

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
07/05/2022

The Onida City Council met on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, and Jane Pitlick. Also present: Tim Jost, Bill Stahl, Mike Schmit, Tim Gruis, Terry Barber, Bob Porter, Mike Porter, Wayne Miles, Sheila Ring, Kelsey Swift and Maradee Birdsall.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jordre to approve the minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Jost reported that everything is going well with the pool, the lagoon and dump have been sprayed and mowed, the old well building located on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Cedar Avenue has been removed and covered, two new tractor tires were purchased, leak detection personnel was in town but were not able to locate a leak, the new playground equipment has been installed, dust control will be here this week, sewer liners will be in next week and should be done by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** Stahl stated that nothing of consequence has occurred the past month.

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

Cheri Hill – 902 Ginseng Avenue – shingles, fencing, replace doors

Katie Stier – 407 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street – fence

Gary Wickersham – 305 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 21,000 bshl grain bin

Bob Hyde – 607 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street – moving building onto property

Presbyterian Church – 307 South Main Street – new sidewalk

Methodist Church – 706 and 708 Ash Avenue – new sidewalk and decking

Motion by Jordre seconded by Pitlick to approve the building permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIREWORKS:** The council was asked permission for fireworks to be shot off the first night of the Sully County Fair, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Council gave it's blessing for this provided that the fire department would be on hand and the environment conducive for shooting them off at the time.

**STREET CLOSURE:** Tim Gruis of the Onida Fire Department asked for permission to close the 1000th block of Dogwood Avenue, Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The department has planned water fights that day. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Olivier to allow the closure. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AIRPORT:** Mike Schmit of Helm's and Associates, was present to discuss with council the recently opened bids for the airport's runway. Morris Inc. was the low bidder for the project with their bid coming in at \$3,315,994.75 which was about \$412,000 over the engineers estimate. Schmit believes that there is a great possibility that the FAA would most likely be able to cover the slight overage. Airport Manager Terry Barber stated that he has been in contact with other board members and they are torn as to what to do as this is a large amount of money. After much discussion it was decided to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting for a more thorough discussion.

**AIRPORT FARM GROUND BIDS:** 2 bids were received for the airport farm ground. The first bid was from Gary Wickersham, \$120.20 per acre and the second bid from Colson Farms, \$101.25 per acre.

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Olivier to accept Wickersham's bid. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Jacquot and Shepherd.

**ZONING:** Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jordre to leave City Council and enter into Zoning at 8:17 p.m.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:** Kelsey Swift was present with her Conditional Use paperwork asking to be able to run a business out of her home doing vehicle detailing. All paperwork is complete. Council sees no problem with the operation and no one was present to protest.

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to leave Zoning and go back into City Council. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jordre to approve Swift's Condition Use Permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LANDFILL ATTENDANT:** Mayor Gruis stated that she had been approached by landfill attendant Gary Knodel and his need to be off for several weeks. He has been talking to Paul Eidsness about covering his position while he is absent. Council thought Eidsness would be an excellent fill in. Jordre motioned to hire Eidsness at \$18.00 per hour seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Jacquot and Shepherd.

**ARPA FUNDS:** Mayor Gruis informed the Council that there is a program coming up that could possibly benefit the city on the Wickersham addition. With these funds we could possibly be awarded monies that would

help the city with the infrastructure. Mayor Gruis needed to know if the Council was agreeable with this. Gruis will get more information from CSDED on the program and we will ask SPN to update our numbers for the price of the project. Motion by Olivier seconded by Pitlick to move forward with the project. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Jacquot and Shepherd.

**NEW COPIER:** Hiller asked for permission from council to get a new printer. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Olivier to approve the new copier. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CSDED:** An agreement was received from Central South Dakota Enhancement District for 2023 with the dues totaling \$1006.97. CSDED does a tremendous amount of invaluable work for the city. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Pitlick to approve the agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NUISANCE PROPERTY:** Hiller informed council that she has started the abatement process at 1000 Dogwood Avenue. Hiller has sent Mr. Matic a courtesy letter stating that the city was going to move forward with the abatement process. The city has had to mow the property twice this year with a bill due from Mr. Matic of \$425.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jordre to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) at 8:43 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Olivier to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

**AIRPORT:** Motion by Olivier seconded by Mosiman to accept the tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0041-014-2022, Runway 13/31 Reconstruction, Base Bid and Alternate bid No. 1 is made to Morris Inc., Pierre, SD, in the amount of \$3,315,994.75 contingent upon receipt of an FAA Grant Offer. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Jacquot and Shepherd.

Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman giving authorization for the Mayor to sign the FAA Grant Applications, FAA Grant Offer, and all necessary paperwork for the Contract Documents. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2551.87, Streets 5055.39, Parks 1964.99, Water 1917.89, Electric 1927.06, Sewer 846.88, Garbage 2225.53, Pool 9967.58, Council 2803.01. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 277.76, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5575.62, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4103.67, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 11389.28, Post Office 174.00, Venture Communications 288.02, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4183.00, Oahe Electric supplier 43103.22, Oahe Electric repairs and dues 2749.15, SPN water/sewer 35558.50, AFLAC insurance 271.74, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 1875.40, E.F.T.P.S taxes 5774.35, Petty Cash postage 25.24, BankWest fees and supplies 296.59, Onida Watchman publications 613.40, Stewart and Daughters fuel 981.28, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Marco copier contract 169.98, Lamb Chevy repairs 1287.34, Nye Lumber supplies 209.36, Recreational Supply 176.07, Hawkins supplies 276.00, Envirotech rent/recycle 227.12, Lamb's Discount supplies 849.12, Sovell Oil fuel 1067.51, SD Unemployment contributions 89.71, Don's Food Center supplies 40.07, City of Onida deposit refund 100.00, Dept of Ag and Natl Resources fee 350.00, River Bottom Sanitation 9983.60, Brett's Spray airport 1180.00, Barber Chemicals supplies 250.00, Northern Plains water/sewer projects 769653.04, MDU supplier 76.04, Share Corp supplies 186.58 Game Time supplies 1708.94, Loretta Heasley garbage 109.43, Morris Inc supplies 309.42, Sunrise Agency insurance 5.00, Runnings supplies 129.99, Van Diest supplies 4511.25, CSDED dues 1006.97, MC & R pools supplies 4229.95, Olivier Construction repairs 2619.69, Helms and Asso airport 4141.05, Michael Todd supplies 528.03. Motion made by Mosiman seconded by Olivier to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Jacquot and Shepherd.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Jordre seconded by Pitlick to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, August 1st, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

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LaJena Gruis, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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