

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
07/01/19

The Onida City Council met on Monday, July 1st, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor Gary Wickersham presiding. Present at Roll Call: Lajena Gruis, Brooke Jacquot, Justin Mennenger, Marla Mosiman, Jane Pitlick and Caleb Shepherd. Also present: Sheila Ring, Tim Jost, Tim Gruis, Bill Stahl, Walt Wendland, David Reiss, JJ Schall, Eric Falkenhagen, Cody Paxton, Gerald Rausch and Emily Sovell.

MINUTES: Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to approve the minutes from the June 3rd and June 10th, 2019 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Jost stated that for the month of May the pool had been filled and it was discovered that three (3) skimmers were broken and had to be repaired before the pool could open. The new slide and diving board were installed and an additional pump was needed to get the water up the slide. Alleys have been bladed, lagoon discharged, furniture at the landfill area removed. Cold mix has been brought in for street repairs, an electrical loop installed for the area located at 201 South 5th Street. B & B has installed the new water line on 10th Street. The lines have been flushed and samples taken to Pierre. When the samples come back clean, permanent lines will be turned back on. The roof at the pool started to leak so steel has been installed. Jost presented the Council with an estimate to have roofing installed over the bleachers at the ball field. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Gruis to approve the purchase of materials for the bleacher roofs for \$1543.77. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Stahl informed Council that he has been busy getting rid of a family of skunks and has been rehoming cats mostly from the 500 block of Cedar Avenue.

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

Cody and Erica Paxton – 806 Birch Avenue – fence
Lane and Hanna Warner – 808 Birch Avenue – fence
Mike and Janel Wiley - 903 Ash Avenue – concrete work
Joe and Emily Sovell – 810 South Main Street – patio and garden shed
Sully County Rentals – 110 South Main Street – fencing
Laynee Brandt – 507 South 8th Street – new roofing
Bobby and Sarah Ramler – 207 North 9th Street – new house and garage

Motion by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to approve all building permits. All ayes. Motion carried. There are many questions on what needs a building permit. Council stated several years ago that they wanted building permits for everything. That being said, there is still questions as to “what” should be included. Sovell will give further information at the August meeting. Shepherd stated that he likes the idea of people going to the County and getting an overview map of their property and outlining from there what their intentions are which would give Council a better picture of the projects. Overview maps will be now be requested to accompany the permits.

WATER/SEWER UPDATE: David Reiss from the Central South Dakota Enhancement District was present to introduce himself and to give the Council information on the funding package that the City of Onida was granted from SDDENR for continuation of the water and sewer projects that we have been working on for the last several years. Mr. Reiss stated that the City of Onida came out very well on our funding package. It is expected that with the grants we receive, we will only have to pay back approximately 38% – 39 % of the upcoming projects. Mr. Reiss also stated that Lajena Gruis did a great job in testifying for the City and the fact that we are a progressive community also helped to achieve this type of funding package. The next step now will be to have the engineers go to work on the projects. They will deliver the plans to the SDDENR. We will wait for approval from SDDENR before any of the bidding will begin.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Hiller informed the Council that Gruis has become a certified sprayer for the City of Onida which entitles him to an increase in his wages. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Pitlick to give Gruis a .50 cent per hour increase. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

PROPERTY ISSUES: Attorney Sovell was present to discuss the property located at 705 Ginseng Avenue. A Motion of Default has been filed. We were supposed to go to court on June 29th, 2019 but other attorneys for the property owners have been brought in. The new court date has been set for July 26th, 2019 at the Hughes County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m.

Eric Falkenhagen was present for his property located at 201 South 5th Street. It was brought to the City's attention that the trailer home with porch attached is extended onto city property. After much discussion with Mr. Falkenhagen, City Council, and Attorney Sovell, it was decided to continue the subject until further information is received on the best fix for the situation.

Pitlick questioned the Council on the possibility of yellow lines on several streets in town basically because of the illegal U-turns that are always occurring. There are signs on the streets that state no U-turns or left-turns in the middle of the streets but they still occur. Sherriff Stahl stating that most of the signs are so faded they cannot be read anymore. Wickersham advised Jost to contact someone to see what the cost of painting seven (7) blocks would be.

AIRPORT: Bids were received for a new airport project which includes: the construction of a taxilane expansion which includes grading, disposal of excess material, subbase course, aggregate base course, asphalt paving, concrete approach pavement, pavement marking, top soiling, seeding and other related construction items. Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd for a tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0041-011-2019 Hangar Taxilane Expansion is made to First Dakota Enterprises, Inc. of Fort Pierre, SD, in the amount of \$134,164.20 contingent upon receipt of an FAA Grant Offer. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wickersham will be the authorized person to sign the FAA Grant offer and all necessary paperwork for the Contract Documents.

SULLY COUNTY: JJ Schall, Sully County Superintendent, was present to discuss responsibilities on Cherry Avenue. There has been no agreement found either at the County or the City office which states who is responsible for the maintenance of this street. Mr. Schall will meet with the County and with Attorney Sovell and get an agreement written up for both parties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to go into Executive session at 8:45 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion made by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2197.74, Streets 2098.98, Parks 890.98, Water 1642.67, Electric 1346.43, Sewer 685.17, Garbage 3635.23, Pool 5395.57, Council 1011.49. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 500.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5102.48, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4279.86, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9937.50, Post Office 151.55, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1998.92, Venture Communications 433.80, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 2952.90, Oahe Electric supplier 54672.90, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 1356.16, E.F.T.P.S taxes 4293.47, Petty Cash postage and pool opening 122.90, BankWest fees 50.00, City of Onida deposit refund 482.88, Onida Watchman publications 959.47, One Call locating 4.20, Stewart and Daughters fuel 358.79, MCI communications 33.05, Public Health Lab testing 208.00, Marco copier contract 47.32, Lamb Chevy repairs 195.02, Runnings supplies 27.98, Brett's Spray airport 467.50, Nye Lumber supplies 169.29, Recreational Supply 319.81, Hawkins supplies 4444.49, Helms airport 5188.94, Envirotech rent/recycle 178.50, Lamb's Discount supplies 823.29, DENR dues 350.00, CSDED dues 928.31, Sovell Oil fuel 1034.53, Temple Display supplies 3427.80, SDMEA dues 618.00, Ramkota Inn school 192.00, SD Department of Revenue license 150.00, Crazy B's supplies 348.00, Badger Meter supplies 94.80, Lamb Motors repairs 45.95 Van Diest supplies 3767.50, Avera Occupational Medicine drug testing 799.15, Rural Health drug testing 455.00, Colonial Research supplies 416.89, CHS Inc. supplies 20.00, Murphy Construction pool repairs 5112.25, Jacqueline Schmidt deposit refund 17.12, SD Department of Revenue license 93.95, SD Unemployment contributions 57.50, Don's Food Center supplies 626.71. Motion made by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, August 5th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Gary Wickersham, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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