

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
12/01/2025

The Onida City Council met on Monday, December 1st, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Mike Wiley, Gerald Rausch, Jessica Olivier, and Caleb Shepherd. Also present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Brian Ring, Greg Lorenz, Mike Yackley, Mary Stier, Casey Hight, and Bill Stahl.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Wiley seconded by Shepherd to approve the minutes from the November 3rd, 2025 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis's report consisted of street sweeping, cleaning material yard, receiving gravel and graveling alleys, hauled furniture to Pierre, cleaned up dump grounds, mowed, hung Christmas decorations, winterized lagoons, serviced the lift station, and readied plows and trucks for snow removal.

Sheriff's Office: Stahl stated that they are still patrolling the school area mornings and afternoons and stated that he had only noticed one vehicle on city streets following the recent snow fall.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT: Hiller presented council with the new law enforcement contract for 2026 for \$6275.34 a month which is a 3% increase over 2025. Motion to approve contract by Rausch seconded by Shepherd. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Carter.

PHOENIX CENTER: Brian Ring and Mary Stier were present to discuss the lease that the city has with Economic Development for the Phoenix Center. Hiller had been in contact with Economic Development following the November 2025 city council meeting on advice from the city's attorney, Aaron Scheibe. Mr. Scheibe feels that if something unfortunate were to happen in the building a court of law could likely find that the City of Onida has control of the center instead of just being the lessee of the building. After discussion with Ring and Stier, it was agreed that it would be advantageous for a meeting with our attorney(s), Economic Development, and a city representative.

BANKING: On November 7th, 2025 Hiller mailed out quote requests to several banks concerning interest rates for our IntraFi Network Deposits. Responses were received from BankWest and Sunrise Bank Dakota and were opened at the meeting. The decision was made to table the discussion until council could go over the quotes. Mike Yackley inquired as to why the council was not making an immediate decision and he was told that they need time to go over the quotes. Motion to table decision by Olivier seconded by Shepherd. Roll Call: Ayes: Shepherd, Oliver, and Rausch. Nays: Wiley. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Carter.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permit was submitted for approval: Chris and Vicki Lentz – 801 South 8th Street – replacing patio and windows. Motion to approve by Wiley seconded by Shepherd. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2025-02 SECOND READ: Following Hiller reading the ordinance, motion by Rausch seconded by Shepherd to approve ordinance 2025-02. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Carter. Ordinance will be published in full in the December 4th, 2025 Onida Watchman.

PIERRE ANIMAL CLINIC: An agreement was received from the Pierre Animal Clinic in regards to any animals picked up by local law enforcement and delivered to the clinic. Motion to approve the by Olivier seconded by Wiley. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Carter.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Hiller presented the request from SDPAA concerning the city's liability insurance. Motion by Olivier seconded by Rausch to approve the amounts as in the past. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Carter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to go into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2-(1). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Wiley seconded by Shepherd to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

END OF YEAR MEETING: The final meeting of the year will be December 17th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 3095.46, Streets 4149.42, Water 1933.74, Electric 2711.55, Sewer 1608.84, Garbage 2072.54, Council 1750.00, Parks 446.80. OTHER: Sully County law enforcement 6092.63, SD Retirement contributions 1682.96, EFTPS taxes 6443.23, Lamb's Discount supplies 120.13, SD Treasurer taxes 4591.52, Mid Dakota Rural Water supplier 10173.05, Post Office 270.23, Venture Communications 476.70, Wellmark B/C B/S health insurance 3568.98, Oahe Electric supplier 58872.81, Lamb Motor repairs 229.46, Marco supplies 248.27, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10674.00, Delta Dental insurance 321.00, City of Onida deposit refund 150.00, Nye Lumber supplies 645.09, May Adam retainer 750.00, Badger Meter supplies 132.61, SD Municipal League dues 1089.00, Dakota Pump inspection 600.00, American Bank and Trust fees and supplies 1515.10, Envirotech recycle 817.81, One Call locating 25.20, Brett's Spray airport 1115.00, Don's Food Center supplies 228.31, Cash postage from petty 20.83, Sully County Highway supplies 154.70, 3E generator 25681.00, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 390.08, SDDANR dues 650.00, Graham Tires supplies 8110.00, CSDED dues 1100.34, Dept of Revenue malt beverage license 150.00.. Motion by Wiley seconded by Rausch to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Carter.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Wiley seconded by Shepherd to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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