

APPROVED  
City Council Proceedings  
5/6/2024

The Onida City Council met on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 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, Sheila Ring, Michael Schmit, Terry Barber, J.J. Schall, and Casey Hight.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Jaquot seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 City Council meeting following a correction on the zoning ordinance vote of Casey Clark from yea to nay. All ayes. Motion carried.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Gruis then led the following individuals with their oaths of office: Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, Caleb Shepherd, and Clark Jordre. Brooke Jaquot was thanked for her years of service.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jordre to make the following appointments for 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

President: Olivier

Vice President: Mosiman

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

Airport: Shepherd

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Shepherd 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 –

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Gruis stated that he and Volker had attended water distribution and pool operator certification classes, crack sealing has been completed for the year, park equipment has been serviced, mosquito fogger inspected, and repaired a plugged lagoon pipe so that lagoon discharges can be done. He informed council of a lost utility pole and flag pole due to high winds which have been turned over to our insurance company.

J.J. Schall with Sully County was present to ask council if they would be interested in a cost share for repairs done on cemetery road and Eleventh Street (old 83). Following Hiller's explanation of what is budgeted, what has already been completed, and a bid that was in for the city's repair work motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to agree to helping with the Eleventh Street project only. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Sherriff:** Deputy Hight stated that prom had gone off without a hitch and that the sheriff's department is working on a grant to possibly be able to have another electronic speed sign.

**POPPY DAY:** Mayor Gruis read a proclamation from the American Legion Auxiliary which stated that May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be proclaimed Poppy Day in the city of Onida.

**AIRPORT:** Michael Schmit and Terry Barber were present to discuss the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS III-P). Schmit explaining to council that bids had been opened in the afternoon for this project and advising council that the federal share of the project is still at 90% while

the State of South Dakota and City of Onida will be responsible for 5% each. Barber explained to council what the benefits will be of having this system which will enable more aircraft, including air ambulance, the use of our airport. Motion by Oliver seconded by Mosiman to approve the tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0041-017-2024 Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS III-P), Base bid is made to Muth Electric, Inc., Mitchell, SD, in the amount of \$283,960.50 contingent upon receipt of an FAA Grant Offer. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman giving authorization to the Onida mayor to sign the FAA Grant Application, FAA Grant Offer, and all necessary paperwork for the Construction Contract Documents. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Kevin and Joan Hofer – 801 S Main St – brick remodel on house

CHS River Plains – 402 Cedar Ave – 270,000-gallon liquid fertilizer tank

Ed and Wanda Hauser – 602 South Main St – 12 x 22 car port

Mike and Janel Wiley – 903 Ash Avenue – 24 x 36 car port

Motion by Jordre seconded by Olivier to approve all building permits. 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, J & N Bistro, and The Blue Goose. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve all applications. Roll Call: Ayes Clark, Mosiman, Olivier and Shepherd. Abstain Jordre. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Hiller presented to 2023 annual report to the council. Motion by Jordre seconded by Clark to approve the report. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

**CABLE TV FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:** The second reading of the Cable TV Franchise agreement with Venture Communications was completed. Motion to accept by Mosiman seconded by Clark. All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1 and 3) by Clark seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. by Shepherd seconded by Jordre. All ayes. Motion carried.

**POOL:** Motion made by Olivier seconded by Jordre to hire the following lifeguards: Payge Bakker \$17.25, Adrian Gruis \$18.75, Saige Heath \$16.50, Olivia Olson \$15.75, Sheridan Voorhees \$17.25 and LaJena Gruis \$16.50. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Jordre seconded by Clark to hire LaJena Gruis as pool manager at \$4400. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Olivier seconded by Jordre to make the following changes to the pool rates. A single season ticket will now cost \$75 which will not include swimming lessons, a family ticket \$150 which will not include swimming lessons, swimming lessons will be \$50 per child, a daily pass \$5 and pool parties \$75 for 2 hours. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried

**SUMMER REC:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to approve the hiring of Kayla Yackley and Tom Moore to run the Onida summer rec program this year at \$4000 each for the season and the cost to enroll in summer rec has been increased to \$75.00 per child. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried. This year's summer rec will consist of 4- and 5-year-old t-ball, 6- and 7-year-old coach pitch ball, and a basketball program for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Council is aware that these are all increases that could be hard for some to afford but the cost of everything has gone up dramatically. There will be scholarships available. Please talk to the Onida City office in that regards.

**COLLECTIONS:** Hiller informed council that a past due bill has not been resolved. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Clark to begin the collection process. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to terminate our contract with Kody Kyriss/Riter Rogers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clark seconded by Shepherd to hire Aaron Scheibe/May, Adam, Gerdes, & Thompson. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE WAGES:** Hiller informed council that Distin Volker has received three certifications and thus eligible for \$1.50 per hour wage increase. Motion by Clark seconded by Shepherd to approve. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2945.10, Streets 6259.94, Parks 691.65, Water 6313.21, Electric 4951.91, Sewer 2463.38, Garbage 2752.16, Council 2468.31 Pool 1771.35. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5915.17, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3856.02, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9837.09, Post Office 231.61, Venture Communications 470.82, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 5464.27, Oahe Electric supplier 57531.42, Oahe Electric repairs and fee 10867.26, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2563.26, E.F.T.P.S taxes 3289.19, Petty Cash postage 5.83, BankWest fees and supplies 1368.19, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Marco copier contract 215.19, Lamb's Discount supplies 555.38, Onida Watchman publications 583.50, MDU utilities 47.38, AFLAC insurance 1484.12, Lamb Motors repairs 1304.64, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10484.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 953.72, Envirotech recycle 994.42, One Call locating 10.50, Helms and Asso airport 1843.54, Office of Child Support 500.00, Riter Roger retainer 297.50, Delta Dental insurance 311.52, Brett's Spray Service airport 462.94, Dakota Supply Group 234.62, KBA annual report 700.00, Econo Signs supplies 416.19, White Cap repairs 5991.00, Nye Lumber supplies 8.00, City of Onida deposit refund 300.00, US Bank loans 73029.14, Unemployment contributions 52.81, CHS fuel 2122.24, Sunrise Bank garnishment 126.68, SD Federal Property supplies 318.00, Van Diest supplies 5335.00, Titan Machinery supplies 2973.30, Clark Powersports repairs 30.90, ABO School supplies 40.00, Barber Chemicals supplies 120.00, Sovell Oil fuel 100.17. Motion made by Jordre seconded by Mosiman to pay all bills. Roll Call: Ayes. Jordre, Mosiman, Olivier and Shepherd. Abstain. Clark. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. by Clark seconded by Jordre. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor, LaJena R. Gruis

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Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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