

APPROVED
City Council Proceedings
5/2/2023

The Onida City Council met on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at the City office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Brooke Jacquot, Clark Jordre, Jessica Olivier, Jane Pitlick, and Caleb Shepherd. Also Present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Casey Clark and Casey Hight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Gruis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the meeting was closed while the council held interviews for lifeguard positions.

ARRIVAL: Mosiman arrived at 6:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to approve the minutes from the April 3rd and 12th, 2023 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: President Pitlick led Mayor Gruis with her oath of office. Mayor Gruis then led the following elected individuals with their oaths of office: Clark Jordre and Casey Clark. Motion by Olivier seconded by Jordre to approve the appointment of Caleb Shepherd for a one-year term to Ward 1. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve the appointment of Brooke Jacquot for a one-year term to Ward 2. All ayes. Motion carried. Following these appointments Mayor Gruis led Shepherd and Jacquot in their oaths of office.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd to nominate Olivier as president of the Council. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to nominate Mosiman as vice president of the Council. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Jordre seconded by Clark to make the following appointments for 2023: All ayes. Motion carried.

Rail Authority: (Jane Pitlick, Matt Newcomer, and Andy Kleven at large)

Airport: Shepherd

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Jacquot and Clark

Street/Alley/Fire/Parks/Sanitation: Clark, Shepherd and Mosiman

Finance/City Property/Pool/Insurance/Electric/Water: Jordre, Olivier and Shepherd

Auditing: Mosiman, Olivier and Jordre

News Paper: The Onida Watchman

Attorney: Kody Kyriss/Roger Riter

Enhancement District/Equalization: Gruis

Banking: BankWest – Checking, Money Market, Swimming Pool, Savings

Sunrise Bank – Phoenix Center, swimming pool, loan

SDFIT Account –

Motion by Jacquot seconded by Clark to have Jane Pitlick removed as an authorized signer on our BankWest commercial checking account, pool account, savings account and add Clark Jordre along with Rondha Hiller, LaJena Gruis and Marla Mosiman as signers. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis stated that tree trimming in the city's electrical right-of-way has begun, they are getting ready to work on the pool, a water leak has been fixed on Ginseng Avenue, he has been in contact with Jay Alexander concerning the valley gutters, SPN was here to look at warranty issues from the water and sewer projects. Gruis also asked about having WIFI installed in the city shop and inquired on the ability to purchase a hot water pressure washer, a welder, and an air compressor. Following discussion, motion by Shepherd seconded by Clark to purchase a hot water pressure washer. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Gruis also discussed the surplus items. Shepherd advising Gruis to contact Big Iron out of Pierre to get the items prepared for sale.

Sherriff: Deputy Hight stated that he had gone around town ticketing all illegally parked vehicles.

Fire Department: Shepherd proudly stated that two more ambulance volunteers have finished and passed their EMT training. That being Tim Gruis and Kyle Murphy.

POPPY DAY: Mayor Gruis read a proclamation from the American Legion Auxiliary which stated that May 26th, 2023 will be proclaimed Poppy Day in the city of Onida and she asks that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom to wear the Memorial Poppy on this day.

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

Greg and Julene Yackley – 601 S 9th Street – 12 x 24 cement pad

Tom and Monette Clark – 302 S 8th Street – replace driveway and fix fence

Mary Fleming – 600 dogwood Avenue – 10 x 10 deck/ pergola and a 16-foot privacy fence

Lane and Hannah Warner – 808 Birch Avenue – finish south and east side of fence

Elizabeth Hughes – 805 Bayberry Avenue – fencing

Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve all building permits except for Hughes as council would like better clarification on this project. All ayes. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL: This being the time and place for a hearing on the renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses and no one was present to protest. The following Malt Beverage License Applications were presented to the Council: Don's Food Center, 258 Grub and Pub LLC, and The Blue Goose. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Shepherd to approve all applications. All ayes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT: Hiller presented to 2022 annual report to the council. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Clark to approve the report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1 and 3) by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried.


POOL: Motion made by Shepherd seconded by Clark to hire LaJena Gruis as pool manager at \$4400 for the season and \$16.00 per hour while performing lifeguard duties. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Jordre seconded by Clark to hire Olivia Olson as a lifeguard at \$15.25 per hour and Paige Jonas as a lifeguard upon completion of her lifeguard certification at \$15.25 per hour. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER REC: Council has been in discussion with Kayla Yackley and Scott Senftner concerning the summer rec program in Onida. These two have put together a very different program this year and council believes this to be a very good thing. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to hire the following for Onida's Summer Rec program. Kayla Yackley \$3000 season, Scott Senftner \$3000 season, Jett Yackley \$500 season and Easton Moore \$500 season. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried.


BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2785.33, Streets 16259.15, Parks 953.23, Water 1823.06, Electric 2291.00, Sewer 1354.14, Garbage 1619.30, Council 2153.03. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5742.92, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3978.22, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9557.92, Post Office 208.80, Venture Communications 371.83, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4524.60, Oahe Electric supplier 55058.68, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2037.88, E.F.T.P.S taxes 5173.61, Petty Cash postage 71.18, BankWest fees and supplies 196.84, Stewart and Daughters fuel 734.22, Public Health Lab testing 30.00, Marco copier contract 205.46, Lamb's Discount supplies 897.01, Onida Watchman publications 401.61, MDU utilities 14.26, AFLAC insurance 881.62, Lamb Motors repairs 33.48, River Bottom Sanitation collection 9983.60, Lamb Chevy repairs 115.01, Envirotech recycle 314.36, Lexie Rausch election 207.00, Brenda Lamb election 187.50, Fran McQuirk election 187.50, Paxton Repair repairs 100.00, One Call locating 9.45, Helms and Asso airport 18514.35, Office of Child Support 628.00, Riter Roger retainer 945.00, Northwest Pipe supplies 261.25, Caleb Shepherd supplies 702.83, USA Blue Book supplies 97.40, Wickersham Construction service 413.71, Delta Dental insurance 261.96, Brett's Spray Service airport 4048.74, Rees Communications 834.00, SDWARMS service and dues 520.00, Factor 360 Onida on line 360.00, Payge

Bakker WSI 255.00, Metering and Technologies supplies 684.13, Sunrise Agency insurance 118.00, JPM Sales equipment 10100.00, Floyds equipment 3200.00, Dakota Supply Group 137.73, KBA annual report 660.00, Onida Electric repairs 108.64, Morris Inc airport 185067.22. Motion made by Shepherd seconded by Clark to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 5th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.



Mayor, Lalerja Gruis



Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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