

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
10/02/2023

The Onida City Council met on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</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. Also present: Sheila Ring, Jason Prater, Bill Stahl, and David Pitlick.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the September 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Gruis gave his report via email stating that sealing streets had been completed with a few bad spots on Birch Avenue and between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets which were supposed to be fixed by meeting time. The side dump has been mounted on its new chassis but waiting for a couple of hoses before putting it to use. Still working on cleaning and organizing the white shop. Cutting edges have been ordered for snow plows. Gravel was placed on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Fir, and Cedar Avenues.

**SHERIFFS REPORT:** Sheriff Stahl had nothing to report.

**LEGALS:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Onida's updated city ordinances was conducted. This will be printed separately. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Rene Ferrer – 407 South Main Street – replaced front porch

Chris and Nicky Heath – 102 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street – 10 x 12 shed

Matt Newcomer – 203 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street – 26 x 9 concrete pad

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

**VARIANCE REQUEST:** David Pitlick was present to answer questions on his variance application. Council had a few questions concerning the building use and they were also concerned when he stated that there would be a tractor there. Pitlick clarified the building's use stating that he was retiring and just wanted a place to tinker, a man cave of sorts. As for the tractor, it is the tractor that he has in town and uses for snow clean up. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to allow the variance request to continue. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY BID:** There were no bids received for the 2003 International 7400 truck therefore no action was taken.

**PROPERTY ASSESSMENT:** Hiller presented a property assessment worksheet to council in regards to the mowing bill that has been left unpaid by the owner of East Haven apartments. Council directed Hiller to present it to the county after the city has mowed and weeded the property one more time.

**POOL:** Mayor Gruis had Bob Scott visit our pool and asked him what improvements were needed to bring the pool into better condition, adding to its life until funds could be raised in the future for a new pool. Mr. Scott came up with a list of items that would help with the condition of the pool which comes to a total of just under \$280,000. Gruis stated that she would start looking for grants, speaking to groups in the area that possibly have monies set aside, and finding someone to coordinate the fund raising efforts.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All ayes. Motion Carried. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to come out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LANDFILL:** Due to misuse of the local landfill (unauthorized removal of items, throwing items over the fence, cutting the fence) Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to begin locking the city landfill at the highway gate effective immediately. Roll Call: Ayes – Clark, Jacquot, Jordre, Mosiman and Shepherd. Nay: Olivier. Motion passed.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2968.07, Streets 9502.59, Parks 1320.82, Water 2567.03, Electric 2702.03, Sewer 2359.10, Garbage 2629.43, Pool 3862.90, Council 2275.95. OTHER: Petty Cash postage 8.91, Sully County law enforcement 5742.92, SD Retirement contributions 1991.60, Lamb's Discount supplies 269.90, SD Treasurer taxes 3900.21, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 11351.52, Post Office postage 224.91, Venture Communications 700.19, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 4524.60, Oahe Electric supplier 63685.21, Oahe Electric repairs/fees 1854.58, Stewart and Daughters fuel 689.84, BankWest fee and supplies 1781.22, Helm's and Asso airport 4078.98, Marco supplies 215.19, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Onida Fire Department allocation 20,000.00, AFLAC insurance 763.78, River Bottom Garbage collections 11339.90, Barber Chemicals supplies 110.00, SDDOT sign 16.00, Wesco supplies 665.50, Sovell Oil fuel 653.10, EFTPS contributions 15059.81, Office of Child Support 250.00, Riter Rogers retainer 1563.38, Dakota Supply Group supplies 209.07, Envirotech recycle 680.06, Sunrise Insurance 122.00, Delta Dental insurance 87.32, Onida electric supplies 39.61, Morris airport 186354.90, Nye Lumber supplies 120.23, Jensen Rock and Sand streets 62585.60, Paxton Repair 663.26, Dani's thistle Spray service 50.36, Sully county Highway, supplies 2040.00, Bob Scott pool 500.00, Rec Supply supplies 362.03. Motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion to adjourn by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot at 7:17 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, November 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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