

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
01/03/2023

The Onida City Council met on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at roll call. Brooke Jacquot, Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, Jane Pitlick, and Caleb Shepherd. Also present, Tim Gruis, Bill Stahl, Ann Hepker, and Sheila Ring.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to approve the minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Gruis stated that a water leak had been repaired on the 200<sup>th</sup> block of Main Street which was an abandoned curb stop. He is waiting for the fill in the area to settle before the work is completed. The rest of the month was filled with plowing and removing snow. Gruis did inquire with the council on the possibility of purchasing a flat bed for \$1800 which he could put to use for several things including but not limited to the transporting of water, sand, removal of tree debris following storms, etc. Motion by Jordre seconded by Shepherd to approve this purchase not to exceed \$2000. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried.

Sidewalks were also discussed with Hiller asking council what needs to be done. Council understands that there is a great deal of snow around but the ordinance states that business sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours and residential areas need to be done within 72 hours after a snow event. There are many sidewalks around town that have yet to be cleared. The Council and Gruis are aware that there are many places in town where snow has been piled at the end of the sidewalks with Gruis stating that they will begin removing the snow piles. Home owners and business owners are expected to clear sidewalks especially on Main Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street so that children can get to and from school unimpeded and those wanting to enter your business can do so safely.

**Sheriff Dept.:** Stahl stated that he too had been busy with all the snow received stating that there has been great communication between the city and county crews.

**2023 ELECTION:** The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term or due to the resignation of office of the elective officer:

Mayor, Two (2) year term LaJena Gruis

City Council, (Ward 1), Two (2) year term Caleb Shepherd

City Council, (Ward 2) One (1) year term Clark Jordre

City Council, (Ward 2) Two (2) year term Brooke Jacquot

City Council, (Ward 3) Two (2) year term Jane Pitlick

The election will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 117 South Main Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., central time not later than the 24th day of February, 2023, or mailed by registered mail not later than the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. central time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Porter was present to discuss his electric bill stating that he thinks his meter has been reading wrong for quite some time. The city will put in two new meters and do some investigating on his complaint. Mr. Porter was made aware that he will be responsible for any expenses that occur after the meter in which he stated that he had no problem with.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Pitlick to go into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2023 WAGES:** Wages for 2023 were discussed. Ann Hepker was available to discuss health insurance options. The attorney, newspaper and banking were also designated. Motion to approve changes and designations made by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. These items are printed separately.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT:** As fire chief, Caleb Shepherd had presented a contract to the city for the fire hall. With Mayor Gruis being comfortable that all needed information has been presented, motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to approve contract. Roll Call: ayes: Jacquot, Jordre, Mosiman, Olivier and Pitlick. Abstaining: Shepherd. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE ORDINANCE:** A first read in which city council meetings will change to begin at 6:30 p.m. was completed. The second read will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and will become effective February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5742.92, Lamb's Discount 1145.49, S. D. Treasurer taxes 5734.53, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9201.62, River Bottom Sanitation garbage 9983.60, Nye Lumber supplies 216.69, SDRS contributions 2299.82, EFTPS contributions

5582.14, Marco supplies 205.46, One Call locating 4.20, Office of Child Support 314.00, Riter Rogers retainer 1295.00, City of Onida deposit refund 100.00, SDDANR dues 650.00, Sunrise Bank load 27694.32, Dakota Supply Group supplies 25.70.. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion by Pitlick seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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LaJena Gruis, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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