

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
04-01-2024

The Onida City Council met on Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Casey Clark, Brooke Jacquot, Marla Mosiman, and Caleb Shepherd. Also present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Mike Yackley, Kevin Colestock, and Danielle Rausch.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve the minutes from the March 4th and 19th, 2024 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Gruis reported that they have started working 10-hour days, repairs continue on the new shop, and locating of curb stops continue.

Sherriff Dept.: No report.

Fire Department: No report

WAGE INCREASE: Hiller stated that she had received notification of Tim Gruis's certification of Class 1 Wastewater Collection Operations Specialist on March 5th, 2024, one day after the March 4th, 2024 meeting. She requested that his .50 cent per hour increase be retroactive starting with the pay period of March 4th, 2024. Motion to approve by Jacquot seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Jordre.

ARRIVAL: Jordre entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following permits were presented for approval:

Todd and Brooke Jaquot – 105 South 6th Street – remodeling bathroom

Tom and Ashley Yackley – 605 South 10th Street – 10 x 20 back deck

Tom and Nola LaRosh – 813 South 8th Street – remodel kitchen.

Motion by Shepherd seconded by Clark to approve all permits. Roll Call: Ayes Clark, Jordre, Mosiman and Shepherd. Abstaining: Jacquot and Olivier. Motion passed.

SULLY COUNTY BUDGET REQUEST: Hiller presented council with a request to Sully County for their continued support of our recreation programs. Motion by Clark seconded by Jacquot to request \$20,000 for the year 2025. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER REC: Danielle Rausch was present to see what council had decided regarding presentation at the March 2024 council meeting. Kayla Yackley has been in touch with Hiller and several council members stating that she would be willing to continue with t-ball so that there would still be recreation in town however she wants the age to begin slightly older than in the past and she would not be able to do the older girls as she is busy with her own children's events. Hiller mentioned that to her, this was more like an arts in the park, not a recreational endeavor but also stating that she does not have a problem with the program aside from her concerns of having the Phoenix Center set aside for the program. The center is used for almost all funeral functions that happen in town. Rausch stating that the center does not have to be the venue as there are other places that she could go and she understood that this would be an unbudgeted expense for the city.

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT: An updated contract was received from Venture Communications concerning the cable tv contract that they have with the City of Onida. This contract was sent to our attorney for his approval. After a modification suggested by our attorney, the first read on this contract was presented to the council for their approval. Motion to approve by Jacquot seconded Mosiman. All ayes. Motion Carried.

ZONING: Motion by Mosiman seconded by Clark to come out of City Council at 7:02 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman to go into Zoning. All ayes. Motion carried. The purpose of this zoning meeting was to discuss the application to vacate a platted street located between 104 North 10th Street and 202 North 10th Street. Both parties presented council with signed sheets from those within 250 feet of their property. Hiller stated that notification was publicized in The Onida Watchman, notifications of those within 250 feet of the properties were notified by mail, and she had no one call her office directly with any issues on the request. A great deal of discussion was had concerning the point of the city giving land away and never being able to get it back. A question was brought up on the possibility of one or both parties deciding to sell the land. It was also noted that both parties have spent a considerable amount of their own monies with bringing loads of fill dirt in and maintaining the property. When asked what they would do if the city did not approve their application, they stated that they would stop maintaining the property and would expect the city to begin maintaining it. After much discussion motion by Shepherd seconded by Jacquot to approve the vacating of the platted street as a payment in kind from the 10 years of upkeep that has already been done. A drainage easement and utilities easement will be attached to the vacate. Roll Call: Ayes Jacquot, Mosiman, Olivier and Shepherd. Nays: Clark. Abstain: Jordre.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Clark seconded by Shepherd to go into Executive Session in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:33 p.m. All ayes Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. by Clark seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3502.46, Streets 7699.05, Water 1050.33, Electric 5397.77, Sewer 3935.53, Garbage 3497.70, Parks 506.48, Pool 327.12, Council 2528.98. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5915.17, Lamb's Discount 655.09, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4421.04, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9689.47, Post Office 232.14, Venture Communications 473.60, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 5464.27, Oahe Electric supplier 55888.14, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2597.42, E.F.T.P.S taxes 6032.64, BankWest fees and supplies 103.00, Sovell Oil fuel 559.03, Marco copier contract 215.19, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, AFLAC insurance 1547.24, River Bottom Sanitation 10484.00, Helms and Asso airport 2921.49, Office Of child support 500.00, Riter Rogers retainer 210.00, MDU utilities 15.95, SDML workers comp 4127.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 1137.81, Envirotech recycle 314.36, Delta Dental insurance 311.52, Cholik Signs supplies 550.00, Mike and Dee Stanley deposit refund 26.82, Onida Watchman publications 377.96, Onida Electric repairs 968.66, Runnings supplies 1467.09, Nye Lumber supplies 3228.27, City of Onida deposit refund 123.18, Dakota Supply supplies 195.70, DANR testing 120.00, J&N Bistro correction 1432.86, Lyle Signs supplies 832.75, Badger Meter supplies .12, SDARWS dues 445.00.. Motion made by Jordre seconded by Mosiman to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made by Mosiman seconded by Clark to adjourn 7:57 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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