

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
04-04-2022

The Onida City Council met on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Brooke Jacquot, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier and Jane Pitlick. Also present: Marty Hofer, Margie Hofer, Bill Stahl, Tim Jost, Michael Schmit, Sheila Ring, Shelley Wickersham, Gary Wickersham, Jean Donahue and Terry Barber.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Gruis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Jacquot seconded by Pitlick to approve the minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council meetings. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**REPORTS:** Jost reported that he had a water inspection which went very well, the sheetrock pile has been buried and the guys have been putting up the shade at the ball park. The new school street signs have been received and installed, the dump has burnt and the culverts cleaned out.

**Sherriff Dept.:** Stahl's report consisted of dogs at large and keeping traffic slowed down around the construction areas.

**AIRPORT:** Mike Schmit of Helm's and Associates was present to give an update of upcoming projects at the Onida airport. Schmit first explaining to the Council that Onida is in a very good place as it is one of very few airports that is self-funded meaning that it does not depend on any money from the city to keep it running. These dollars are obtained through the hangar rentals, farmland rent, and hay ground rent. The airport is indirectly given \$150,000 yearly which they can bank up for projects. For the year of 2022, we are scheduled for a new runway reconstruction project. This project would be funded at 90% federal, 5% state and 5% local funds. With this project, which will be a little over \$3,200,000, the airport fund does not have enough to make up the 5%. Hiller explained to the Council that we do have monies left in the FIT account which could be a possible avenue to borrow from. Schmit explained that after this year they do expect that the state's share will drop down to 3.5% contributions while the city's share would go up to 6.5%. Council asked Schmit how much time we have to decide if we can go through with the project. He stated that there is not an imminent rush at this point but this can always change very quickly. Council decided to table any decisions until we have our election canvas meeting.

**Bid Protest Procedures:** Hiller presented council members with A Bid Protest Procedures document and Resolution 2022-01. This has all come about after the city of Pierre had to expend a substantial amount of money after they accepted the low bid for a project and another bidder took them to court. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to approve the Resolution. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd. The Resolution and Bid Protest Procedures will be published separately.

**Internet:** The airport had internet installed in the pilot's shack about a year ago. Peggy Barber has been in contact with Hiller stating that she felt this was an unnecessary expense. Council spoke with Terry Barber concerning the connection in which he agreed with Peggy. He stated that most pilots come in with their tablets and/or phones and are usually capable of using their own connection and if that doesn't work, they can always remote off of Peggy's system. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Olivier to discontinue the airports internet connection. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**ELECTION UPDATE:** Council determined that the date for canvassing the April 12<sup>th</sup> election shall be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the city office.

**STREET BLOCKAGE:** Shelly and Gary Wickersham were present to ask the councils permission to block of their street for a birthday party Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> on Circleline Drive. Sheriff Stahl has no problem with this. Wickersham's were given approval by the Council.

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

Dennis and Teri Weischedel – 809 S Main St – 13 x 15 addition

Tate and Karlee Rinehart – 305 S 6<sup>th</sup> St – 12 x 24 shed

Mike and Janel Wiley – 901 Ash Ave – 8 x 12 shed

Alex Stanley – 404 S 6<sup>th</sup> St – 60 x 30 shower

Motion by Jacquot seconded by Mosiman to approve the permits. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**CARBON PIPELINE:** Council member Mosiman entered into discussion with the rest of the council information that she has received from Marty Hofer regarding the proposed carbon pipeline through Sully County. Council engaged Mr. Hofer in discussion with his concerns if the pipeline were to happen. After discussion, Mr. Hofer gave council information on where the city could file that they would like to be involved in this matter. This in no way states that the city is for or against the pipeline, just that we would like more information in its

regard.

**SULLY COUNTY BUDGET REQUEST:** Hiller presented council with a request to Sully County for their continued support of our recreation programs. Motion by Olivier seconded by Jacquot to request \$20,000 for the year 2023. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**SULLY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION:** Hiller presented a copy of the newest Hazard Mitigation plans for the city of Onida. This information is for a plan to be in place wherein emergency shelters are listed, hoping to find grants for backup generators for the shelters and funding also for one more siren in place for the south end of the city. Hiller and Gruis have been the contact people for the city on this project and noticed that there are a couple of errors that have still not been fixed on the plan. Motion by Olivier seconded by Jacquot to approve the plan upon receipt of the corrected final copies. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to go into Executive Session in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:00 p.m. All ayes Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SUMMER REC:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to hire the following: Summer Rec – t-ball Kayla Yackley at \$1000.00 for the season and Summer Rec – girls softball Megan Jaeger at \$2000.00 for the season. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3463.33, Streets 10160.71, Water 3507.73, Electric 2606.05, Sewer 1189.75, Garbage 3882.38, Pool 23.07, Parks 1072.09, Council 2153.03 OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 1150.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5575.62, Lamb's Discount 303.03, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4761.85, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9280.28, Post Office 175.20, Venture Communications 381.48, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4183.00, Oahe Electric supplier 60059.51, Oahe Electric repairs and dues 416.67, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2595.26, E.F.T.P.S taxes 5839.46, Petty Cash postage 21.30, BankWest fees 207.82, City of Onida deposit refund 204.05, Sovell Oil fuel 597.94, Lamb Motors repairs 182.69, Stewart and Daughters fuel 1250.16, Marco copier contract 190.98, Public Health Lab testing 30.00, CNA Surety bond 525.00, SDARWS dues 420.00, AFLAC insurance 407.61, Clark Power Sports rent 100.00, Badger Meter supplies 132.24, Runnings supplies 300.23, River Bottom Sanitation 9983.60, Nye Lumber supplies 1724.37, Lamb Chevy repairs 642.16, McLeods supplies 102.27, ABO Schools supplies 150.00, Don's Food Center supplies 204.62, MCR meeting 325.00, LED Lighting supplies 4810.08, Team Lab supplies 626.50, Butler parts 1389.48, Wayne Yackley deposit refund 55.95. Motion made by Olivier seconded by Pitlick to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion was made by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Roll Call all ayes. Motion carried. Absent Shepherd

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LaJena Gruis, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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