

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
8/07/2023

The Onida City Council met on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Casey Clark, Brooke Jacquot, Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, and Caleb Shepherd. Others present: Kody Kyriss, Tim Gruis, Stephen Melnick, Casey Hight, and Sheila Ring.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LEGALS:** Attorney Kyriss was present to discuss the progress on updating the Onida City ordinances, changing from ward elections to at large elections, and the abatement process of 1000 Dogwood Avenue. Mr. Kyriss asked councils opinion concerning the snow removal and mowing fines in the city. We had updated our mowing ordinance last year changing the fees for mowing to \$250.00 per hour but had not addressed the snow removal rates. It was decided that snow removal will also be changed to a fee of \$250.00 per hour if the city crew should have to remove snow from sidewalks. Discharging of fireworks will also be changed. Mr. Kyriss plans on having the final draft of the ordinances in time for the September meeting. As for the abatement issue, Mr. Kyriss has heard nothing back from the owner of the property.

As for possibly changing from ward elections to at large elections, Mr. Kyriss stated that there is a lot of leg work that must be completed before this change would happen. A petition needs to be circulated for the change to even start in which at least 15% (or 73 people) of the city's registered voters would need to sign.

**COLONIAL LIFE:** Stephen Melnick of Colonial Life was present to talk to the council about his company and what they offer for financial protection plans and asked council for permission to submit information for them to consider which council was agreeable to. He will be sending information to Hiller for further review.

**REPORTS:** Gruis stated that they have been busy back filling the area of 501 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, otherwise known as Gopher Gulch and working on streets. Oahe Electric was up to do repairs. Gruis stated that he was trying to find a little more chlorine for the pool to finish the season off. He also stated that street patches at 501 South 8th Street and 200 South Main Street will be repaired before the Sully County Fair begins. He also asked council about the possibility of changing over the electric meters from visual read meters to remote read meters stating that he would like to start with the meters that are on or in buildings. We would be working with Oahe Electric and they have informed us that the meters will cost between \$245 and \$275 a piece depending on their use and that it could be a year before we would receive them. Gruis asked the council about surplusing the garbage truck and informed council that River Bottom Sanitation has just received a roll off dumpster that they could bring up when needed for cleaning up the landfill. There was also discussion on other equipment that Gruis would like to surplus. Council advised Gruis to fix up the other items and get them ready to surplus as they feel we would get a better response if everything looked and ran better.

After discussion motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to approve the surplusing of the garbage truck, giving Gruis authorization to ask Joe Sovell, Steve Foth and Kevin Heath to appraise the value of the truck. Roll Call. All ayes. Motin carried.

**Sheriff's Office:** Deputy Sheriff Hight stated that there has been a couple of burglaries in town where cash and a firearm were stolen and he asked that people please be cognizant of locking doors.

**Fire Department:** The empty lots of 116 and 118 South Main Street have been obtained by the Onida Fire Department. We will need to put them on our liability insurance. Chief Shepherd asked that

the city allow the department to close a small portion of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Dogwood Avenue on August 13<sup>th</sup> for a water fight which council agreed to.

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

Dick and Cheryl Hyde – 702 South Main Street – 10 x 12 wood deck

Larry and Doreen LaFramboise – 803 Bayberry Avenue – 8 x 10 storage shed

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

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3228.46, Streets 6826.17, Parks 2310.43, Water 2434.55, Electric 3035.04, Sewer 1636.96, Garbage 2397.26, Pool 17778.64, and Council 2205.92. OTHER: Riter Rogers retainer 595.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5742.92, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3703.26, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 10440.56, Post Office 223.89, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 14.40, Venture Communications 651.77, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4524.60, Oahe Electric supplier 57736.84, Oahe Electric repairs and fees 2510.68, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2129.32, E.F.T.P.S taxes 9026.39, Petty Cash postage 13.92, BankWest fees 84.60, City of Onida deposit refund 378.48, Onida Watchman publications 143.87, One Call locating 12.60, Stewart and Daughters fuel 844.02, Marco copier contract 215.19, Lamb Chevy repairs 37.95, Helms airport 90937.12, Lamb's Discount supplies 563.92, Sovell Oil fuel 501.09, Barber Chemicals supplies 120.00, Onida Electric repairs 534.04, Don's Food Center supplies and refund 12.60, Envirotech recycle 680.06, Nye Lumber supplies 130.29, AFLAC insurance 763.78, SPN water/sewer 13008.22, Lamb Motors repairs 104.79, River Bottom Sanitation 10309.00, Public Health Lab testing 45.00, Runnings supplies 135.49, Office of Child Support 500.00, CHS supplies 4.45, Kayla Yackley mileage 161.16, Nola LaRosh umping 10.00, Aaron Swan and Asso airport 6419.00, SD Federal Property supplies 225.00, Morri Inc airport 1085781.79, US Bank loans 71101.28, Wesco supplies 1364.00, Milt and Lisa Handcock deposit refund 1.52, Badger Meter supplies 11.40, Bruce Kleinsasser lifeguard certifications 800.00, Delta Dental insurance 87.32. Motion made by Jordre seconded by Jacquot to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 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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