

APPROVED
City Council Proceedings
6/5/2017

The Onida City Council met on Monday, June 5th, 2017 at the City office with Mayor Gary Wickersham presiding. Present at Roll Call: LaJena Gruis, Jennifer Kenzy-Soderholm, Joel Miller, Jane Pitlick and, Bob Porter. Also Present: Bill Stahl, Emily Sovell, Sheila Ring, Don and Jackie Goddard, Jamie and Jennifer Nye, Colton Nye, Rodney Haag, Mardy and Mary Knodel, Tim Jost and Don Weigel.

Minutes: Motion by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to approve the minutes from the May 1st, 2017 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports: Superintendent Jost stated that he had been in contact with Terry Barber concerning the Canadian thistle that we have. He stated that Barber told him that the cost would be \$24 per acre for 100 acres. A concern had been brought to his attention of the need for screens on the door and window at the ball field concession stand. After much discussion it was decided that there would not be screens put up. Mardy and Mary Knodel were present to discuss the water leak that they have at the north end of town. Jost stated that he has not been able to determine where the leak is. Hiller explained to the Council that there is still an old water meter in place where their water comes out for their livestock and she has changed their water reads to coincide with the old water meter. Motion was made by Porter seconded by Soderholm to have Mid Dakota Rural Water check into the situation. All ayes. Motion carried. Other projects completed are: rolled roofing at the pool, a 2 inch tap at the football field, new electric line behind Court House in which the new electric box has been placed on residential property. Attorney Sovell will draw up an easement for this. While completing the electric project behind the Court House, the gas line was hit. We are still waiting on the bill for this.

Sherriff: Bill Stahl was present and stated that he has had numerous complaints concerning chemical drift from a neighborhood business at 204 South 10th Street, and discussion was had concerning the flying of drones in town. It is a violation to fly drones with-in five (5) miles of an airport unless permission has been acquired. He also discussed the city bond schedule with the Council and Attorney Sovell in which Sovell stated that she was in the process of updating.

Clark Engineering: Don Weigel of Clark Engineering was present to introduce himself. He gave a presentation of what his company can do and has done letting the Council know that Clark Engineering is interested in our projects.

Water/Sewer: The State of South Dakota has presented the City of Onida, Tim Jost and Isaac LaLonde certificates of achievement for our public water system.

Terry Aaker of Schmucker, Paul, Nohr and Associates, informed the Council that the timeline to finish up the water project per our funding awards is September 26th, 2018. He also stated that they would like to get to work on the sewer project so that bids can be done.

Several resolutions were read: Resolution 2017-4 giving approval to certain sewer facility improvements. Motion to approve by Gruis seconded by Soderholm. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman. This has been published separately in The Onida Watchman on June 8th, 2017.

Resolution 2017-5 Water rates amending ordinance. Motion to approve by Soderholm seconded by Pitlick. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman. This has been published separately in The Onida Watchman on June 15th, 2017.

Resolution 2017-6 Wastewater rates amending ordinance. Motion to approve by Soderholm seconded by Miller. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman. This has been published separately in The Onida Watchman on June 15th, 2017.

Curb and Gutter: Curb and gutter were completed on the 100 and 200 blocks of 10th Street at the end of 2016. Motion by Gruis seconded by Soderholm to bill property owners at 8% for 5 years. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

Oahe Electric: Rod Haag with Oahe Electric was present to discuss a couple of issues. There was some confusion as to what was the agreement on electric services in the newly annexed area north of town. After looking at maps together, motion was made by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to approve the division at the PUC line as follows: The City shall retain the South 321.99 feet of the Outlot 1, less Outlot R-1, less Lot W-1 and less Oahe Addition to Onida Cemetery in the SE1/4 Section 2, Township 114 N Range 77 W of the 5th PM and Oahe Electric shall retain services to the North 620 feet. Roll Call: Gruis aye, Soderholm aye, Miller nay, Pitlick aye and Porter nay. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

The metering audit was also discussed with Haag, Hiller stating that of the names he had given her, neither one had returned her phone calls. Miller stated that he works with someone who is interested in doing the audit. He could be hired as a temporary worker. Haag stated that he would take this back to his board for their input.

