up 19,900.00, One Call locating 10.50, MCI communications 34.71, Brett's Spray Service maintenance 306.90, SDGFOA school 75.00, Envirotech recycle 162.46, The Onida Watchman publications 489.27, Sovell Oil fuel 623.18, Sunrise Agency insurance 244.00, Share Corp supplies 204.39, Onida Electric repairs 4222.82, Crazy B's supplies 55.00, US Bank water project 8997.83, Dakota Business Center supplies 116.19, SD Municipal Electric dues 626.00, Sully County Treasurer registration and license 21.20, Runnings supplies 106.96, Morris Inc. repairs 3116.65, Recreation Supply 254.21, Northwest Pipe supplies 253.26, Quality Inn school 338.04 and Department of Revenue malt beverage license 250.00. Motion was made by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Gruis seconded by Kenzy-Soderholm to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, June 5th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Gary Wickersham, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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