

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
12/07/2020

The Onida City Council met on Monday, December 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor Gary Wickersham presiding. Present at Roll Call: LaJena Gruis, Brooke Jacquot, Justin Menneger, Marla Mosiman and Caleb Shepherd.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. to conduct an interview for an open position for city maintenance and to do employee performance appraisals. Following the interview motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to hire Larry LaFramboise at a rate of \$18.50 per hour with a three month probationary period dependent upon his passing of the mandatory drug test and physical. Roll Call All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Pitlick

Gary Knodel's employment was also discussed. He has been an asset to the city stepping in numerous times when we are down an employee. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Gruis to increase Knodel's wages by \$2.00 per hour going from \$14.42 per hour to \$16.42 per hour. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Pitlick. During Hiller's appraisal, she informed Council that she is still in need of a new computer as she has not yet purchased one. There is the option now with COVID-19 that she can purchase a lap top unit along with tablets for Council members that will enable us to meet without actually meeting in a physical presence and letting Hiller work from home if the need should arise.. Council advised Hiller to order the lap top and tablets.

The following people were present for the rest of the meeting: Tim Jost, Sheila Ring, Emily Sovell, and Casey Hight.

MINUTES: Motion by Gruis seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the November 2nd, 2020 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Jost reported that he had spoken to a new garbage hauler who is interested in picking up the City's garbage, most of the gutters have been swept, the lagoon pipe has been plugged, upon cleaning they found numerous bags in the pipe, there was a water leak at 202 Ash Avenue and 401 North 9th Street, Christmas lights were hung, and several loops have been added along with 2 man holes during the water and sewer projects.

Sheriff's Office: Hight stated that nothing has been going on in town.

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

Mike and Dee Stanley – 409 South Main Street – updating kitchen and bathrooms

Lee and Jessica Rausch – 303 South 9th Street – updating kitchen

Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to approve all permits. All ayes. Motion carried. Isaac and Chelsea LaLonde's building permit was discussed again and tabled again for more information on the legal setbacks for their property.

ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS: Motion by Gruis seconded by Mennenger to approve the liquor license renewals for The Blue Goose and Brewster's Tavern. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Pitlick.

PARTTIME EMPLOYEE WAGES: Council clarified the wage for Tim Gruis from last month's meeting. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to pay Gruis \$20.08 per hour worked which is the rate he was being paid upon his last day as a full time employee with the City of Onida. Roll Call: Abstain: Gruis. Ayes: Jacquot, Mennenger, Mosiman and Shepherd. Motion carried. Absent: Pitlick. Council was also advised that James Soderholm has stated his ability to help with the garbage on his off weeks from his job. Motion by Mennenger seconded by Mosiman to pay him \$17.47 per hour worked which was the rate he was receiving upon his last day as a full time employee with the City of Onida. Roll Call: Nay: Gruis. Aye: Jacquot, Mennenger, Mosiman and Shepherd. Motion passed. Absent: Pitlick

PHOENIX CENTER: Hiller gave council a copy of a new rental contract for the Phoenix Center stating that quite a bit of money has been spent in past month in updating the Center. Rates will remain the same for use of the Center but a \$50.00 per hour clean-up charge has been added for those who do not clean up the Center.

OAHE ELECTRIC: Oahe Electric has sent out notice that their rates will be increasing slightly for 2021. Hiller provided documents to Council concerning the electric fund. Council made the decision that we will not need to raise rates for electricity at this time.

END OF YEAR MEETING: The final meeting of the year will be held December 28th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2745.23, Streets 4104.60, Water 1705.92, Electric 1686.94, Sewer 1080.74, Garbage 5155.91, Pool 30.63, Council 930.35. OTHER: Petty Cash postage 23.60, Emily Sovell retainer 520.00, Sully County law enforcement 5255.55, SD Retirement contributions 1170.94, EFTPS taxes 3429.70, Lamb's Discount supplies 200.80, SD Treasurer taxes 4166.13, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 19335.85, Post Office 152.60, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1832.16, Venture Communications 290.73, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 1884.80, Oahe Electric supplier 53163.54, Stewart and Daughters fuel 232.75, BankWest fee 373.42, Lamb Motor repairs 17.91, Schmucker Paul Nohr and Asso engineering 21653.54, Envirotech recycle 996.70, One Call locating 36.75, Marco printer contract 120.11, SD Municipal League dues 878.11, Sovell Oil fuel 1243.30, Helms and Asso. airport 4893.59, SD Airport dues 25.00, SDGFOA dues 40.00, SDMSMA dues 35.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 394.35, Barber Farm Service repairs 676.85, Badger Meter supplies 96.00, MCR Pools service 1861.80, SDMEA dues 661.00, The Onida Watchman publications 848.15, City of Onida deposit refund 258.89, Oahe Electric dues repairs 3909.88, Brett's Spray airport 1047.93, SC Register of Deeds vacate 30.00, MDU utilities 34.43, Don's Food Center supplies 37.98, AFLAC insurance 436.30, Michael Stier deposit refund 41.11, Share Corp supplies 362.08, Dakota Pump repairs 106.49, Kohlman Bierschbach and Anderson audit 2373.38, Northern Plains water/sewer project 328260.26.. Motion made by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Pitlick.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Jacquot seconded by Mennenger to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Gary Wickersham, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer