

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
10/07/2024

The Onida City Council met on Monday, October 7th, 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 (via telephone). Also present: Sheila Ring, Hayden Handcock, Bill Stahl, and Tim Gruis.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Clark seconded by Jordre to approve the minutes from the September 3rd and 17th, 2024 City Council meetings. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis gave his report stating that they had closed and drained the splash park, MC & R pools replastered the splash park, more painting of curbs when weather allows, Maguire Iron cleaned and inspected the water tower, mowed, removed furniture from landfill, winterized the baseball building and reported on a water leak at 200 South 11th Street. Council instructed Gruis to put in a new water shut off for this property.

SHERIFFS REPORT: Sheriff Stahl reported that everything has been calm.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT: Hiller presented council with the 2025 Law Enforcement contract which includes a 3% increase over 2024, coming in at \$6092.63 a month. Motion to approve by Jordre seconded by Olivier. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

BANKING: Hayden Handcock, Market President of American Bank and Trust, discussed with council the SD Fit account that we have had for many years. He has been doing some reading up on SDFIT and he has found that this banking group has no affiliation with South Dakota despite the name and that there is no FDIC coverage. We have over \$1.5 million in this account which could all be lost if something catastrophic were to happen. He informed the council that American Bank and Trust has no fees, it is 100% FDIC insured, and they can compete with the rates we have been receiving based on rates set up by the Federal Reserve. Handcock also discussed with council the other banking items that the city has and how AB&T could mirror what we already have with competitive rates. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to move all of our banking needs out of the Onida banks to American Bank and Trust. Roll Call: Ayes. Clark, Olivier, and Shepherd. Abstain: Jordre. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman

LEGALS: Property issues for 509 South 6th Street, 1000 Dogwood Avenue and 401 South 6th Street were discussed with Hiller stating that 1000 Dogwood Avenue is in the hands of our attorney, 509 South 6th Street is being turned over to our attorney, and 401 South 6th Street has just been presented with their documents.

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

Wayne Miles – 901 Cedar Avenue – ramp

Bret and Jamie Pullman – 903 Fir Avenue – 10 x 14 storage shed

Philip and Kayla Gilliland – 405 South Main Street – front deck

Motion by Jordre seconded by Clark to approve all permits. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

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 1000 Dogwood Avenue and 105 North 8th Street. Motion by Olivier seconded by Clark to present it to the county for collection. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

AIRPORT ENGINEER SELECTION: Hiller informed council that every five years the city must go through an engineer selection process and that time is now. Hiller has contacted three firms with only one firm, Helm's and Associates, sending in their proposal. Hiller contacted the Onida Airport Advisory Board who met on September 9th, 2024, and the board presented their agreement to hire Helm's and Associates for another five years as the airport's engineer. Motion by Olivier seconded by Clark to approve this selection. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

ROAILROAD TRUST FUND LOAN APPLICATION: Resolution 2024-5 in regards to the Sully County Regional Railroad Authority was presented to the council for their approval. Motion by Clark seconded by Jordre to approve the resolution. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman. This resolution will be printed separately.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2683.21, Streets 6535.74, Parks 1297.18, Water 2716.59, Electric 2298.22, Sewer 1152.94, Garbage 2305.05, Pool 1762.63, Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County law enforcement 5915.17, SD Retirement contributions 2068.78, Lamb's Discount supplies 225.82, SD Treasurer taxes 4876.95, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 11627.44, Post Office postage 301.28, Venture Communications 431.45, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 3915.85, Oahe Electric supplier 67376.44, BankWest fee and supplies 347.76, Helm's and Asso airport 5910.88, Marco supplies 226.00, Public Health Lab testing 181.00, Onida Fire Department allocation 20,000.00, AFLAC insurance 1383.66, River Bottom Garbage collections 10484.00, SDDOT sign 16.00, EFTPS contributions 4456.49, Envirotech recycle 1360.12, Delta Dental insurance 311.52, Nye Lumber supplies 152.37, Sully county Highway supplies 100.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 1034.34. Sovell Oil fuel 801.65, One Call locating 9.45, Share Corp supplies 315.58, MDU utilities 22.23, Border States supplies 588.11, Onida Watchman publications 265.41, Clark Power Sports vehicle and repairs 7268.02. City of Onida deposit refund 360.06, Lamb Motors supplies 107.94, Small Engine House supplies 809.80, May Adam retainer 750.00, Badger Meter supplies 106.24, Riteway supplies 163.31, SD Unemployment contributions 29.51, Northwest Pipe supplies 41.43, Don' Food Center supplies 93.04, Henry Blackwell deposit refund 89.94, Pierre Solie Waste landfill 1540.20. Motion was made by Olivier seconded by Jordre to pay all bills. Roll Call: Ayes: Jordre, Olivier, and Shepherd. Abstain: Clark. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Clark seconded by Shepherd at 7:21 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, November 4th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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