

SPECIAL MEETING-YEAR END  
CITY OF ONIDA  
12/27/2018

The Onida City Council met on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to perform employee appraisals. Presiding over the meeting was Gary Wickersham. Also present: LaJena Gruis, Hayden Handcock, Justin Mennenger, Marla Mosiman, Jane Pitlick and Jennifer Soderholm. Also present: Tim Gruis, Tim Jost, James Soderholm and Jenna Wickersham Morin.

Following the appraisal session the End of Year meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

**STREET SIGN:** Jenna Wickersham Morin was present to discuss the need for traffic signage by her residence located at 701 Circle Line Drive. Morin discussed the problems that they have with people exceeding the speed limit in the area. After discussion concerning stop signs, yield signs, or speed signs motion was made by Gruis seconded by Pitlick that a speed sign along with a children at play sign be placed on the west side of the rail road tracks in the area. All ayes. Motion carried. If this does not work, we will look into putting up a stop sign.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** The following building permit was presented for approval: Nye Lumber – 300 South Main Street – residing one building with steel. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to approve this permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER / SEWER PROJECTS:** David Reiss and Nicole Prince of the Central South Dakota Enhancement District were present via Conference Call to discuss with the Council the next steps in the water and sewer repairs in Onida. The next steps in the process have an estimated cost of: Water - \$2,000,000 and Sewer - \$5,700,000. There is money available through DENR and Rural Development but how much of it would be in the means of grants, loans, or loan forgiveness is not known at this time. This will likely mean that additional surcharges will be added to the monthly utility bills in the future. Gruis inquired that if we apply for these loans are we tied to them with Reiss stating no, nothing is final until we have finalized all the paper work. Motion was made by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve Resolution 2018-1 for the sewer project. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve Resolution 2018-2 for the water project. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. These Resolutions are published separately.

**PERSONNEL:** Tim Gruis has fulfilled his 3 month probationary period. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Pitlick to increase his hourly wage by .50 cents from \$16.50 per hour to \$17.00 per hour effective December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Bills:** The following bills were presented for approval: Wages: Finance 2050.04, Streets 2360.00, Water 2502.63, Electric 1997.11, Sewer 2851.69, Garbage 4945.38, Pool 9.46, Council 1091.82. OTHER: Cash postage 20.51, Post Office postage 151.55, Venture Communications 297.77, Wellmark Insurance 3162.96, Oahe Electric supplier 59089.59, Oahe electric repairs/dues 13252.21, SD Retirement contributions 1587.00, EFTPS taxes 3237.47, Lamb's Discount supplies 431.57, Department of Health testing 15.00, One Call locating 15.75, Bank West fees 50.00, MCI communications 31.98, Morris Inc. repairs 3872.40, Office of Child Support 665.50, Onida Watchman publications 134.85, Stewart and Daughters fuel 1062.46, Pollard Water supplies 254.80, Badger Meter supplies 661.20, Don's Foods supplies 24.27, Vilas Supplies 29.43, Barber Farm Service repairs 2341.84, Border States supplies 633.54, Northwest Pipe supplies 340.47, Colonial Research supplies 1100.83, SD Dept. of Ag certification 50.00,

Amazon supplies 120.57, Jerry's Electric supplies 3330.00. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Gruis.

All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular city council meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

---

Gary Wickersham, Mayor

---

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

Published January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a total approximate cost of \$