

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
05/06/2019

The Onida City Council met on Monday, May 6th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in 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: Tim Jost, Sheila Ring, Bill Stahl, Camden Hofer, Milt Handcock, Eric Falkenhagen, Bobby Ramler, JR Rausch, Brooke Jacquot, Caleb Shepherd, Brian Ring, and Emily Sovell.

MINUTES: Motion by Gruis seconded by Soderholm to approve the minutes from the April 1st and 10th 2019 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Council Members Jennifer Soderholm and Hayden Handcock were recognized and thanked by Mayor Wickersham for their dedication shown and time put in for their service to the Onida City Council.

OATH OF OFFICE: Oaths of office were given to Brooke Jacquot, Jane Pitlick, Caleb Shepherd and Gary Wickersham.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to approve the following appointments for 2019 – 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

President: Mosiman

Vice President: Pitlick

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

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Jacquot and Shepherd

Street/Alley/Fire/Parks/Sanitation: Pitlick, Shepherd and Mennenger

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

Auditing: Gruis, Mosiman and Pitlick

News Paper: The Onida Watchman

Attorney: Emily Sovell

Enhancement District/Equalization: Mennenger

REPORTS: Jost stated that a leak had been repaired on the 700 block of 8th Street, a water leak has been found at 200 Cedar Avenue, discharging at the lagoon is expected to last for another week. The ballfield water has been turned on, the mosquito sprayer certified, and an electrical repair at 708 Circle Line Drive in which a new loop has been added. They have been sweeping and repairing streets. They will be digging up a couple areas where we had problems with water freeze ups this past winter to determine why they froze, possibly due to a kinking problem?

Sheriff's Office: Stahl was present to answer questions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Onida Fire Chief Bobby Ramler was present to discuss with the Council the departments' request to add a cold storage area to the fire hall. This would be located on the west side on the fire hall and would extend to the property owned by Joe and Emily Sovell. Sovell stated that they would donate the property to the City / Fire department. She also stated that she would draft the easement at no cost to the City / Fire department. Motion to approve by Pitlick seconded by Gruis. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Hiller notified the Council that Gruis has received his CDL. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve a .50 cent per hour increase for Gruis. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

John and Linda Knox – 603 South 6th Street – window and door replacements

Bart and Lacey Merrigan – 202 South 10th Street – closet addition and new roof

Dan and Helen Sutera – 503 South Main Street – new driveway

R & B Performance – 709 Birch Avenue – window replacements

Mike and Val Wolforth – 404 Cedar Avenue – replace siding, door, add 8 x 8 deck

Drew and Haley Miller – 804 Birch Avenue – finish basement

Cody and Erica Paxton – 806 Birch Avenue – driveway, sidewalk, update kitchen

Ken Barber – 123 South Main Street – container unit office building

Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to approve all permits with the exception of the Barber permit. All ayes. Motion carried. Hiller will contact Barber and request his presence at the June 3rd, 2019 City Council meeting so that he may explain to the Council what his intentions are.

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 Gruis seconded by Shepherd to approve all applications upon receipt of payment.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Certificates of Achievement were received for the City of Onida and Tim Jost from the S.D. Department of Environment and Natural Resources due to meeting all the requirements for safe drinking water.

PROJECT UPDATE: Brian Ring with Rural Development was present to inform the Council that RD will provide a grant of \$954,000 if Onida is willing to put in \$1,000,000 of local funds into the next part of the water/sewer projects which is projected to cost approximately \$7,700,000. He stated that he has been in contact with DENR and that they are working on funding for the City as well and we will know on what type of grants/loans we may expect from DENR after their June 2019 meeting. Ring did state that he expects that our surcharges could go up approximately \$23.00 dollars.

Camden Hofer of SPN was also present at the meeting. He stated that Terry Aaker of SPN and Andy Bruels from DENR have been in contact and have stated that they expect the rates for water to be below \$55.00 a month which are now starting at \$40.00 a month, and for sewer to be below \$60.00 per month which now start at \$44.90 a month.

