

APPROVED  
City Council Proceedings  
6/01/2020

The Onida City Council met on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the City office with Mayor Gary Wickersham presiding. Present at Roll Call: Lajena Gruis, Brooke Jacquot, Marla Mosiman, Jane Pitlick and Caleb Shepherd. Also Present: Tim Gruis, Tim Jost, Emily Sovell, Brian Ring, Sheila Ring, Helen Jane Paxton, Aspen Heath, Kenean Johnson, Tina LaRosh, Kiley McGee, Jessica Olivier, Brian Hall and Gerald Rausch.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gruis seconded by Pitlick to approve the minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Tim Jost apologized for forgetting to put up the flags for Memorial Day. He stated that he is working on the new street signage grant with around 480 signs to be replaced in 2021. The Parks committee has been checking into updating the pool park and he was asked to check on the merry-go-round with Jost stating that it can be repaired, the chains and seats had been replaced on the swings, and the Parks committee had also inquired on borders and fill for the playground. Jost stating that the borders cost \$48.00 per 4 ft. sections, that shavings last about 3 years, pea rock costs anywhere between \$3600 and \$3800 a truck load, mosquito spraying will begin this week and there is a water leak at the ball field.

Tim Gruis stated that the new toilets for the pool will be installed this week and that they are still working on pool area repairs. Gruis also informed Council that he has been in contact with Pullman Well Digging concerning the old city well located at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Cedar Avenue. Pullman charges \$1800 just to come into town with additional charges for materials and time to close the old well. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to close the old well. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Sherriff:** No comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Brian Hall was present to discuss the possibility to have his ditch filled in with dirt and culverts to make mowing easier. The Council has been asked about this from others in Mr. Hall's neighborhood also. Mayor Wickersham stated that we would look into the cost of this.

**GARBAGE RATES:** Helen Jane Paxton was present to discuss the garbage bill for East Haven apartments. Ms. Paxton stated that she had talked to an outside source and they stated that in Pierre they are not charged that much for a commercial business. East Haven is not considered a commercial business in Onida and Ms. Paxton was informed that we are not Pierre. The City of Onida has to haul all our garbage down to Pierre which costs the City of Onida a considerable amount of money. After discussion motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Gruis that a monthly charge of \$216.00 will be assessed to the property. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**PARKS, POOL, SUMMER REC:** With the COVID19 situation, discussion was held again on opening the pool and having summer rec this summer. It was decided that both programs would open up, waivers will need to be signed for all. POOL: temperature checks will be done at the gate, disinfectant will be sprayed every 20 – 30 minutes, hooks placed for towels, no concession stand and no water fountain, and only towels and beverage bottles will be allowed in the pool area. Guards will be watching patrons and if they notice any coughing, difficulty in

breathing, fevers, etc. the patron will be asked to leave. It was decided that pool rates will be increased this summer as well: Family passes will be \$100, single passes will be \$50, and single day passes will be \$5. There will be no pool parties in 2020. SUMMER REC: will have its own rules which will be handed out to participants and there will be no out of town games this year but scrimmage games will be once or twice a week. If we get any of the virus in town both programs will be shut down immediately. PARKS: Jacquot stated that the parks committee had met and they are working on upgrades for the pool park. Stating that the rocking horses needed to be replaced and they have found similar items in various descriptions such as airplanes, tractors, fire trucks etc. The committees' thoughts are to see if anyone local would be willing to donate money for these items. The price of these are \$1275. The committee will be meeting again this month.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** The following building permit was presented for approval:

Joey and Brenda Lamb – 200 N 9<sup>th</sup> St – chain link fence

Tom and Nola LaRosh – 813 S 8<sup>th</sup> St – remodel

Don Sieck – 205 S 6<sup>th</sup> St – shingle porch

Michael John and Jessica Olivier – 205 S 9<sup>th</sup> St – remodel garage

Onida Fire Department – 702 Birch Avenue – 8 x 15 lien too

Mennonite Church – 600 S 8<sup>th</sup> St – shingles and gutters

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Todd Lankenau – 302 S 10<sup>th</sup> St –deck

