

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
07/07/2025

The Onida City Council met on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Marla Mosiman, Caleb Shepherd, Jessica Olivier, Gerald Rausch, Mike Wiley, and Teri Carter. Also present: Tim Gruis, Aaron Scheibe, Sheila Ring, Alan Birney, Sarah Birney, MJ Olivier.

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

LEGALS: Attorney Scheibe was present for discussions concerning Open Meetings Laws, Ethics Policies, East Haven / Stevo Matic abatement, and chicken ordinances. Scheibe went over a few new laws that went into effect as of July 1st 2025 one being Open Meeting Laws. Scheibe explained what this new law is meant to do and went over some points including executive sessions, teleconferences, quorum meetings during texts, emails, or other forms of mass communication. Scheibe explained ethics policies and what would be involved in this type of policy. Scheibe updated the council concerning the abatement issue at 1000 Dogwood Avenue. We had a court hearing on the matter and Mr. Stevo Matic was given until September 30th, 2025 to complete his plans that were put on a city building permit. Scheibe also informed council that just because the complex abatement issue is repaired, does not mean that the complex will be opened up for renters. The city cannot force anyone into opening a building for people to live in. Then the discussion of having a chicken ordinance began. Scheibe sent over a working copy for a chicken ordinance giving the council a place to start. Notes were made on changes that the council would like to see with Scheibe stating that he would take the ordinance back to his office and make the changes that council has requested. When he has completed the changes, he will email it back to the city office and the ordinance will be available for anyone to pick up and read. It is hoped to have the first read of the ordinance at the August meeting and those that have concerns, likes, or dislikes, will attend the meeting and voice their opinions.

MINUTES: Motion by Olivier seconded by Wiley to approve the minutes from the June 2nd, 2025 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis reported that the pool was running well and we should have all needed supplies to finish the season, he had the lagoons sonar read and is waiting for the results, tops of lagoons mowed and one waste water discharge has been completed, hauled tree pile ashes out and backfilled the burn site, sprayed and weeded around gopher gulch, the lagoons, CHS road, and alleys, graveled CHS roads, shaped up a few alleys, moved flagpole from the firehall to the Phoenix Center, moved electric line on the firehall lot, and fogged mosquitoes for Onida and Blunt.

Gruis stated that he has been talking with JJ Schall about piggy backing off the counties bid and getting a gravel inventory set aside from the Brown Pit. This could be done much cheaper than having another company haul gravel in for the city with a cost being under \$5.00 a ton where we just paid \$14.00 a ton. Gruis stated that he would like to have 10,000 tons set aside. Motion by Wiley seconded by Shepherd to approve. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MOWER PURCHASE: Gruis also presented quotes for a new mower:

Hustler Super Z HD 72" RD for \$16,850.17

Ferris ISX800 52" for \$10,499.00

Ferris ISX800 60" for \$10,749.00

Ferris ISZ2200 60" for \$14,250.00

Ferris ISX3300 for \$18999.00

RZ 752i wb04-011-3600 for \$10,749.99

Bad Boy Maverick 60" for \$6350.00

Bad Boy Rogue 61" for \$10930.00

Motion by Shepherd seconded by Rausch to approve the purchase of the Hustler Super Z HD for \$16,850.17 from Lamb's Chevy. Roll Call all ayes. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: no report.

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

The Rustic Emerald – 125 South Main Street- front concrete, siding, railing, and overhang

Kevin and Joan Hofer – 801 South Main Street – shingles

Van Huse – 211 South 6th Street – windows, siding, doors, inside restoration

Brian and Tara White – 1000 Ginseng Avenue – 20 x 20 x 7 carport

Motion by Carter seconded by Shepherd to approve all permits. All ayes. Motion carried

Onida Fire Department – 46 x 62 addition. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Rausch to approve permit. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosiman, Shepherd, Rausch, Wiley and Carter. Abstain: Olivier. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL LICENSE: The Sully County Fair Board has requested a special event alcohol license for the Sully County Fair August 8th and 9th, 2025. Motion to approve by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

LAND LEASE: Hiller informed council that the approximately 3 acres of land located in the NW of the NE ¼, Section 1, Township 114N, Range 77W is up for lease for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028. Council authorized Hiller to publish the notice of bid.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2380.47, Streets 3178.37, Parks 898.34, Water 2086.42, Electric 2286.02, Sewer 2391.60, Garbage 2230.04, Pool 7816.84, Council 2000.00, Summer Rec 3000.00. OTHER: May Adam retainer 750.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6092.63, S. D. Treasurer taxes 3593.33, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 12591.62, Post Office 346.96, Venture Communications 567.33, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4328.03, Oahe Electric supplier 52904.61, Oahe Electric fees and repairs 1329.94, AFLAC insurance 1440.22, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2123.48, E.F.T.P.S taxes 9586.46, American Bank and Trust fees and supplies 1240.58, Public Health Lab testing 270.00, Marco copier contract 235.40, Lamb Chevy repairs 897.47, Nye Lumber supplies 11.99, Hawkins supplies 7629.52, Lamb's Discount supplies 934.85 Sovell Oil fuel 463.12, City of Onida deposit refund 100.00, River Bottom Sanitation 10674.00, Brett's Spray airport 1545.76, Helms and Asso airport 3681.98, Don's Food Center supplies 157.07, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, B & B Equipment supplies 10272.92, Clark Powersports repairs 141.25, Badger Meter supplies 118.53, One Call locating 31.50, Envirotech recycle 1530.14, MDU utilities 21.90, Onida Watchman publications 146.16, Dakota Supply Group supplies 297.32, Cash postage 13.86, Todd's Electric repairs 3922.06, Barber Chemicals supplies 437.50, Ramkota school 258.36, Morris Inc supplies 285.84, Runnings supplies 42.43, USA Blue Book 386.66, Rondha Hiller school 101.00, Grassland Gourmet supplies 25.00, Econo Signs supplies 1007.34, Factor 360 web site 100.00, Action Auction Asso supplies 1600.00, Team Lab supplies 2313.50, Bruce Kleinsasser pool certifications 720.00, SD Unemployment contributions 13.09. Motion made by Carter seconded by Mosiman to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, August 4th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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