

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
04-07-2025

The Onida City Council met on Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Clark Jordre, Marla Mosiman, and Jessica Olivier. Also present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Elizabeth Quinn, Teri Carter, Mike Porter, Brooke Jacquot, Todd Jacquot, MJ Olivier, and Casey Hight.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Olivier seconded by Jordre to approve the minutes from the March 3rd, 17th, and 24th, 2025 City Council meetings. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Clark and Shepherd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Elizabeth Quinn was present with her thoughts on chickens in the city. Ms. Quinn stated in favor of the project stating that it would be good for the community, there would be little noise as long as no roosters are allowed and as for nuisances in the way of noise and odor, the city could make some very strict ordinances for people to follow, or as Ms. Quinn stated “ordinance the heck out of them.” Mayor Gruis told those in attendance that we have turned the matter over to our attorney and we are just waiting for his feedback on the situation.

ARRIVAL: Casey Clark arrived at 6:33 p.m. and Caleb Shepherd arrived at 6:43 p.m.

REPORTS: Gruis reported they have had a few water and sewer issues due to freezing/frost; the lagoon discharge pipe was frozen/blocked which has been resolved, cleaned out Gopher Gulch and main drainage culverts, load limits placed on CHS/Cone Ag road, hauled the furniture pile to Pierre, cleaned up pool park and repaired chain link fence, trimmed and removed trees, gravel/graded some alleys, worked on equipment, started crack sealing of streets.

Sherriff Dept.: Hight stating that there have been just a few things going on around town that but he was not at liberty to speak about them.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following permits were presented for approval:

Todd and Brooke Jacquot – 105 South 6th Street – siding, soffit, fascia, gutters

Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Jordre. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Jordre, Mosiman and Shepherd. Abstain: Olivier. Motion carried.

Rod and Rory Mennenger – 402 South 5th Street – siding, roof and 10 x 24 lean too addition

Motion to approve by Jordre seconded by Olivier. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried

MJ and Jessica Olivier – 803 Birch Avenue – windows, siding, basement remodel

MJ and Jessica Oliver – 205 South 9th Street – outdoor firepit

Motion to approve both permits by Clark seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Jordre, Mosiman and Shepherd. Abstain: Olivier. Motion carried

Lee and Jessica Rausch – 303 South 9th Street – 12 x 12 garden shed

Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion Carried.

Marla and Rodney Mosiman – 505 South 6th Street – fence

Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Jordre. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Jordre, Olivier and Shepherd. Abstain: Mosiman. Motion carried.

SULLY COUNTY BUDGET REQUEST: Hiller presented council with a request to Sully County for their continued support of our recreation programs. Motion by Clark seconded by Jordre to request \$25,000 for 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Clark, Jordre, Mosiman, and Olivier. Abstain: Shepherd. Motion carried.

STREET REPAIRS 2025: Gruis had a bid from Jensen Rock and Sand for 20,000 square yards of street work this year at a price of \$65,600. Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW ELECTRIC METER SYSTEM: Council was given a new price list involving a meter system which will be the start to adding a remote read electric system in town. The process was started back in 2023 but due to Covid and supply issues it was not able to be implemented at the time. The meters are finally back in stock and the prices have dropped from \$30,398 to \$29,100. Motion to approve the project by Clark seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

LEGALS: Mayor Gruis advised those present that the legal proceedings have begun for the property located at 1000 Dogwood Avenue with our attorney attending the first of three scheduled court hearings. The ball is now in the hands of the property owner to show proof of his claims against the city. The next court date is scheduled for June 3rd, 2025 and the trial is scheduled to be held on June 17th 2025.

POOL REPAIRS/GRANT REQUEST: Mayor Gruis has been working with the Central South Dakota

Enhancement District on applying for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to address some of the problems at the pool. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Clark giving authorization for LaJena R. Gruis permission to execute and file an application on behalf of the city. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

AIRPORT: Hiller supplied council with the new rental contracts for the hangars at the airport. Motion to approve contracts by Shepherd seconded by Clark. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Hiller was also asked by one of the hangar owners if it would be possible for them to pour a 15 x 48 concrete pad from the taxiway to their hangar. Hiller checked with Terry Barber and our airport engineer Michael Schmit to make sure there were no issues with Terry or the FAA with both parties stating that there were no issues. Motion by Jordre seconded by Mosiman to approve the project. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREES: Two quotes were received from Isaac LaLonde on removal of trees in the area. One of the quotes was for trees located at 105 North 8th Street. Mayor Gruis has forwarded this information on to the finance company as this property is in foreclosure.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT: Hiller presented the 2024 Annual Report to council. Motion to approve by Clark seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

DRINKING WATER AWARD AND REPORT: Hiller presented copies of the 2024 water quality report to the council. This report is available to the public at the office if anyone is interested. It has also been published in the Onida Watchman and is available on www.onidasd.org. We were also notified by the state of South Dakota that we have again won the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence. Certificates were given to Superintendent Gruis for himself and Dustin Volker for their part in the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to go into Executive Session in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:18 p.m. All ayes Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. by Mosiman seconded by Clark. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER REC: Motion by Olivier to hire Deanna Thorpe to run this year's summer rec program in which she will be paid \$6000 seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2363.89, Streets 5234.12, Water 2062.82, Electric 2332.84, Sewer 3185.26, Garbage 1720.79, Parks 1861.71, Pool 114.03, Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6092.63, Lamb's Discount 650.33, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3817.15, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9982.16, Post Office 244.16, Venture Communications 489.17, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4328.03, Oahe Electric supplier 63999.56, Oahe Electric fee and repairs 1655.98, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2119.50, E.F.T.P.S taxes 7033.60, Sovell Oil fuel 319.56, Marco copier contract 226.40, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, AFLAC insurance 1383.66, River Bottom Sanitation 10579.00, Helms and Asso airport 2397.37, May Adam retainer 750.00, MDU utilities 41.85, SDML workers comp 2930.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 11752.77, Envirotech recycle 1118.73, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, Cholik Signs supplies 545.00, Onida Watchman publications 1039.39, Runnings supplies 430.22, City of Onida deposit refund 551.52, Dakota Supply supplies 970.61, Badger Meter supplies 118.82, SDARWS dues 445.00, McLeods supplies 52.54, Lamb Motors pickup 55412.86, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 181.26, Don's Food Center supplies 87.05, Share Corp supplies 739.40, American Bank and Trust fee 30.00, SD Federal Property supplies 329.25, CHS fuel 2476.99, Sunrise Agency insurance 1997.59, SDSU Extension certification 15.00, Crafcro street improvements 13985.60, Paxton Repair repairs 303.80, Onida Chamber dues 75.00, Brett's Spray maintenance 464.22, Mark Zabroski deposit refund 150.00, SD Unemployment contributions 39.28. Motion made by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made by Clark seconded by Mosiman to adjourn 7:31 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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