APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
8/04/2025

The Onida City Council met on Monday, August 4th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Mike Wiley, Teri Carter, Jessica Olivier, and Caleb Shepherd. Others present: Tim Gruis, Gill Headman, JJ Schall, Pam Eidsness, Scott Currier, Barb Schneider, Dustin Volker, Brooke Jacquot, and Sheila Ring.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Mayor Gruis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Carter to approve the minutes from the July 7th 2025 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Gruis's report included a wastewater system inspection, alley work, fixing potholes, cleaning debris from both sides of ditch along railroad tracks, and spraying weeds around dump and lagoons. He also met with Gill Headman of SDLTAP and JJ Schall concerning roads, and Ferding Electric concerning a generator at the Phoenix Center and installing a timer at the splash park.

**Sheriff's Office:** No report.

**PROPANE CONTRACT:** Correspondance was received from CHS regarding propane for the 2025-2026 propane season giving us two options. Option 1: we could pay $1.40 per gallon on delivered propane up to 3000 gallons or Option 2: we could prepay $1.35 per gallon delivered up to 3000 gallons. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to choose option two. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

**WATERTOWER CONTRACT:** A contract for the services of disinfection and cleanout of the water tower was received from Maguire. This service would occur every other year at a base amount of $3000.00. Motion to approve by Carter seconded by Wiley. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

**ROAD AGREEMENT:** Superintendent Gruis, JJ Schall of Sully County, and Gill Headman of SDLTAP were present to advise the council on issues on 4th Street running south of CHS. Mr. Headman helps counties and cities with road and street projects. Following their meeting it was decided that this street needs to be built up as there is nowhere for water to go in the event of a heavy rain event except over the road. Council was advised that the road needs to be built up 4 to 6 inches. Mr. Headman advised council that adding dust pods to the build would be a good addition. If the city and county work on this road together it is expected to cost each entity approximately $14,000 which includes building the road up, adding dust pods, and adding new culverts. Motion to approve project by Olivier seconded by Wiley. Roll All: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Mosiman and Rausch.

**SEWER/LAGOON TREATMENT OPTIONS:** Our lagoons were just inspected and the news was not great. There is a lot of sludge in both ponds. Options to correct include Option 1: dredging the ponds out with an estimated cost of $100,000 per pond. Option 2: put bugs into the ponds. The annual cost would be $4,191.50. Gruis has been in contact with the City of Gettysburg as they have just started with the bug option and they are very happy with it as they have quickly gained back several inches of space in their lagoon. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Carter to go with option two. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Mosiman and Rausch.

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

Chuck and Monica Weischedel – 206 North 10th Street – siding house

Dave and Jane Pitlick – 902 Dogwood Avenue – replacing windows

Garth Hofer – 808 South Main Street – cement pad and fencing

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

**CEMETERY:** Pam Eidsness was present to ask the city if the city would allow city personnel to dig the graves at the Onida cemetery as we have the equipment to use and Volker stating that he could do it. Following discussion it was decided to table the subject until Hiller contacts our insurance company to make sure the city would be covered in case an accident should happen.

**ORDINANCE 2025-1:** This ordinance concerns having up to 6 chickens, no roosters, within the Onida City limits, and the rules and regulations that are tied to the ordinance. This was the first read of said ordinance. Second read will occur at the September 2nd, 2025 city council meeting.

**LAND BID:** One bid was received for land located in the NW of the NE ¼, Section 1, Township 114N, Range 77W. This bid coming from Mark Barber for $120.00 per year beginning 2026 through 2028. Motion to approve by Carter seconded by Wiley. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

**FIREHALL:** Shepherd along with Scott Currier updated the council on the new building going up for the fire department and ownership of the present building which the City of Onida is listed as owner. Due to lender request, the fire department would like to City of Onida to be removed as owner of the building. This would save the city also as the city is paying for insurance on the building. Council was also asked that the utility billings continue to be absorbed by the city. Discussions will continue on the subject following discussions with the city attorney.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) by Shepherd, seconded by Wiley. All ayes: Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. by Carter seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motin carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3875.80, Streets 8149.27, Parks 2786.42, Water 2858.51, Electric 3723.00, Sewer 3036.38, Garbage 3603.94, Pool 17528.70, Summer Rec 3000.00, and Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6092.63, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 12445.46, Post Office 269.62, Venture Communications 528.06, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4328.03, Oahe Electric supplier 57503.13, Oahe Electric repairs and fees 416.67, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 3379.94, E.F.T.P.S taxes 7928.01, City of Onida deposit refund 150.00, Onida Watchman publications 98.55, One Call locating 6.30, Marco copier contract 248.27, Lamb Chevy repairs 18000.69, Helms airport 4815.39, Lamb's Discount supplies 390.44, Sovell Oil fuel 342.01, Barber Chemicals supplies 835.00, AFLAC insurance 1440.22, Lamb Motors repairs 238.32, River Bottom Sanitation 10674.00, Public Health Lab testing 50.00, Runnings supplies 107.95, CHS fuel 60.00, Morris Inc supplies 498.72, US Bank loans 73029.14, Wesco supplies 225.14, Badger Meter supplies 119.11, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, MDU utilities 45.48, Brett's Spray airport 1310.51, May Adam retainer 750.00, Van Diest supplies 5434.00, SD State Treasurer sales tax 4020.67, Crafco repairs 3600.00, American Bank and Trust supplies and fees 616.85, SD Federal Property supplies 335.00, Oahe Concrete repairs 1020.40, Muth Electric airport 181087.12, Northwest Pipe supplies 4088.96, Rinker Materials supplies 3176.10, and Kimball Midwest supplies 796.80. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Carter seconded by Wiley to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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