

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
12/02/2024

The Onida City Council met on Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Casey Clark, Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, and Caleb Shepherd. Also present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Brian Ring, Gary Wojciechowicz, and Bill Stahl.

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 November 4th, 2024 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis presented his report to council in which he stated that they had winterized the pool and sent pumps off for repair, serviced trucks and sander for winter, water and sewer locates, sewer lift station cleaned, serviced, and inspected, cleaned some culverts, broken power poles between Ash and Cedar, hauled in gravel, put Christmas lights up and replaced a toilet in the Phoenix Center.

Sheriff's Office: Stahl stated that things have been business as usual.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Wojciechowicz wanted to discuss the noise that he must contend with that comes from CHS River Plains when the trains are in town. Mr. Wojciechowicz stated that when the trains are in and the employees are opening the lids to the cars, the noise is obnoxious and happens so frequently. He read an excerpt from the Onida ordinances concerning noise pollution in town. He stated that it would really not take much to lower the noise by simply placing a mat of some type down before the doors are flung open. Mayor Gruis stated that she had a good relationship with CHS and that she would call them and discuss the possibility of rectifying the situation

POOL FUNDS: Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman to move \$1363.00 of pool funds from the BankWest checking account over to the Sunrise Bank savings account. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Mosiman, Olivier and Shepherd. Abstaining: Jordre. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permits were submitted for approval:
Edna Brunmeier – 900 Dogwood Avenue – residing sheds
Wade and Rondha Hiller – 905 South 8th Street- ramp
Rodney and Marla Mosiman – 906 Birch Avenue – new siding and windows
Motion to approve all permits by Clark seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE: Hiller presented an updated Investment Policy with banking being the only changes made from the previous policy. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Clark to approve policy. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Mosiman, Olivier and Shepherd. Abstaining: Jordre. Motion carried.

2022-2023 AUDIT: Documentation was received from the SD Department of Legislative Audit that Onida's audit for the years 2022 and 2023, completed and submitted by Kohlman, Bierschbach, and Anderson LLP, was accepted by their office

RESOLUTION 2024-602: Hiller presented Resolution 2024-602 to council which addressed water rate increases. Hiller stated that Mid Dakota Rural Water rates were going up making it necessary for our rates to increase. Motion by Clark seconded by Jordre to approve the resolution. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried. This resolution will be printed separately.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: With the completion of our 2022-2023 city audit Hiller stated that it was necessary to transfer \$50,000 from the general fund cash over to the solid waste cash fund. Hiller asked that \$50,000 be transferred as we have a balance of -\$22,555 in the solid waste fund and there was almost \$7,000 more in expenditures to be added and the remainder of December to go. Motion by Clark seconded by Olivier to approve the transfer. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

SULLY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALKING TRAILS: Information was received from the Sully County Historical Society concerning Talking Trail sponsorship. The one-time sponsorship costs \$1000 with the signs having a life expectancy of 8 to 10 years. Sheila Ring described the signs to council stating that she had been on a trip and was introduced to the concept at the time and stated that they are very interesting. Council stated that they would be willing to co-sponsor a sign with the Onida Economic Development group if they would be interested. No further action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to go into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2-(3). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Jordre to come out of Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

END OF YEAR MEETING: The final meeting of the year will be December 23rd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 3066.07, Streets 3583.07, Water 1895.73, Electric 2272.32, Sewer 1751.29, Garbage 6627.42, Pool 830.24, Council 1750.00, Parks 396.65. OTHER: Sully County law enforcement 5915.17, SD Retirement contributions 2068.96, EFTPS taxes 7226.86, Lamb's Discount supplies 987.80, SD Treasurer taxes 3776.23, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 9818.18, Post Office 245.28, Venture Communications 484.98, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 3915.85, Oahe Electric supplier 43649.99, Oahe Electric repairs and fee 6219.98, BankWest fee 50.00, Lamb Motor repairs 569.94, Marco supplies 226.40, Helms and Asso. airport 1759.66, AFLAC insurance 1383.66, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10484.00, Wesco supplies 896.00, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Lamb Chevy supplies 1241.49, Delta Dental insurance 311.52, City of Onida deposit refund 150.00, Marty Maier deposit refund 100.00, Nye Lumber supplies 6351.58, NAASASP dues 39.00, Runnings supplies 309.07, May Adam retainer 750.00, Badger Meter supplies 118.53, SDML Worker Comp contributions 5458.00, Kohlman Bierschbach and Anderson audit 4900.00, JP Cooke supplies 94.95, SD Municipal League dues 1051.00, Dakota Pump inspection 1530.00, Cash bank transfer 130150.38, American Bank and Trust fees 60.00, Maguire Iron inspection 2650.00, American Bank and Trust supplies 343.96, Factor 360 web site 100.00, MDU utilities 20.10, Envirotech recycle 765.07. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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