

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
02-06-2023

The Onida City Council met on Monday, February 6th, 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, Jane Pitlick, and Caleb Shepherd. Also present, Tim Gruis, Bill Stahl, Nick Wiley, Mike Owens, Mike Porter, Chuck Weischedel, Lynne Leonard, JR Rausch, Darrell Tilberg, Curt Reich, and Sheila Ring.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to approve the minutes from the January 3rd, 2023 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT: Hiller presented a proposal from our auditors in which they are offering to assist with the 2022 annual report which is not to exceed \$660.00. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to approve. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Olivier.

ARRIVAL: Jessica Olivier arrived via phone at 6:38 p.m.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis discussed insulating the new shop. He was asked to get a couple estimates on the project. He had quotes for different machinery that he would like to purchase to update our equipment. He was asked to contact the local banks to see what they had to offer for rates and payment options. Gruis had two estimates for tree trimming around electric lines, Dakota Tree Company, \$17,500 and Friest Tree Experts \$19,600. It has been ten years since the last large-scale trimming was done. Gruis has been in contact with Oahe Electric but they stated they are too busy. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jacquot to accept the quote from Dakota Tree Company for no more than \$17,500. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Gruis also presented an estimate to Council to have another heat meter audit completed this year. Gruis has been in contact with Dakota Energy Cooperative who did the audit 5 years ago and they are able to complete this project again this year at an estimated cost of \$10,450.91. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to have this project completed. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was had on the possibility of the guys working four ten-hour days. There was some concern about no one working on Fridays should there be a problem. There will be more discussion on this. Shepherd brought up the need for hand held radios to be used by city personnel stating that he had been in touch with Curtis Rees of Western Communications and that we could obtain five radios at a cost of \$4500.00 which would include an updated license. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to approve the purchase. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Gruis also informed council that he and county Superintendent Schall have been working together on current projects and have future projects in mind.

Sherriff Dept.: Stahl reported that things have been very quiet around town. When asked about Deputy Hight's responsibilities, Stahl stated that Hight was the main city guy for law enforcement.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permits were received for approval:

John and Brenda Morris – 200 South 5th Street – replacing siding, windows, and doors.

Josh Thorpe – 409 South 6th Street – remodel of bathroom and kitchen

Ed and Wanda Hauser – 602 South Main Street – remodel bathroom.

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

JR Rausch was present to discuss a building permit for 201 S 5th Street. He would like to build a shop on this property which would be in partnership with his business located at 311 South 5th Street. Since this area is residential, Hiller will need to publish a notice of intent to change the zoning along with contacting the residents in the area to make sure that there are no objections to the zoning change.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: The second reading for Ordinance Amendment to Title 11-Chapter 2 Section 11.2.1 was completed. This ordinance changes the start time for council meetings and will be published separately. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve this change. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-01: Hiller presented this resolution for Onida's Capitalization policy as requested by our auditors. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Pitlick to approve. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried.

BALL FIELD: Members of the Sully County Fair board were present to discuss their thoughts on donating the ball field to the city. There was discussion on how much property this would include as the baseball teams would like the field to be larger. There will be more discussion on this once the snow is gone and they are able to assess the area.

PROCLAMATION: The city has been contacted by the National Kidney Foundation asking if we would be interested in proclaiming March as National Kidney Month. Motion by Pitlick seconded by Jordre to approve of the mayor recognizing March 2023 as National Kidney Month in part, to recognize so many in our community who have been affected by this disease. All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3649.78, Streets 15566.98, Water 4373.01, Electric 4469.48, Sewer 1220.93, Garbage 3431.00, Council 2453.03. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5742.92, Lamb's Discount 144.23, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4717.30, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9436.46, Post Office 209.76, Venture Communications 374.96, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4183.00, Oahe Electric supplier 63637.29, Oahe Electric repairs and dues 2899.13, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 3108.54, E.F.T.P.S taxes 7776.81, BankWest fees and supplies 681.92, Envirotech rent and recycle 680.06, Lamb Motors repairs 151.17, Stewart and Daughters fuel 3664.48, Marco copier contract 205.46, I. O. B. P. safety publication 265.00, U. S. Bank loan payment 72593.59, Helm's and Asso airport project 1993.52, Sunrise Agency insurance 27390.00, Banyon support 2075.00, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, The Onida Watchman publications 174.54, MDU utilities 18.34, AFLAC insurance 271.74, Onida Chamber of Commerce dues 50.00, River Bottom Sanitation collection 9983.60, Lamb Chevy repairs 811.95, One Call locating 1.05, Don's Food Center supplies 61.24, Office of Child Support 628.00, Riter Rogers retainer 910.00, Jon Morin flatbed 1800.00, Factor 360 web page 40.00, Titan Machinery supplies 156.00, Wesco supplies 1087.56, Unemployment contributions 85.22, Mid States Group supplies 176.83, Logan Electric repairs 595.00, Oahe Concrete repairs 26020.20, Global Chemicals supplies 368.79, Metering and Technology supplies 947.80, R & K Mechanical repairs 5832.00, Runnings supplies 268.13, Morris Inc airport 95434.22, Service Master Phoenix Center 4611.22, Onida electric repairs 1513.58, Sovell Oil fuel 4435.70 Motion by Gruis seconded by Jacquot to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Pitlick seconded by Shepherd to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be March 6th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

LaJena Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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