

APPROVED  
City Council Proceedings  
6/04/2018

The Onida City Council met on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the City office with Mayor Gary Wickersham presiding. Present at Roll Call: LaJena Gruis, Hayden Handcock, Justin Mennenger, Marla Mosiman, Jane Pitlick and Jennifer Soderholm. Also Present: Bill Stahl, Emily Sovell, Sheila Ring, Jennifer Nye, Bart Merrigan, Caleb Shepherd, Kody Weiss, Mike Wiley, JJ Schall and Brian Ring.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Wickersham gave the Oath of Office to Mosiman as it had been missed at last month's proceedings.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** A report from Jost was given to Hiller. He stated that the new water tank has been purchased, MC & R pools would be here Tuesday evening to get the splash park up and running, discharging was completed at the lagoon, and he has taken the test for his CDL and has to wait two (2) weeks before he can take the driving part of the test.

**Sherriff:** Bill Stahl was present and stated that he has been busy with the detour in town related to the current water/sewer project.

**PROPERTY/DRIVE THROUGH:** Jennifer Nye was present to discuss her concerns about her property located at 401 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Part of this has been vacated and the transformer is located in the area. To drive through the area, it would be very easy to hit the transformer. Nye stated that she would prefer that no drive through, including for mosquito spraying, would be done in the area. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mennenger to allow drive through for utility reasons only. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER PROBLEMS:** Mike Wiley of Cone Ag was present to discuss his frustrations on the sudden request to stop using water that affected his business. Stating that he wasn't given any heads up that there was a shortage of water in town until he had to stop all water use. Wickersham explained to Mr. Wiley that we also had no notice. MDRW was in the process of painting their water tower which is located just west of Onida. Due to the painting of the tower they found it necessary to drain their tower which that affected our tower. Cone Ag uses over 3 million gallons of water a year and this greatly affects their business when they are not allowed to pull water. Wickersham informed Wiley that the City has an old cistern that is full and they can use it when a problem like this arises. Wiley stated that his plans for July and August are to fill his tanks at night which would alleviate some difficulties in town. Wiley also stated that he would be interested in getting the water app placed on his phone so that he would have the ability to watch the water levels himself.

**STREETS:** JJ Schall, Sully County Superintendent, was present to discuss Cherry Avenue. There has been several complaints about the dust coming from the area. It was discussed at the last meeting about the possibility of putting down mag water to control the dust. Schall stated that the mag water would work great, but when we have a rain, it is likely that the product would run off into neighboring lawns and the residence would not be happy about that. It was decided to do nothing at this point as the water/sewer project in this area will be completed soon and this is part of the problem.

Schall also inquired about chip sealing 305<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the cemetery road. Sully County is planning on chip sealing the cemetery road next year. The Council stated that they would help pay for the cost of this project. Schall is working on a grant that is available for an 80/20 split to chip seal 305<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Council asked Schall to find out what the cost of this project would be and get back to us.

**WATER/SEWER PROJECTS:** Kody Weiss of SPN was present to update the Council on the water/sewer projects in town. The project on Ash Avenue should be completed this week except for the road resurfacing. Plans are to start milling on 9<sup>th</sup> Street this week. They are busy working on installing a water main on Bayberry. Caleb Shepherd was present and asked if a curb and gutter were in the plans for his area. Weiss stated that this is not in the plans. Wickersham stating that could be done after the project is finished. Shepherd was told that this would be a property assessment which he stated he has no problem with.

Change order: A meeting for the water/sewer project was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. From this meeting Superintendent Jost asked if a couple of changes to the current plan could be made. Council was given maps of the proposed changes which included Bayberry from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Bayberry to Ash Avenue. Motion to approve the changes by Gruis seconded by Soderholm. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**POOL:** The Council was informed that pool manger Larosh would like to have a small concession stand at the pool. She stated that no food would be allowed in the pool area itself and the products would have to be consumed outside of the fence. Her plans for the profits are to possibly purchase a new slide or pool toys. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Soderholm to allow the concession stand with the understanding that there will be no glass products allowed. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Handcock brought up the subject of child supervision with the new splash park. It was stated that all children using the splash park would need parental supervision as there is no lifeguard on duty directly in this area. With many of the children being taken care of by babysitters, they will be allowed to supervise the children. Thoughts are that as long as the parents feel safe with the person taking care of their children that we should feel safe with them supervising the children. Whomever is supervising the children, they need to be cognizant of the children's whereabouts and not off somewhere else.

**AIRPORT:** Hiller received a request from Helms and Associates, our airport engineer, for permission to advertise for the revenue producing hangar project at the Onida airport. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to give authorization to advertise. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** The following building permits were presented for approval:  
Jay and Amanda Alexander- 502 Cedar Avenue – privacy fence  
ABO Schools – 500 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Repairs/updating  
Rural Health Care – 303 South Main Street – Repairs/updating  
Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to accept all building permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENT:** A letter was delivered by Hughes County Sheriffs office to the owner of the property located at 708 Ginseng Avenue. No answer was received from the property owner. Wickersham stated that he would make inquiries from an outside source on the cost to the city to go in and clean up this property which would be assessed back to the property owner.

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:** A Joint Cooperative Agreement and Financial Commitment statement was received from the Central South Dakota Enhancement District asking for dues in the amount of \$843.92. The CSDED assists the city in many avenues including our present water/sewer projects, grant applications, ordinance rewrites, etc. Motion by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to approve the agreement. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to go into executive session at 8:41 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and (3).

Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to come out of executive session at 9:31 p.m.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2190.85, Streets 4352.60, Parks 534.03, Water 2682.70, Electric 1974.86, Sewer 927.30, Garbage 6271.00, Pool 1833.28, Council 872.98. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 547.06, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5102.48, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4415.80, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9539.00, Post Office 242.20, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 2086.71, Venture Communications 298.72, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 2964.44, Oahe Electric supplier 56811.75, Oahe Electric repairs and dues 1067.18, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2375.28, E.F.T.P.S taxes 4914.67, Petty Cash postage 30.55, BankWest fees 50.00, City of Onida deposit refund 100.00, Sovell Oil fuel 728.85, Onida Watchman publications 1179.69, One Call locating 29.40, Stewart and Daughters fuel 313.73, MCI communications 32.94, Dept. of Revenue testing 158.00, Don's Food Center supplies 8.68, Marco copier contract 36.93, SPN water/sewer project 43513.95, Lamb Chevy repairs 630.03, DSG supplies 250.98, Runnings supplies 189.95, Vilas supplies 13.37, Crazy B's supplies 1068.00, Brett's Spray airport 767.74, Hughes County law enforcement 55.00, Nye Lumber supplies 533.75, Dakota Farm and Ranch supplies 1089.99, B & B water/sewer 568150.71, USA Blue book supplies 91.59, Northwest Pipe supplies 774.39, Wheelhouse Plumbing repairs 254.00, Recreational Supply 2499.00, Dept. of Revenue malt beverage 450.00, Onida Electric repairs 2350.36, Hawkins supplies 4485.33, Helms airport 6063.88, Share supplies 618.63, Team Lab supplies 433.00. Motion made by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. by Soderholm seconded by Handcock. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor, Gary Wickersham

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Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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