Chad and Kim Hilton – 111 S 6<sup>th</sup> St – reside and windows

Marty Maier -800 Birch Ave – shingles

Jeff and Becky Lamb – 900 Ash Ave – shingle house and steel on garage

Vic and Sue Stotz -205 S 10th St – shop steel

Lance and Brittany Hockenbary – 804 Birch Ave -6 ft. back yard fence

Mike Owens – 407 S 8<sup>th</sup> St – shingles

Penelope Smith – 501 S 8<sup>th</sup> St – shingles

Isaac and Chelsea LaLonde – 306 10<sup>th</sup> Ct – 10 x 14 shed

Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to approve all building permits except for LaLonde. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ZONING:** Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to leave City Council at 9:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to go into Zoning at 9:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the Variance request from Rausch Construction. Notifications were made. There were no objections. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Gruis. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Mennenger

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to come out of zoning at 9:05 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to go back into City Council at 9:05 p.m. by Gruis seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1 and 3) by Gruis seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:** Motion by Mosiman to hire Kenean Johnson to manage the pool for the 2020 season at the rate of \$2000 for the season along with \$11.75 per hour for lifeguarding and a possible \$500 end of season bonus, Tina LaRosh as COVID19 Compliance Officer at the rate of \$1000 for the

season. The following lifeguards have been hired: Gracie Olivier \$10.50 per hour, Jill Hofer \$10.50 per hour, Aspen Heath \$10.50 per hour, Lacey Hepker \$10.50 per hour. Office personnel: Kiley McGee \$10.50 per hour, Adrian Gruis \$9.30 per hour, and Addison Chicoine \$9.30 per hour. There is an end of season bonus for pool personnel of .25 cents per hour providing they finish the season. Summer Rec: Laynee Brandt \$3000 for the season. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger. The Council also authorized the Park board the ability to hire lifeguards.

**SICK LEAVE PAYOUT:** Jost discussed with the Council the amount of time he has accumulated in his sick leave account and inquired about the possibility of having a payout upon retirement. Hiller will look into what amounts other Cities pay out to their employees.

**AIRPORT:** Hiller presented a request for a software upgrade at the Onida Airport. Their system is no longer able to communicate with the fuel system. It is believed that the Cares Grant the airport will be receiving will cover the cost of this. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to approve the upgrade. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2092.30, Streets 2629.84, Parks 590.35, Water 1303.03, Electric 1506.80, Sewer 631.64, Garbage 5019.78, Pool 2958.89, Council 1064.76. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 1625.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5255.55, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4347.07, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9356.90, Post Office 151.20, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1511.40, Venture Communications 258.65, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 3769.60, Oahe Electric supplier 56089.15, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 1572.52, E.F.T.P.S taxes 3485.46, MC & R pools supplies 5955.70, Petty Cash postage 22.40, BankWest fees and supplies 1154.71, City of Onida deposit refund 150.00, Sovell Oil fuel 430.76, Stewart and Daughters fuel 217.94, Public Health Lab testing 152.00, Marco copier contract 104.86, Runnings supplies 455.85, Vilas supplies 21.53, Nye Lumber supplies 3411.26, Lamb's Discount supplies 816.44, Northwest Pipe supplies 1131.01, Sanitation Products supplies 154.10, Dept. of Revenue malt beverage 450.00, Helms airport 11102.45, Envirotech recycle 498.35, Onida Watchman publications 770.84, Brett's Spray Service maintenance 1309.50, SPN water/sewer project 3900.00, Badger Meter supplies 95.28, Arnold Pool supplies 486.55. Rich, Wyly, Wise...legal 580.00, DENR fees 350.00, MDU utilities 8.25, Onida Electric repairs 157.50, Lamb Brothers easement 500.00, Don's Food Center supplies 32.80, AFLAC insurance 485.62, Colonial Research supplies 564.43, Tim Jost supplies 66.07, Share Corp supplies 188.08. Motion made by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor, Gary Wickersham

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Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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