

APPROVED  
City Council Proceedings  
5/6/2021

The Onida City Council met on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 Jost, Emily Sovell, Sheila Ring, Kenean Johnson, Jessica Olivier, Chuck Trumble, Terry Barber, Jack Peterson, Mary Jo Stier and Bill Stahl.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to approve the minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**GARBAGE BID ACCEPTANCE:** At the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 City Council meeting, bids were opened for garbage collection service. Council asked that Attorney Sovell go over the contract to make sure everything was acceptable. Sovell approved of the contract. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve contract with River Bottom Sanitation. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**RESIGNATION:** With the completion of the April meeting business, Mayor Wickersham announced his resignation as Mayor for the City of Onida after 21 years of service. Mayor Wickersham was thanked and was given a plaque in appreciation for his many years of service and dedication to the City of Onida. Upon his resignation, motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to appoint LaJena Gruis as Mayor for the City of Onida. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger. Mayor Wickersham then led Mayor Gruis in her oath of office. This will be for a term of one (1) year.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Gruis led the following with their oaths of office: Caleb Shepherd – one (1) year appointment – Ward I, Brooke Jacquot – one (1) year appointment – Ward II, Jane Pitlick – two (2) years elected – Ward III. Motion made by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to appoint Jessica Olivier to fill Gruis’s Ward I seat for a period of one (1) year. Roll Call: Jacquot abstain, Mosiman aye, Pitlick aye and Shepherd aye. Since there was not a quorum vote a phone call was made to Mennenger in which he gave an aye vote. Motion carried. Mayor Gruis then led Olivier in her Oath of Office.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to leave the appointments the same as last year with Olivier filling in Gruis’s spots. These appointments are listed below:

President: Pitlick

Vice President: Mosiman

Rail Authority: Pitlick (Matt Newcomer and Andy Kleven at large)

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Jacquot and Shepherd

Street/Alley/Fire/Parks/Sanitation: Pitlick, Shepherd and Mennenger

Finance/City Property/Pool/Insurance/Electric/Water: Jacquot, Mosiman, and Olivier

Auditing: Mosiman, Olivier and Pitlick

News Paper: The Onida Watchman

Attorney: Emily Sovell

Enhancement District/Equalization: Mennenger

Banking: BankWest – Checking, Money Market, Swimming Pool, Savings

Sunrise Bank – Phoenix Center, swimming pool, loan

**BANK SIGNATURES:** Motion by Jacquot seconded by Pitlick to remove Gary Wickersham as signatory on all bank accounts. Those now authorized to sign will be LaJena Gruis, Rondha Hiller, Marla Mosiman and Jane Pitlick on all bank accounts. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Tim Jost reported that they have started working on getting the pool ready for 2021. They will have to drain the pool into the park this year with the street work in front of the pool. The mosquito sprayer has been certified, finding more curb stops, construction seems to be going well with one (1) accident occurring at this time.

**Sherriff:** Sheriff Stahl reported on a incident at the Blue Goose, accidents, truancy at the school, speed limit signs put up due to speeding issues on detoured streets. The SD Supreme Court favored the City of Onida concerning the dog attack issue and that said dogs had been put down. This case has cost the City of Onida approximately \$7200,00 and there are still dogs running at large.

**DRAINAGE ISSUE:** The Council once again visited the drainage issue associated with property located on Barber properties on Birch and Cedar avenues. It is agreed that there is a drainage issue. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Pitlick to install a culvert south across Birch as a starting point. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**AIRPORT:** Chuck Trumble was present to ask for permission for build a 60 x 60 hangar at the Onida Airport. Airport Manager, Terry Barber, was present and informed Council that he has been in contact with our airport engineers and was told that it has t be approved by the ADO first. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to approve the hangar contingent upon ADO approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussions were also had on the charges for use of the new revenue producing hanger at the airport. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to charge an annual fee of \$3000 for the 50 x 50 hangers (2) and \$4200 for the 70 x 50 (1) hanger. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**ZONING:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to leave City Council at 8:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to go into Zoning at 8:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the Variance request from Ken Barber, Onida City, Western Town Lot Company, is requesting a variance for the north side of Block 3, Lots one (1) through six (6) and Block 2, Lots five (5) and six (6), Onida, Sully County, South Dakota. The applicant is wishing to build two 36-foot grain bins in Lot six (6) Block 3 with a setback of 3-ft instead of 20- ft as stated in the City of Onida's zoning ordinances, to conform with the grain bins already in place. Notifications / Publications were made. There were no objections. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to come out of Zoning at 8:34 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to reenter City Council at 8:34 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to approve the Barber variance. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Kevin and Joan Hofer – 801 South Main Street – garage gutters and house siding  
Stewart and Tina Hyde – 601 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street – replace front deck  
Rick and Karen LaFurge – 1003 Cedar Avenue – sidewalk  
Mike and Dee Stanley – 409 South Main Street – back yard fence  
Kevin and Robbin Paxton – 401 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street – sidewalk  
Lewis Hofer – 700 Circleline Drive – updating residence