Pool: One bid was received for the pool project, this coming for MC & R Pools and Spas in the amount of \$249,000. Motion by Miller seconded by Pitlick to approve the bid. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

Zoning: Motion by Soderholm seconded by Gruis to come out of City Council. Motion by Gruis seconded by Soderholm to go into Zoning. The Council discussed the application from Gary and Shelly Wickersham to vacate 15 feet of street located on Douglas Avenue between North Main Street to North 8th Street and between North 8th Street to North 9th Street. Publications have been made and letters were mailed out to all properties located within the affected areas. No concerns were received.

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to come out of Zoning. Motion by Gruis seconded by Soderholm to go into City Council.

Motion to approve recommendation to vacate by Pitlick seconded by Gruis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building Permits: The following building permits were presented for approval:

Jerry and Barb Thomas – 604 South Main Street – front deck repair

Ken and Rebecca Lyons - 203 South 10th Street - backyard fencing

Steve Kenzy – 601 Elm Avenue – shingle home

Motion by Gruis seconded by Miller to accept all building permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chamber: A question was received from the Onida Chamber on an electric sign they are working on purchasing and a placement for it. They were wondering if Council would be in agreement to have it put at the city park on Ash Avenue. Council has no problem with this. The Chamber did state that this will not occur this year due to the cost.

Abatement: A letter was received concerning the property abatement at 708 Ginseng Avenue. The letter stated that the property is being worked on to get it cleaned up. Council stated that as long as they could see that there is action on the clean-up process they were okay with it and we will keep an eye on the progress.

Bills: The following bills were presented for payment. Wages: Tim Jost 2508.40, Rondha Hiller 2369.74, Isaac LaLonde 2520.62, Mike Becker 647.50, James Soderholm 1789.96, Deanna Sutton 265.97, Summer Programs 1826.00, Council 784.97. OT: Tim Jost 314.36. Other Bills: Petty Cash postage 34.39, City of Onida deposit refunds 300.00, Venture communications 298.79, Emily Sovell retainer 1300.87, Wellmark BC BS health insurance 2919.48, Oahe Electric supplier 53851.97, Oahe Electric repairs 2304.43, Post Office postage 234.84, Sully County law enforcement 4953.87, SDRS contributions 2205.60, EFTPS taxes 4864.95, Envirotech recycle/rent 933.62, Onida Watchman publications 1061.61, Lamb's Discount supplies 247.51, Stewart and Daughters fuel 278.86, SD State Treasurer taxes 4086.37, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 8448.00, Sovell Oil fuel 1400.98, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1772.46, BankWest fee 50.00, SPN water project 10900.00, One Call locating 26.25, MCI communications 32.66, Child support 831.00, Brett's Spray mowing 82.50, Morris Inc. supplies 6655.80, Northwest Pipe supplies 706.59, Don's Food Center supplies 14.76, Nye Lumber supplies 371.25, Onida Electric supplies 33.75, CSDED dues 805.52, Hawkins supplies, 5186.00, Lifeguard Store supplies 224.20, S.D. DOT airport 3724.32, Grassland Gourmet supplies 20.00, 3E repairs 1163.20, VanDiest supplies 710.60, Dakota Business copier 47.60, Wheelhouse Plumbing pool 209.00, Lamb Motor repairs 95.96, Runnings supplies 219.94, Vilas supplies 25.64, Recreation Supply supplies 521.57, HD Supply supplies 1079.84, Prairie Pages supplies 44.99, Lamb Chevy repairs 405.50. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Mosiman.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. by Soderholm seconded by Gruis. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 5th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. due to the 4th of July holiday.

Mayor, Gary Wickersham

Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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