

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
08/01/2022

The Onida City Council met on Monday, August 1st, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Brooke Jacquot, Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, Jane Pitlick and Caleb Shepherd. Also present: Tim Jost, Sheila Ring, James Soderholm, Jennifer Soderholm, Pat Miles, Holly Miles, Jennifer Falkenhagen, Lynn Senftner, Ann Hepker, Karla Kendrick, Rick Bartels, Sandy Bartels, Patty McGee, Bob Porter, Mike Porter, Tim Gruis, and Emily Sovell.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve the minutes from the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Jost stated that he has been having the guys paint the curb lines and cleaning up the gutters. Cold mix was being picked up today so that they could patch the holes before the crew arrived to do the chip sealing. The pools sewer line had to be repaired. He also advised council on the ballfield lights and rest rooms, talked about a company coming in and grinding down some of our streets. He had inquired on the price of a box culvert which is about \$25,000 with the timeline of availability being January 2023.

**Sheriff's Report:** No report given.

**ONIDA CEMETERY:** Patty McGee, representing the Onida Cemetery Association was present to discuss with the city council the plans that are in the works for the cemetery. She stated that there have been several families that have contacted the association wanting to have family areas in the cemetery. The plans are to open up the east side. She stated that there are several old culverts in the cemetery that have just been dumped in a pile and she was wondering if the city maintenance personnel could go up and remove them. Mayor Gruis informed McGee that it would be taken care of.

**LEGAL:** Attorney Sovell advised Council that she is resigning her position as the City's attorney stating that she would stay on long enough to advise Council on a replacement for her.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(3). Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to come out of Executive session at 8:22 p.m.

**ALCOHOL:** Jennifer Falkenhagen, Jennifer Soderholm and Holly Miles were present for the transfer of the malt beverage license from Brewster's Tavern (Falkenhagen) and the purchase of a new license for on sale liquor for 258 Grub and Pub (Soderholm). Being that there was no one present to object. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Pitlick to approve the malt beverage license transfer. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to approve the new liquor license. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE:** Ann Hepker and Karla Kendrick were both present to advise the council on the present employee insurance policies.

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

Dave and Jane Pitlick – 902 East Dogwood Avenue – outdoor lighting

Mark and Lynn Senftner – 709 Cirlceline Drive – replacing kitchen cabinets and flooring

Motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to approve both permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ARPA FUNDING:** Mayor Gruis has been looking into the ARPA funding program which would help cities with funding for infrastructure in new residential areas. To qualify for this program, we would need to have a housing study done which would cost the city \$5000 of which we could possibly get a grant for \$2500 with the balance to be paid by the city. Gruis is working with Central South Dakota Enhancement District on the project. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve the expenditure. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MOWING RATES:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot for the first read of a new ordinance changing the mowing charge from \$50 per hour to \$250 per hour to the property owner, tenant or person in possession thereof. The second read will be held at the September 2022 council meeting.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Hiller advised Council that the lease with the Sully County Fair Association has lapsed. Mayor Gruis would like to talk with the fair board before agreeing to another lease. Hiller advised Council that Sully County Weed and Pest lease is expiring in November. Hiller has been in touch with weed and pest supervisor Paula Barber and she is interested in continuing with the lease as is the city council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to go into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3187.95, Streets 5801.25, Parks 2895.02, Water 1915.79, Electric 2140.35, Sewer 1105.93, Garbage 2739.99, Pool 16074.66, Council 2202.75. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5575.62, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4524.16, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 11343.11, Post Office 278.40, Venture Communications 416.93, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4183.00, Oahe Electric supplier 56444.99, Oahe Electric repairs and dues 3466.02, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 1941.34, E.F.T.P.S taxes 7830.84, Petty Cash postage 32.48, BankWest fees and supplies 65.12, City of Onida deposit refund 350.00, Stewart and Daughters fuel 866.63, Public Health Lab testing 256.00, Marco copier contract 426.67, Lamb's Discount supplies 287.47, Badger Meter supplies 307.40, US Bank loan 64697.17, Morris Inc. supplies 165.62, AFLAC insurance 271.74, SPN water/sewer project 2515.85, River Bottom Sanitation 9983.60, Michael Todd supplies 894.09, Barber Chemicals supplies 500.00, Northern Plains water/sewer project 548392.06, National Child Safety support 180.00, Clark Powersports repairs 69.06, Hawkins supplies 3746.18, Lamb chevy repairs 755.85, The Lifeguard Store supplies 36.50, SDARWS repairs 100.00, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 17.94, Nola LaRosh summer rec 40.00, Connor Yackley summer rec 20.00, Jackie Mercier summer rec 20.00, SD Dept of Revenue license 150.00, Kohlman Bierschbach and Anderson audit 3135.00, CSDED administration 10000.00, Titan Machinery supplies 151.80, Brett's Spray airport 1242.50, Helms and Asso airport 1774.73, Dakota Pump maintenance 1005.41, Gracie Olivier certification 175.00, Megan Jaeger travel 155.40, Kayla Yackley travel 64.68. Motion made by Shepherd seconded by Pitlick to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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