

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
11/6/2023

The Onida City Council met on Monday, November 6<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. Also present: Tim Gruis, Pat and Holly Miles, Casey Hight, Bill Stahl, Shirley Barber, Jean Donahue, Jen Nye, Dave Pitlick, and Sheila Ring.

**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 October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Gruis submitted his report to council stating that winterization has been completed, organizing continues of city property, received sand and salt, mounted flatbed, installed lighting and mounted sander onto the fire chassis, received new backhoe, readied Christmas decorations. Gruis also stated that there needs to be some work done on fire hydrant reporting. Snowplows are ready to go. They continue picking up leaves. Gruis and Volker attended a stabilization pond workshop and Volker will be testing for this on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sheriff's Office:** Business as usual.

**LANDFILL:** Public comments were received concerning last month's decision to close the highway gate entrance to the landfill with patrons wondering why everyone needs to be penalized due to a few people not using the landfill properly. Council understands everyone's frustrations but it will be more frustrating if the rules are not followed and the state comes in and closes our landfill down, so until we can install new fencing and cameras, the main gate will remain closed with the exception of open hours. The decision was also made to leave the main gate open until dark Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday temporarily so that people may have access to the compost pile while cleaning up leaves. There was also discussion of adding a \$250 fine for any misuse of the landfill. Mayor Gruis will contact our attorney for his opinion on this.

**ZONING:** Motion to leave Council proceedings by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd. Motion to go into Zoning by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jacquot to go into Board of Adjustments. All ayes. Motions carried. The purpose of this action was to go over Dave Pitlick's variance application to build a Morton Building on property located on the 300<sup>th</sup> block of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Notices were made and publications completed with Hiller stating that she had not had any questions or comments on the application. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Clark to come out of Board of Adjustments. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Mosiman to come out of Zoning. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Clark to go back into City Council. All ayes. Motions carried. Motion by Jacquot seconded by Shepherd to approve Pitlick's request. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Dorothy Lamb – 704 Cedar Avenue – replacement of front deck

Dave Pitlick – 300 block of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Morton Building

Josh and Kelsey Swift- 201 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street – 10 x 20 car port

Clark Jordre – 306 South Main Street – replacing shingles with metal roofing

Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve the permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve the 2024 renewal liquor and wine licenses for: The Blue Goose, and Crazy B's upon receipt of said licenses. Also to approve the new liquor license for J&N Bistro and the transfer of malt beverage license to J&N Bistro. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. The approval of The Rustic Emerald's license was tabled pending the December meeting.

**FIREWORKS / TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS:** Approval has been sought for the lighting of fireworks during the Twas The Night Before Christmas celebration. Motion to approve with the understanding that the city nor the fire department are responsible for the clean-up, by Jacquot seconded by Clark. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT:** Hiller presented the 2024 Law Enforcement contract to Council which includes a 3% increase. Motion to approve contract by Shepherd seconded by Olivier. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**GARBAGE RATE INCREASES:** Hiller presented Resolution #2023-03. This resolution increases garbage rates by \$8 across the board from the last billing statement which will become effective with the November 2023 billing statement period. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. This resolution will be printed in full November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION:** Hiller presented for its first read, Ordinance #1106, Supplemental appropriation No.1 for 2023 in which we are moving \$200,000 into the Streets, Machinery and Equipment. Second read will be completed December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman to go into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. by Mosiman seconded by Jordre. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2921.72, Streets 11320.03, Parks 999.78, Water 2520.68, Electric 2538.51, Sewer 2737.31, Garbage 2317.96, Pool 1300.66, Council 2453.03. OTHER: Riter Rogers retainer 2280.88, Sully County law enforcement 5742.92, SD Retirement contributions 2471.26, EFTPS taxes 5920.95, Lamb's Discount supplies 773.64, SD Treasurer taxes 3658.12, Post Office supplies 273.36, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 46.08, Venture Communications 471.63, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 4524.60, Oahe Electric supplier 58169.35, Oahe Electric dues and repairs 2323.56, BankWest fee and supplies 516.40, Public Health Lab testing 247.00, One Call locating 7.35, Lamb Chevy repairs 410.90, Helm's airport 10033.24, Banyon support 840.00, Cash postage 7.56, Marco copier 215.19, US Bank loan 72274.07, SDML Workers Comp contribution 5296.00, Envirotech recycle 1360.12, Stewart and Daughters fuel 350.35, MDU utilities 33.73, AFLAC insurance 763.78, The Onida Watchman publications 536.19, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 10318.43, Sovell Oil fuel 295.98, Lamb Motors repairs 498.61, River Bottom Sanitation collections 11339.90, Don's Food Center supplies 69.07, Tim Gruis travel 14.00, Dustin Volker travel and work clothes 278.00, SD Unemployment contribution 168.50, Onida Electric repairs 275.00, SDML dues 1017.11, Runnings supplies 370.35, Titan Machinery backhoe 131135.00, Tigers Fire Extinguisher service 477.50, Kyle Murphy repairs 1000.00, NASASP dues 39.00, Premier Equipment supplies 500.00, Sully County Highway supplies 108.00, Wesco supplies 142.50, B & B equipment supplies 506.80, City of Onida deposit refund 200.00, Brett's Spray maintenance 2585.00, Morris Inc supplies 91.20, Access Health physical 149.00, Avera drug testing 90.00, Delta Dental insurance 299.02, Clark Powersports repairs 595.63, Office of Child Support 500.00 Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to pay all bills. Roll Call: Ayes: Jacquot, Jordre, Mosiman, Olivier and Sheperd. Abstaining: Clark. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Mosiman seconded by Jordre to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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LaJena Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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