

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
10/07/2025

The Onida City Council met on Tuesday, October 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, JR Rausch, Mike Wiley, and Teri Carter. Also present: Aaron Scheibe, MJ Olivier, Scott Currier, Casey Hight, Tim Gruis, Suzanne Stahl, and Sheila Ring.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to approve the minutes from the September 2nd and 22nd, 2025 City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis's report consisted of 4th Street improvements, filling potholes, chip seal/fog coat done for the year, winterizing the pool and outbuildings, putting gravel on N 9th Street, measuring streets, and electrical repairs.

Council had asked Gruis to have someone from Brosz Engineering at this meeting but no one was able to come at this time but information was sent to Gruis consisting of what their costs are and bid letting.

A report was also received concerning an inspection that was done on the pool boiler with the state electrical inspector and a repair that needs to be completed with Gruis explaining that he has been in contact with the inspector and we have been given a repair time of having it done before pool opening next season as the pool has been winterized.

Utility poles were discussed with Mayor Gruis stating that she would like poles to be inspected in the near future and not wait for a catastrophic event to take place before we worry about the condition of the poles stating that this is a safety issue for all involved including the city maintenance team, residents, and Oahe Electric should they be called out in the event of a breakage. Superintendent Gruis will contact Oahe Electric to get the process started.

ASH AVENUE CITY PARK: Suzanne Stahl was present to discuss the Ash Avenue Park and the maintenance that she and Joan Hofer have been doing on the Master Gardner site and what she would like to see happen. She stated that the sign has met its life span and either needs to be removed or replaced. Wiley stated that he would contact Fox Printing in regards to the sign. Stahl stated that they would like to see fabric and crushed rock placed in the area and the removal of the 4 bushes that are still there. She stated that she would be happily "voluntold" to keep the area up as long as her life span allows and that the city helps with the upgrades. She also stated that there are some trees in this park and the pool park that should be removed. Council gave her the go ahead to mark the trees that she would like to have removed and city maintenance will remove them along with repairing the fence at the Ash Avenue Park. Council thanked Stahl for the work that they have done thus far to the park.

SHERIFFS REPORT: Deputy Sheriff Hight stated that we made it through homecoming with few problems. He also stated that he has a zero tolerance on stop sign pass-throughs and is making it his mission to bring this to a stop.

ALCOHOL: Tanya Yackley of Tunes and Friends, LLC was present with a license application for Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine. She updated the council on the progress of her building. Hiller explained that the application process needs a publication in the Onida Watchman for two weeks before council can take any action on it and that the November meeting will also include liquor license renewals for the other businesses in town.

SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL LICENSE: The Onida Fire Department has requested a special event alcohol license for the annual Onida Fire Department's Roast Beef Supper and Fun Night on October 18th, 2025. Motion to approve by Carter seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosiman, Rausch, and Carter. Abstain: Shepherd, Olivier, and Wiley with Mayor Gruis breaking the tie and voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Paul and Amy Kolb – 812 South Main Street – replacing siding

Elizabeth Quinn – 805 Bayberry Avenue – 6 ft. privacy fence

Mike Adams – 306 South 5th Street – replacing steel, windows, and door on three season porch

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

Rick and Dar Hofer – 800 Ginseng Avenue- replace siding, concrete pad, fence

Joel and Laura Miller – 401 South Main Street – replacing door and windows.

Motion to approve by Rausch seconded by Wiley. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosiman, Shepherd, Rausch, Wiley, and Carter. Abstain: Olivier. Motion carried.

AIRPORT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Council was given information on the upcoming pavement maintenance at the Onida airport. Motion by Mosiman seconded by Olivier to approve the agreement and the authorization of Mayor LaJena R. Gruis to sign said document. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mosiman seconded by Shepherd to go into Executive Session at 7:38 pm. in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion by Carter seconded by Shepherd to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2557.38, Streets 3858.20, Parks 1043.48, Water 1986.33, Electric 2140.25, Sewer 2061.79, Garbage 2082.21, Pool 848.04, Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County law enforcement 6092.63, SD Retirement contributions 1781.06, Lamb's Discount supplies 181.57, SD Treasurer taxes 3800.43, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 12047.30, Post Office postage 409.23, Venture Communications 450.49, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 3568.98, Oahe Electric supplier 65742.58 Oahe Electric repairs and fees 7574.36, American Bank and Trust fee and supplies 300.32, Helm's and Asso airport 2789.53, Marco supplies 248.27, Public Health Lab testing 20.00, Onida Fire Department allocation 20,000.00, AFLAC insurance 1035.96, River Bottom Garbage collections 10674.00, SDDOT sign 16.00, EFTPS contributions 6510.82, Envirotech recycle 353.66, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, Lamb Chevy fuel 665.41. Sovell Oil fuel 801.11, MDU utilities 24.33, Onida Watchman publications 241.05, Lamb Motors supplies 643.27, May Adam retainer 750.00, Badger Meter supplies 119.70, SD Unemployment contributions 23.07, Don' Food Center supplies 77.17, Cash postage from petty 9.82, Dustpods streets 2970.00, Runnings supplies 484.97, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 55.12, Syntech airport 199.50, Wesco supplies 3636.00, Loiseau Construction repairs 11511.92, JP Cooke supplies 88.95, Jensen Rock and Sand streets 67866.48. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to pay all bills. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Shepherd seconded by Rausch at 8:40 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Monday, November 3rd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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