

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
03-02-2020

The Onida City Council met on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to come out of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to go into City Council at 8:06 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE:** The following were present for the rest of the meeting: Emily Sovell, Bill Stahl, Tim Gruis, Tim Jost, Ben Minihan, Gerald Rausch, Sheila Ring, and Karla Kendrick.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gruis seconded by Mennenger to approve the minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Jost stated that they had started working on clean up in the pool area, Manning had been in town jetting out three (3) areas of sewer lines, several street lights have been replaced with LED lights, and working on cleaning out water ways. Jost also stated that he has been in contact with a supplier of auto read electric meters in which the cost would be approximately \$110,000 plus \$22,000 for a five (5) year service plan. No action taken on the information.

**Sherriff Dept.:** Stahl's report consisted of: truant children, vicious animals, sexual contact, car theft, protection violation, drug call, suicidal person, and DUI.

**ELECTION:** Hiller informed the Council that there will not be an election this year with petitions being turned in from Gruis and Mosiman. Appointments will be made at the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council meeting.

**PROPERTY ISSUES:** Ben Minihan was present to discuss his alley at 205 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Minihan stated that his alley is only accessible with 4-wheel drive. Council advised Jost to look into this alley and others in town and begin the repair work on them with a good base and gravel overlay.

Gerald Rausch was present to discuss a building permit that he had just applied for. Council wanted more information on this before any action was taken. Council is asking that all building permits come with a picture of the property obtained from either the Sully County Courthouse or google earth that includes a drawing as to where the building will be on the property. Rausch also inquired on his question from several months ago concerning the surcharges that he is paying on a vacant lot. Attorney Sovell had checked into this with DENR and was told that this is the way the law is written and if he doesn't like it, he can contact his representative(s) and discuss it with them.

A letter from Myrna Gilland was received concerning her back yard at 605 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the flooding issues she has there. Mayor Wickersham instructed Jost to take his guys down there and build a berm to hold the water back from her property.

**AFLAC:** Karla Kendrick presented information to the Council concerning her company, AFLAC. She would like to see if the Council would be interested in a group policy for the employees including Council members. She stated that there needs to be at least three (3) people sign up to get the group rate. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Shepherd to allow AFLAC to talk to the employees about joining a group plan which would be paid for by the employees. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER PROJECT UPDATES:** The financial closing date for the next step of the water/ sewer projects is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are still waiting for word from the Lamb family on which way we can direct the forcemain out to the lagoon so that we may get the easement paperwork done.

**LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:** Hiller notified the council that we need to have a meeting as the Local Review Board for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of taxes in our district. The Onida City Council, sitting as a Review Board, will meet on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**AIRPORT:** An Authorization of Independent Fee consultations with Ulteig was received in which it states that the City of Onida would be responsible for \$3500 to them for comparing expenses with our airport engineers. This is needed as the next project is expected to be over \$100,000. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to accept the proposal. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Airport Fuel Tax Funds: Hiller presented Council a letter from the DOT regarding the balance of \$3094.95 which is available to us from our airport fuel tax funds for airport use.

**CERTIFICATION:** Hiller received notice that Tim Gruis has received his wastewater certification which entitles him to a .50 cent per hour increase. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Pitlick to authorize increase. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 1784.39, Streets 4352.93, Water 1169.50, Electric 1279.87, Sewer 1576.05, Garbage 4397.03, Pool 11.86, Council 850.00. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 2875.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5255.55, Lamb's Discount 187.37, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4886.63, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 8919.65, Post Office 151.20, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1371.04, Venture Communications 260.15, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 3769.60, Oahe Electric supplier 69029.83, Oahe Electric repairs and dues 833.34, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 1589.86, E.F.T.P.S taxes 3678.52, Petty Cash postage 14.40 BankWest fees 358.30, City of Onida deposit refund 10.00, Sovell Oil fuel 1220.53, One Call locating 25.20, Lamb Motors repairs 479.67, Stewart and Daughters fuel 1385.19, Marco copier contract 70.31, SPN water/sewer project 90120.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 49.81, Vilas supplies 58.21, Brett's Spray maintenance 252.50, Onida Electric supplies 4.65, Badger Meter supplies 95.28, Helm's and Asso. airport 248.94, Paxton Repair 213.09, Envirotech rent/recycle 309.35, Onida Watchman publications 127.38, SD Municipal League program 1836.00, Crazy B's supplies 200.93, Brad Manning service 600.00, Floyd's Truck Center repairs 65.92, Titan Machinery repairs 316.39, Michael Todd supplies 838.85, Wesco supplies 117.00, USA Blue Book supplies 123.25, First Dakota Enterprises airport 38755.90. Motion made by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion was made by Jacquot seconded by Mennenger to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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Gary Wickersham, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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