

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
12/17/2025

The Onida City Council met on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Caleb Shepherd, JR Rausch, Mike Wiley, and Teri Carter. Also Present: Tim Gruis, Dustin Volker, Mike Yackley, Scott Currier, Brian Ring, and Sheila Ring.

**EMPLOYEE APPRAISALS:** The meeting was started with an interview for the open maintenance position and then the annual employee appraisals were conducted.

**EMPLOYMENT OFFER:** Motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to offer the open city maintenance position to David Price at a starting wage of \$24.25 per hour, dependent upon passing the physical and drug test required by the city, with a 90-day probationary period. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Olivier.

**BANKING NEEDS:** At the December meeting quotes were received for the city of Onida's banking needs. Discussion was tabled so that council could study the quotes. There were questions on the quotes leading to confusion for all involved. The initial quote request went out for one account only. Hiller stated that she would like to see the banking come back into town and that she would like to see one bank carry all the accounts. Mike Yackley was present and gave council several options that are available within the banking industry. After much discussion Hiller was directed to send out requests for quotes on all accounts to the banks that had been contacted before.

**SULLY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Mike Yackley was present to ask the council if there would be anyone interested in becoming a council representative for the Sully County Community Foundation. Rausch stated that he would be interested in the position. Motion by Carter seconded by Shepherd to appoint Rausch as our representative. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: SALARIES: Finance 2344.65, Streets 4820.21, Water 2067.65, Electric 3489.13, Sewer 1246.99, Garbage 1928.54, Council 1750.00. OTHER: EFTPS taxes 1950.10, Venture Communications 478.95, Oahe Electric supplier 66769.42, Oahe Electric fees 416.67, American Bank and Trust fee and supplies 1147.45, Helms and Asso. airport 405.48, AFLAC insurance 1035.96, MDU supplier 20.42, Envirotech recycle 406.40, Onida Watchman publications 971.53, One Call locates 5.25, Lamb Chevy fuel 674.38, Sovell Oil fuel 387.26 Motion made by Wiley seconded by Carter to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Olivier.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Wiley seconded by Rausch to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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