Hofer also brought an engineering amendment which adds an additional \$14,600 to the projects already underway. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to approve the amendment. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Hiller has been in contact with David Reiss of the CSDED concerning the fees that they charge for helping us with these projects. They are predicting that the next phase will cost the City of Onida not more than \$20,000 with them for the help that they provide the City while taking care of all funding agreements and making sure that the contractors are conducting their payrolls according to federal standards. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to approve this request. Roll Call: Nays – Gruis. Ayes – Jacquot, Mennenger, Mosiman, Pitlick and Shepherd. Motion approved.

ZONING: Motion to leave City Council at 8:14 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Gruis. Motion by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to go into Zoning at 8:14 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

A Conditional Use permit application was received last month from Eric and Jennifer Falkenhagen for their property located at 203 South 5th Street, Onida, Sully County, South Dakota. Permit was advertised and those within 250 ft. of the property personally notified.

As a board of adjustments, Motion by Gruis to approve the permit seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Milt Handcock representing Midwest Coop was present to discuss with the Council a variance application and street vacate to put in chemical tanks. Hiller will advertise and make the necessary notifications. Action will be taken at the June 3rd, 2019 City Council meeting.

Motion to leave Zoning at 8:38 p.m. by Gruis seconded by Pitlick. Motion to go back into City Council at 8:38 p.m. by Gruis seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried.

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. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to request \$20,000 again this year. All ayes. Motion carried.

PHOENIX CENTER: Hiller gave Council a proposal from J. Morin Landscaping concerning the yard in front of the Phoenix Center. The area was sprayed with ground kill last year due to a weed problem and very little grass growth. The area needs to have the soil removed, new soil brought in and seeded. Morin's estimate is for \$1,041.42. Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to approve the project which will be paid for from the Phoenix Center's account. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

AIRPORT: Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to approve the request for authorization to advertise for the taxi lane expansion project at the Onida airport. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:06 p.m. by Gruis seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive session at 9:16 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2710.73, Streets 24439.44, Parks 271.90, Water 2425.57, Electric 1921.30, Sewer 1098.77, Garbage 4062.83, Pool 264.70, Election 472.80 and Council 1084.68. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 500.00, Sully County law enforcement 5102.48, Petty Cash postage 33.90, SD Retirement contributions 2113.10, EFTPS taxes 5119.30, Lamb's Discount supplies 341.21, SD Treasurer taxes 4257.63, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 8999.50, Post Office 151.90, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1987.92, Venture Communications 341.56, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 1968.60, Oahe Electric supplier 64649.84, Oahe Electric repairs/dues 3286.90, Stewart and Daughters fuel 537.92, BankWest fee 97.94, City of Onida deposit refund 200.00, Dept. of Revenue testing 142.00, Lamb Motor repairs 45.00, One Call locating 7.35, MCI communications 30.92 Envirotech recycle 965.70, The Onida Watchman publications 944.65, Sovell Oil fuel 2801.52, US Bank water project 64941.56, Northwest Pipe supplies 553.80, Marco copier contract 95.09, Michael Todd supplies 135.00, Vilas supplies 8.58, Badger Meter communications 297.84, First Dakota Enterprises airport 116100.00, Colonial Research supplies 952.06, SD Federal Property supplies 42.50, Brett's Spray maintenance 1697.63, SD Unemployment contributions 80.64, Clayton Colson refund 506.94, Helm's and Asso airport 3191.22, SPN water/sewer projects 3334.00, Share supplies 388.82, Runnings supplies 203.44, Barber Farm repairs 2857.15, VanDiest supplies 752.40, True North Steele supplies 1082.40, Border States supplies 323.47, SDWARWS dues 405.00. Motion was made by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, June 3rd, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Gary Wickersham, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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