

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
06/02/2025

The Onida City Council met on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Teri Carter, Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, Caleb Shepherd, and Mike Wiley. Gerald Rausch arrived one minute later. Also present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Todd and Brooke Jacquot, MJ Olivier, Bill Stahl, Suzanne Stahl, and Gary Wojciechowicz.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Carter to approve the minutes from the May 6th, and May 12th 2025 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: In Superintendent Gruis's report he stated that they had reached the end of the rental contract for using the street crack sealer, a new 1" water service has been put in near 102 South Main Street and a ¾" curb stop was put in near 120 South Main Street, cleaned up branches from the unrelenting winds, splash park filter has been repaired and filter sand replaced, started on repairs and crack sealing of the big pool, discharging wetlands and monitoring sewer lagoons due to the rain, baseball field is ready for the season, spraying weeds, and contacted MC & R pools for repairs needed on the splash park.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Stahl stated that they have been concentrating on the day care areas, child safety/child seats, and people who are parking too close to fire hydrants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Suzanne Stahl and Gary Wojciechowicz brought in their concerns regarding the dust at their residences. Stahl stating that she has installed an outdoor kitchen and it is always covered in dust. She has had her vents cleaned and she still has issues with dust in the home. Council stated that most of the dust comes from west of her residence, mainly the grain elevators, The Corner, and at present, road work that is being done on the highway. Stahl inquired about the possibility of water trucks on the elevator roads and Shepherd informed her that would never work as this would be a job that would need to be done several times daily and the elevators would not hire someone whose job would be to run the water truck. Mayor Gruis stated that the city will no longer be using mag water on the streets as it makes the streets too hard to work on, but did tell Stahl that the city does need to work on the CHS road and add additional gravel which would help decrease the dust.

Council was also asked about the school water that is always running down their block and the slime that is ensuing from this with Stahl asking if the city could sweep her street weekly. Wojciechowicz inquired on when the water drainage was going to be corrected with Superintendent Gruis stating that this is a school problem and the school is presently working on a fix for this problem.

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

634 Properties – 1000 Dogwood Avenue – replacing flooring, siding, roofing, windows,
and entrance doors.

Terry Duffel – 503 South 6th Street – 50 x 60 garage

Karen Donahue – 304 South 8th Street – replacing fascia

Motion to approve 634 Properties and Terry Duffel by Shepherd seconded by Rausch. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve Donahue by Mosiman seconded by Carter. Roll Call: Ayes: Carter, Mosiman, Rausch, Shepherd, and Wiley. Abstain: Olivier. Motion carried.

LIFEGUARD HIRES: Three applications for lifeguarding were received. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Carter to hire Payge Bakker and Olivia Olson at \$23.00 per hour. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Olivier to hire Quinn Jordre at \$20.00 per hour. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE: Per our attorney, motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to approve spending the money for our attorney to work on drafting ordinances that may allow chickens in town. Roll Call: Yes: Carter, Mosiman, Rausch, and Wiley. No: Oliver and Shepherd. Motion carried.

CSDED: An agreement was received from Central South Dakota Enhancement District for 2026. CSDED does a tremendous amount of invaluable work for the city from finding us grants, taking care of

paperwork and monies from grants and project loans. Motion by Rausch seconded by Mosiman to approve the agreement. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 7:06 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman at 7:26 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2527.11, Streets 5848.64, Parks 1070.11, Water 2435.14, Electric 2494.70, Sewer 767.08, Garbage 1783.27, Pool 2287.14, Council 1950.00. OTHER: May Adam retainer 750.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6092.63, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3681.70, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 11304.53, Post Office 375.40, Venture Communications 480.36, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4328.03, Oahe Electric supplier 47379.22, Oahe Electric repairs and fees 1702.39, AFLAC insurance 1440.22, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2111.72, E.F.T.P.S taxes 2216.84, American Bank and Trust fees and supplies 670.05, Public Health Lab testing 15.00, Marco copier contract 235.40, Lamb Chevy repairs 835.35, Nye Lumber supplies 105.13, Lamb's Discount supplies 917.30, Sovell Oil fuel 303.28, City of Onida deposit refund 100.00, Dept of Ag and Natl Resources fee 350.00, River Bottom Sanitation 10674.00, Brett's Spray airport 805.75, Helms and Asso airport 16729.04, Lamb Motors supplies 514.23, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, Crazy B's supplies 1675.00, Badger Meter supplies 118.82, Northwest Pipe supplies 484.76, Onida Watchman publications 751.92, Dakota Pump repairs 1865.72, SD Dept of Revenue malt beverage license 300.00, Morris Inc supplies 2346.70, SDGFOA school 75.00, SD Municipal electric Asso dues 675.00, Sharpe Rentals repairs 200.00 Tim Gruis supplies 223.01. Motion made by Olivier seconded by Shepherd to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Carter seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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