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to approve all building permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

**POPPY DAY DECLARATION:** Mary Stier was present for the reading of the Poppy Day Declaration which is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, signed by Mayor Gruis.

**POOL:** Kenean Johnson was present to discuss swimming pool operations this year. The pool will be up and running tentatively by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and will resume its normal operations this year. Rates for the pool are: \$100 for a family pass, \$50 for a single pass, \$5 for a daily pass, \$50 for pool parties and swimming lessons only are \$25. Mr. Johnson is to check with his pool personnel to see if they are interested in having a concession stand this year. He did state that a bigger refrigerator would be beneficial at the pool for the concessions.

**WATER/SEWER PROJECTS:** A change order was received from our engineers which resulted in a decrease of \$29,441 from the contract price. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Pitlick to approve the change order. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES:** This being the time and place for a hearing on the renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses and no one was present to protest. The following Malt Beverage License Applications were presented to the Council: Brewster's Tavern and Grill, Don's Food Center, and The Blue Goose. Motion was made by Mosiman seconded by Pitlick to approve all applications upon receipt of payment. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**LEGALS:** Attorney Sovell was present to discuss the new City Bond Schedule and Medical Marijuana issue. Discussions were had on both topics with Sovell explaining the Bond Schedule which has to be approved by the judge. She and the Finance Officer had just received information on the medical marijuana issue and a possible ordinance on it. As for any City ordinance at this time, any type of ordinance that we come up with can be overturned by the state as state ordinances override city ordinances. However, there is also a timing issue to contend with. The decision was made to hold off for one more month to see what, if anything, the state plans with the probability of having to have a special meeting in June so that the City is ready to go with the July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 rollout.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:31 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SIDEWALK ISSUE:** Discussion was continued from the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting concerning the sidewalk located at 204 South Main Street. Hiller presented Council with paperwork showing that the legal fees the city paid were approximately the amount of the judgement received. If the City were to agree to release the judgement back to the defendant for their new sidewalk we would, in essence, be paying for the sidewalk. It was decided that the discussions from the April meeting are voided as judgment wasn't paid in full until April 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 which occurred after the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2654.74, Streets 2819.31, Parks 600.61, Water 2195.43, Electric 1662.28, Sewer 1386.51, Garbage 6524.28, Pool 50.25, Council 1410.67. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 1625.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5413.22, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4181.69, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9315.65, Post Office 246.16, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 1609.20, Venture Communications 301.79, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 3654.12, Oahe Electric supplier 51879.42, Oahe Electric fee 416.67, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 1297.00, E.F.T.P.S taxes 3068.59, Petty Cash postage 26.00, BankWest fees and supplies 143.15, City of Onida deposit refund 300.00, Sovell Oil fuel 1501.76, Stewart and Daughters fuel 246.96, Public Health Lab testing 181.00, Marco copier contract 121.34, Nye Lumber supplies 73.85, Lamb's Discount

supplies 123.16, Helms airport 5582.65, Onida Watchman publications 404.53, SPN water/sewer project 32298.21, Badger Meter supplies 95.76, MDU utilities 16.49, Don's Food Center supplies 22.24, AFLAC insurance 303.54, Tim Jost supplies 38.08, One Call locating 22.05, Sully County Historical Society donation 360.00, SDGFOA school 75.00, Hawkins, supplies 3101.48, Chandler Aspelin deposit refund 100.00, Crazy B's supplies 18.79, Overhead Door repairs 6301.03, US Bank loans 50403.74, Northern Plains water/sewer projects 138255.26, The Lifeguard Store supplies 868.80, Vilas Pharmacy deposit refund 100.00 Wesco supplies 1512.00, All Around Graphix gift 99.00. Motion made by Pitlick seconded by Gruis to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mennenger.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor, LaJena Gruis

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Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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