

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
03-03-2025

The Onida City Council met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor Lajena Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Casey Clark, Marla Mosiman, and Jessica Olivier. Clark Jordre arrived just after roll call and Caleb Shepherd called in. Also present: Sheila Ring, Tim Gruis, Todd and Brooke Jacquot, Bill Stahl, and Michael Porter.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Olivier seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Gruis's report stated that a water leak has been discovered along Ash Avenue between Main Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A new service will be installed when weather permits. A heater and control panel have been installed in the lift station pump pit, started trimming park trees, turned over the compost pile, a new trench box was received and put together, and a water live tapping tool received. He also stated the he and Volker attended a training meeting in Mobridge which addressed PFAS, lead lines and backflow prevention.

**Sherriff Dept.:** Sheriff Stahl was present and stated that the town has been quiet.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Todd and Brooke Jacquot were present to ask council to consider letting chickens be brought into town stating that their children were interested in raising chickens and also stating the purpose for this was completely for their children and not due to the cost of eggs. Jacquot's presented council with several examples of ordinances from other near by towns that already allow chickens. Mayor Gruis thanked Jacquot's for the information that they presented and stated that council would contact our attorney for advice.

**LEGALS:** Hiller presented Resolution 2025-606 for council approval which deals with hangar leases at the Onida airport. Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman to approve the resolution. Resolution will be printed in full separately.

Notice of bid for the airport farmland was read. Motion by Jordre seconded by Clark to approve the notice. Roll Call: Ayes-Clark, Jordre, Mosiman, Olivier. Abstain- Shepherd. Motion carried.

**EQUIPMENT PURHCASES:** Superintendent Gruis presented two proposals for equipment purchases. A 2024 Ford Super Duty pick-up off of state bid contract number 17619 for \$54,791. Gruis was asked if this pick-up met all of his requirements in which he stated yes. Motion to approve purchase by Shepherd seconded by Clark. Roll Call: Ayes- Clark, Jordre, Mosiman and Shepherd. Nays- Olivier. Motion carried.

A 16 by 83 low pro dump trailer for \$11,150 with Gruis stating that this trailer is needed as the city is always borrowing trailers. Gruis was asked if trailer could be used for, say a community clean-up, in which Gruis answered yes. Motion by Clark seconded by Olivier to approve this purchase. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Gruis also presented documentation on a rental agreement for crack sealing streets this spring. The company is called Crafcoc Inc. Gruis stated that he would like to purchase 12 pallets of product which would cost approximately \$15,256. Gruis stating that they went through 4 pallets in 2024 pretty quickly and the company told him that any carry over could be stored easily as long as it is stored correctly. We would also need to rent the crack sealing machine at a

cost of \$5500 for a month bringing the total to approximately \$20,756. The 2025 budget for street repairs was set at \$150,000. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Jordre to approve the purchase. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION:** Hiller informed the Council that there will be an election this year in Ward 2 for the 1-year term between Gerald Rausch and Michael Porter. The election will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Other uncontested seats will be filled by: LaJena R. Gruis Mayor two -year term, Teri Carter Ward 2, two-year term, Michael Wiley Ward 3, two-year term. No petition was received for Ward 1, two-year term currently held by Caleb Shepherd. This seat will be filled by appointment.

**DEPARTURE:** Shepherd left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Clark seconded by Mosiman to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2302.63, Streets 4489.48, Water 5025.96, Electric 2118.58, Sewer 2575.95, Garbage 2296.59, Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6092.63, Lamb's Discount supplies 663.01, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4744.44, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9920.42, Post Office postage 245.28, Venture Communications 480.10, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4328.03, Oahe Electric supplier 67971.16, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2120.46, E.F.T.P.S taxes 4864.14, Sovell Oil fuel 41.67, Marco copier contract 226.40, Badger Meter supplies 118.53, Onida Watchman publications 312.48, AFLAC insurance 1383.66, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10579.00, One Call locating 12.60, Tim Gruis training 14.00, Dustin Volker training and clothing allowance 268.00, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, Titan Machinery repairs 102.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 555.03, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Envirotech recycle 765.07, MDU utilities 23.73, Dakota Pump contract and repairs 1371.50, Equipment Blades supplies, 438.45, Lamb Motors supplies 4.32, Runnings supplies 1174.54, May Adam retainer 750.00, Dakota Supply Group supplies 115.37, Olivier Construction repairs 1687.16, SDARWS repairs 125.00, AB&T fee 30.00, CHS fuel 3224.81, High Plains Art Council contribution 1000.00, Red Cross supplies 200.00, Northwest Pipe supplies 104.28, Paxton Repair repairs 258.36, Vicki Uhrig deposit refund 66.28. Motion made by Clark seconded by Jordre to pay all bills. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Jordre, Mosiman. Abstain: Olivier. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion was made by Mosiman seconded by Clark to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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LaJena R Gruis, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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