

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
09/06/2022

The Onida City Council met on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office to interview attorneys for resigning attorney Sovell. Following the interviews, Mayor LaJena Gruis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at Roll Call: Brooke Jacquot, Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, and Jane Pitlick. Others present: Emily Sovell, Tim Jost, Bill Stahl, Tim Gruis, Ann Hepker and Sheila Ring.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gruis led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Jordre seconded by Jacquot to approve the minutes from the August 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Jost reported that cold mix has been purchased and applied in time for the street chip sealing, electric meters have been replaced where needed, trees in gopher gulch have been cut out with the plan of digging out the gulch next week. Matt Horman has been in contact with Jost with a time line of cleaning up the metal pile after harvest this year.

**Sheriff's Office:** Sheriff Stahl stated that with school opening again, he has been spending time before, during and after school patrolling the area. He also stated that there were few problems during the Sully County fair and for the most part everything else has been quiet.

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

Mary Rawstern – 902 Cedar Avenue – handicap ramp

Floyd and Marlene Bechard – 310 10<sup>th</sup> Court – concrete driveway

Penelope Smith – 501 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street – new windows

Ken Barber – 123 S Main Street – replace sidewalk

Ken and Rebecca Lyons – 203 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street – 8 x 12 storage shed

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

**NEW HIRE:** Motion by Olivier seconded by Jacquot to hire Tim Gruis as the new Superintendent for the City of Onida at a wage of \$28.00 per hour. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd. Gruis will begin his new position on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**INSURANCE:** Ann Hepker was present with more information on employee insurance plans. Council will take this information into consideration.

**TRANSFER OF ALCOHOL LICENSES:** Two transfer of alcohol licenses were received from Jennifer Falkenhagen / Brewster's Tavern to be transferred over to The Rustic Emerald. With no one present to contest the transfers, motion to approve by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: Ayes – Jacquot, Mosiman, Olivier and Pitlick. Abstaining: Jordre. Motion passed. Absent: Shepherd.

**SRF FUNDS FOR GOPHER GULCH:** Information has been received from SD DANR that Onida has been approved to use our water/sewer remaining loan funds to improve drainage at gopher gulch (6<sup>th</sup> Street and Elm Avenue). The area has been struggling to remove excess moisture from heavy rains and snow due to the street work that has been completed from our projects. The estimated funding for the project will be \$51,000. Motion by Jordre seconded by Pitlick to approve the project. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**ORDINANCE 2022-03:** The second reading of Ordinance 2022-03 was completed. This ordinance changes what the city charges from \$50.00 per hour to \$250.00 per hour for mowing nuisance properties. Motion to approve by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd. The complete ordinance will be published separately.

**BUDGET 2023:** Hiller presented for its first reading, the 2023 City of Onida budget to the Council. A special meeting for the second reading and finalization of the budget will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3664.99, Streets 8858.17, Parks 1911.03, Water 2892.45, Electric 3440.07, Sewer 1633.55, Garbage 3290.52, Pool 17353.83, and Council 2153.03. OTHER: Emily Sovell retainer 125.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5575.62, S. D. Treasurer taxes 5243.42, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 12155.93, Post Office 191.40, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 184.00, Venture Communications 345.69, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4183.00, Oahe Electric supplier 67481.40, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2629.66, E.F.T.P.S taxes 9613.15, Petty Cash postage 25.44, BankWest fees 56.04, City of Onida deposit refund 400.00, Onida Watchman publications 348.09, One Call locating 134.40, Stewart and Daughters fuel 1524.08, Marco copier contract 187.22, Lamb Chevy repairs 11.27, Helms airport 2469.45, Lamb's Discount supplies 415.48, Sovell Oil fuel 1273.36, Barber Chemicals supplies 250.00, Onida Electric repairs 9620.60, Don's Food Center supplies and refund 1216.87, Crazy B's supplies 93.00, Envirotech recycle 1094.74, MDU utilities 34.84, Nye Lumber supplies 5.50, AFLAC insurance 407.61, Dustbusters repairs 6276.00, SPN water/sewer 6004.20, Lamb Motors repairs 683.74, River Bottom Sanitation 9983.60, Rec Supplies 890.62, Northern Plains water/sewer 25071.00, Share Corp supplies 1332.13, Brett's Spray maintenance 795.00, Michael Todd supplies 325.90, Public Health Lab testing 72.00, Cari Gregerson refunds 81.07, SD Dept of Revenue license transfer 300.00, The Blue Goose refund 1200.00, Brewster's Tavern refund 1200.00, Sanitation Products supplies 506.59, Runnings supplies 13.93, NASASP dues 39.00, Justin Mittleider repairs 3922.20, Trugreen maintenance 623.00, Jensen Rock and Sand streets 89229.40. Motion made by Pitlick seconded by Olivier to pay all bills with the exception of TruGreen while waiting for Attorney Sovell's phone call to make sure there is no long-term obligation on the contract. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</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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