

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
04-06-2020

The Onida City Council met on Monday, April 6th, 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.

INTERVIEWS: The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates to manage the pool for the 2020 season. Due to the coronavirus it was determined that any hiring will wait until the May 4th, 2020 City Council meeting.

AUDIENCE: The following were present for the rest of the meeting: Emily Sovell, Bill Stahl, Tim Gruis, Tim Jost, Josh Bakker, Kevin Heath, Sheila Ring, and Karla Kendrick.

MINUTES: Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to approve the minutes from the March 2nd, 16th, and 24th, 2020 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Jost stated that he had checked on a new pump for the pool which comes in at a cost of \$5,160. It is a composite pump, not steel so it should last longer. They have been busy with trimming street and alley trees, the furniture pile at the landfill has been removed, pumped water out of the Fairgrounds, discharging water, blading alleys. He also talked to the Council about culverts at 102 Cedar Avenue, and electrical problems at 111 South 6th Street and 104 North 9th Street.

Tim Gruis discussed with the Council the need for some updating in the restrooms at the pool. Council stated that there should be new faucets, toilets and better lighting in the restrooms and that this would be a good time to get it done.

Sherriff Dept.: Stahl's report consisted of: truant children, welfare checks, underage DUI, dogs at large, intoxicated person, after hours alcohol service, a suspicious person which ended up fine. He also stated that there has been a large number of out of towners in town driving around late at night with most of them being young people.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Josh Bakker and Kevin Heath along with Shepherd discussed with Council the availability of a fire truck from Pierre that the fire department could purchase at a great price of \$65,000. The gentlemen are asking for an additional \$45,000 from the City which has already pledged \$20,000 to the department. Being that this was not an agenda item, no action could be taken at this time. Hiller will place this on the agenda for our May 4th, 2020 council meeting.

AFLAC: Karla Kendrick was present once again to inform the Council of the great turnout she had in people signing up with her company. She stated that there are several options that the Council could take if they were interested in paying for any of the contributions. No action was taken.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following permits were presented for approval:

Thad Currier – 203 South 8th Street – replacing car port panels.

East Haven Apartments – 1000 E Dogwood Avenue – remodeling inside complex.

Rausch Construction – 311 South 5th Street - 55 x 100 steel building.

Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve the permits of Currier and East Haven. All ayes. Motion carried. Rausch Construction was found to be too close to the property line and will be advised to request a variance or request to have the area rezoned.

ANNUAL REPORT: Hiller presented to Council the 2019 Annual report. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to approve the report. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Hiller informed the Council that the solid waste fund is still in the red even with adding the mileage rate charges on to the out of town collections. A rate increase of up to \$2.00 per month was discussed. Council advised Hiller to get a hold of outside garbage collectors and see what they have to offer and at what cost. Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve a fund transfer of \$10,000 from the FIT account into the Solid Waste fund. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Hiller also advised Council that the airport fund is in the red but this is due to not having grant funds paid back to us as of yet. The annual report is printed separately.

LANDFILL: The local landfill was inspected by the State as was found in an acceptable state.

COVID-19: Resolution 2020-01, which was enacted in March, has been continued until May 6th, 2020 at which time it will be reevaluated. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve this continuation. All Ayes. Motion carried. Past due bills were also discussed. It had been decided in March that anyone affected by the pandemic would have additional time to pay their bills without risk of disconnection. Hiller asked for clarification on the penalty side and if those that had not paid by the 15th of the month would get the 10% penalty applied to their bills. Council asking Hiller if it is the same ones that are always late which she stated yes. Council advised that Hiller remain charging the late fees on bills and advised her to let landlords know of those who were getting behind on their bills during this pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Shepherd to go into Executive Session in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 8:28 p.m. seconded by Gruis. All ayes Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Mennenger to go back into City Council at 9:22 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNCIL: Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to authorize the hiring of post-trial council Zach Peterson to represent the City of Onida on the appeal to the SD Supreme Court of Tyce Bertram Meyer and Kassie Jean Brandt vs the City of Onida. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3255.20, Streets 7394.75, Water 1959.57, Electric 2554.29, Sewer 1337.86, Garbage 7646.98, Pool 912.24, Council 1165.03 OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 6925.00 Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5255.55, Lamb's Discount 158.36, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4678.67, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9014.25, Post Office 150.85, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 2132.68, Venture Communications 258.04, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 3769.60, Oahe Electric supplier 65548.36, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2388.20, E.F.T.P.S taxes 5240.00, Petty Cash postage 8.80, BankWest fees 187.59, City of Onida deposit refund 200.00, Sovell Oil fuel 818.61, One Call locating 1.05, Lamb Motors repairs 462.75, Stewart and Daughters fuel 288.27, Marco copier contract 68.01, SPN water/sewer project 60080.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 401.05, Vilas supplies 5.98, Onida Electric supplies 45.00, Badger Meter supplies 203.04, Helm's and Asso. airport 2920.18, Envirotech rent/recycle 687.35, Onida Watchman publications 208.98, Wesco supplies 783.00, USA Blue Book supplies 77.44, Share Corp supplies 751.55, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, CNA Surety bond 525.00, Bpro support 300.00, KBA annual report 550.00, SD Unemployment contributions 84.41, SDML Workers Comp 502.00, Sunrise Agency insurance 809.00, Don's Food Center supplies 17.52, Thielen Surveying 500.00, Running's supplies 82.99, Colonial Research supplies 219.97, Nye Lumber supplies 13.10, Morris supplies 5833.96, SDARWS dues 405.00, Jensen Rock and Sand supplies 2630.60. Motion made by Gruis seconded by Shepherd to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be May 4th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Gary Wickersham, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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