

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
8/05/2024

The Onida City Council met on Monday, August 5th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Casey Clark, Clark Jordre, Jessica Olivier, and Caleb Shepherd. Others present: Tim Gruis, Marileen Tilberg, Brian Ring, Casey Hight, and Sheila Ring.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to approve the minutes from the July 1st 2024 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Gruis stated that they have been spraying weeds, patching asphalt, assisting Sully County on 11th Street and cemetery road, watching the lagoon due to all the rain and sewer inflow, reported on an electric pole break on Ash Avenue, been spraying and dropping pucks for mosquitos, and painting curbs.

Sheriff's Office: Deputy Sheriff Hight stated that the fire at 105 North 8th Street has been turned over to the state fire marshall's office and asked for any information concerning the fire be turned over to the sheriff's department.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Brian Ring and Marileen Tilberg were present to answer questions and explain their groups community involvement. Jordre expressed his concerns on the businesses that have been lost this year, all the homes that are for sale, and the declining enrollment in the school. He asked Ring and Tilberg if there was any business(s) that their group was pursuing. Ring stated that their last successful win was bringing Ringneck Energy in. The local economic development group does stay in touch with the state economic development office where there are lists of businesses looking for places to go. Sully County and Onida's biggest hurdle is that there is no land for sale as everyone has a firm grip on what they own. There is a revolving loan fund through Economic Development but a person must go through their bank to access any of the money. Mayor Gruis stated that she would like to see the city council, economic development and the chamber of commerce meet several times a year so that everyone could work together and see what they could come up with to keep Onida strong.

SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL LICENSE: The Sully County Fair Board and The Onida Fire Department have requested special event alcohol licenses for their events: Sully County Fair August 8th, 9th, and 10th 2024 and Fireman's Night, October 19th, 2024. Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Jordre. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permit was presented for approval:
Floyd and Maggie Eliason – 200 North 8th Street – 5 ft. privacy fence around patio.
Motion by Olivier seconded by Jordre to approve the permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

WAGE INCREASE: Hiller informed council that Volker has attained certification for his commercial pesticide applicator license and thus is eligible for a .50 cent per hour increase beginning with the current pay period. Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Jordre. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and (3). All ayes: Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. by Jordre seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motin carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3510.05, Streets 10945.18, Parks 2889.68, Water 2663.88, Electric 3058.18, Sewer 1882.84, Garbage 3476.29, Pool 19697.77, Summer Rec 4200.00, and Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 5915.17, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 11116.87, Post Office 244.72, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 116.99, Venture Communications 525.84, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 3915.85, Oahe Electric supplier 56309.38, Oahe Electric repairs and fees 833.34, South Dakota Retirement System contributions

3118.52, E.F.T.P.S taxes 12798.35, BankWest fees and supplies 938.46, City of Onida deposit refund 100.00, Onida Watchman publications 164.73, One Call locating 6.30, Marco copier contract 231.36, Lamb Chevy repairs 1334.97, Helms airport 3419.11, Lamb's Discount supplies 1177.32, Sovell Oil fuel 426.89, Barber Chemicals supplies 382.50, Envirotech recycle 994.42, Nye Lumber supplies 41.06, AFLAC insurance 2075.49, Lamb Motors repairs 5.36, River Bottom Sanitation 10484.00, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Runnings supplies 45.06, CHS fuel 1069.96, Morris Inc supplies 2487.00, US Bank loans 73029.14, Wesco supplies 2168.00, Badger Meter supplies .12, Delta Dental insurance 311.52, Eric's Custom Repair repairs 465.00, MDU utilities 46.45, Crazy B's supplies 135.00, Small Engine House repairs 1289.99, Jensen Rock and Sand repairs 17865.42, Brett's Spray airport 2363.70, D & D Asphalt streets 3941.28, Team Lab supplies 2609.00, Paxton Repairs 442.17, Runnings supplies 45.06, City of Highmore supplies 825.00, May Adam retainer 750.00, S.D. Unemployment 11.05, Rec Supply supplies 351.28, Dakota Supply Group supplies 694.71, Hawkins supplies 364.93, Kohlman Bierschbach and Anderson audit 12600.00, Peitz HVAC 7225.35, Van Diest supplies 1685.20, Clark Power Sports supplies 417.74. Motion by Jordre seconded by Olivier to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Jordre seconded by Shepherd to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

LaJena Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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