

APPROVED
City Council Proceedings
5/6/2025

The Onida City Council met on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 at the City office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Casey Clark, Jessica Olivier, and Caleb Shepherd. Also Present: Tim Gruis, Bill Stahl, Gerald Rausch, Mike Wiley, and Teri Carter. Mosiman arrived at 6:40 p.m.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Clark seconded by Shepherd to approve the minutes from the April 7th and 14th, 2025 meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

ARRIVAL: Mosiman arrived at 6:40 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE: Oaths of office were given to LaJena R. Gruis, Michael Wiley, Teri Carter, and Gerald Rausch. Mayor Gruis suggested that Caleb Shepherd be appointed to another one-year term as council member for Ward 1. Motion to approve by Olivier seconded by Wiley. All ayes. Motion carried. Shepherd then took his Oath of Office.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Rausch to make the following appointments for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

President: Olivier

Vice President: Mosiman

Rail Authority: (Jane Pitlick)

Airport: Shepherd

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Shepherd, Wiley, and Carter

Street/Alley/Fire/Parks/Sanitation: Rausch, Wiley, and Mosiman

Finance/City Property/Pool/Insurance/Electric/Water: Wiley, Olivier, and Shepherd

Auditing: Mosiman, Olivier and Carter

News Paper: The Onida Watchman

Attorney: Aaron Scheibe / May, Adam

Enhancement District/Equalization: Gruis

Banking: American Bank and Trust – Checking, ICS, Savings, and Phoenix Center

Sunrise Bank – swimming pool

Also reviewed Open meeting laws.

BANK SIGNATURES: Motion by Mosiman seconded by Wiley to remove Clark Jordre as a check signer and add Teri Carter along with Hiller, Gruis, and Mosiman. Roll All: Ayes: Wiley, Rausch, Mosiman, Olivier and Shepherd. Abstain: Carter. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis stated that the landfill has been burned and fill dirt hauled in, repairs to water service, trimmed trees, electric repairs, crack sealing continues when weather has allowed, assisted with the Freshman Impact program, splash park cleaned and pumps repaired, mosquito fogger serviced and ready for use, measured streets for new asphalt, hauled in rock and gravel for street repairs. He also stated that the new water service for Lamb's Discount will be completed next week. Council also discussed the state of some of the streets in town and what repairs need to be done. Council advised Gruis to contact SD-LTAP and ask them come up and give their opinion of options on the street repairs. Gruis also stated that the elevator roads are bad but he does not like dealing with the mag water as it makes it difficult to work on the roads and he would rather keep them wet which would make it easier for him to work. He also stated concerns about the rail car that has been lying next to the road at CHS for several months now. Rausch stated that he would talk to CHS management about getting the rail car removed. Council also advised Gruis about street lights being out near BankWest and Sunrise Bank.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stahl stated that he also has concerns about the rail car that is still lying next to the road at CHS especially with the kids speeding in the area. On a personal note, Stahl asked what was being done with the school's water runoff that ends up along the area of 6th street. Gruis stated that the project is still being worked on and they expect it to be completed this summer.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permit was presented for approval:

Travor and Brielle Bohle – 900 Cherry Avenue – backyard chain-link fencing

Motion by Olivier seconded by Mosiman to approve the building permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXIT: Shepherd exited the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ALCOHOL: This being the time and place for a hearing on the renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses and no one was present to protest. The following Malt Beverage License Applications were presented to the Council: Don's Food Center and The Blue Goose. Motion by Wiley seconded by Carter to approve all applications. Roll Call: All Ayes. Absent: Shepherd. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-001: USE OF AIRPORT REVENUE: Resolution was read in full. Motion by Olivier seconded by Rausch to approve resolution. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd. Resolution will be published in full separately.

RESOLUTION 2025-002: CYBERSECURITY AND INCIDENT RESPONSE: Resolution was read in full. Motion by Mosiman second by Carter to approve. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd. Resolution will be published in full separately.

POOL: Hiller informed council that she has only received three (3) job applications for lifeguards and did not think that it was possible to open the pool at this time as two (2) of the applicants were part-time only. After much discussion council made the difficult decision to table the hiring of any lifeguards and stated that the pool will not open at this time. If we could get a few more people certified we would then be able to open the pool even if under a modified schedule.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2418.70, Streets 5993.48, Parks 146.20, Water 3017.61, Electric 3546.06, Sewer 1236.26, Garbage 3023.49, Council 2200.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6092.63, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3726.18, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 10330.55, Post Office supplies 244.16, Venture Communications 479.88, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4328.03, Oahe Electric supplier 52165.33, Oahe Electric repairs and fee 2286.57, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2155.70, E.F.T.P.S taxes 5055.78, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Marco copier contract 226.65, Lamb's Discount supplies 960.36, Onida Watchman publications 835.74, MDU utilities 20.98, AFLAC insurance 1440.22, Lamb Motors repairs 129.65, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10674.00, Lamb Chevy repairs 1206.22, Envirotech recycle 353.66, One Call locating 15.75, Helms and Asso airport 2441.96, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, Dakota Supply Group supplies 1621.19, KBA annual report 750.00, City of Onida deposit refund 150.00, US Bank loans 73029.14, Sovell Oil fuel 238.83, Northwest Pipe supplies 1687.94, Runnings supplies 999.99, Badger Meter supplies 118.82, SDPAA insurance 29406.08, Muth Electric airport 90004.50, ABT fee and supplies 2718.45, Cash postage 25.30, Amy Robb deposit refund 100.00, M & T Fire Safety supplies 250.00, Cholik Signs supplies 175.00, SDARWS repairs 125.00, 3E repairs 764.35, Taryn Kenzy certification 212.40, Morris Inc supplies 1076.49, Fran McQuirk election 248.40, Jolene Schall election 248.40, Brenda Lamb election 248.40, Factor 360 web site 150.00, Dakota Tree service 5900.00, May Adam retainer 750.00. Motion made by Olivier seconded by Mosiman to pay all bills. Roll Call: All Ayes. Absent: Shepherd. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Mosiman seconded by Carter. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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