

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
02-02-2026

The Onida City Council met on Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Marla Mosiman, Jessica Olivier, JR Rausch, Mike Wiley, and Teri Carter. Also present: Tim Gruis, Gary Wojciehowicz, Clark Jordre, Hayden Handcock, Brenda Currier, Scott Currier, Michael John Olivier, Bill Stahl, David Price, and Sheila Ring.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Wiley seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the January 5th, 2026 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis's report stated that he, Price, and Volker had attended MSHA training and a water/wastewater conference. There was a water line break at 200 Cedar Avenue, they finished measuring streets for mapping and quotes, DANR sewer discharge and pond permits submitted, cleaning and maintenance on buildings, the scrap metal pile at the landfill is currently being picked up by Matt Horman, maintenance and repairs on trucks, new tires for the skid steer, and replaced a faulty heater in the water building. Volker has renewed his mosquito fogging license and Price has passed his mosquito fogging test and has signed up for stabilization pond class training and testing.

Sherriff Dept.: Stahl reported on an influx of stray dogs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gary Wojciehowicz was present and thanked the council for their help in getting CHS to work on making it so that there are less dust and other particles being emitted into the air and dusting the area. He also updated the Council on his progress with his noise complaint against CHS. He said that things were better for a while but have now gone backwards. He stated that he has called headquarters about the noise and asked if they would send an engineer out to see what could be done better to handle the noise in the area especially in the midnight to 5:00 a.m. time frame. Rausch advising Wojciehowicz that they only have a certain amount of time to fill the rail cars which Wojciehowicz stated he was aware of. Mayor Gruis stated that she would make a phone call.

ARRIVAL: Shepherd arrived to the meeting via telephone at 6:50 p.m.

BANKING: Banking proposals were received from BankWest 2.4%, Sunrise Bank Dakota 3.26% with 3.55% on savings, American Bank and Trust 3.3%, and First Dakota National Bank 2.79% for the city's banking needs for 2026. Motion by Shepherd second by Olivier to accept American Bank and Trusts proposal. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Carter asked council to consider a CD from American Bank and Trust. Council discussed the CD options with Hayden Handcock of American Bank and Trust with Handcock stating that we would be able to withdraw up to half the money from the CD without penalty if a need arose. Motion by Rausch seconded by Wiley to transfer \$1,250,000 from our ICS account for a Flex Advantage CD with a 4.01% apy for 12-months. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

DEPARTURE: Shepherd left the meeting following the banking discussion.

HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE: Hiller informed council that the city's employees would like to remain with our current health insurance policy but would like to cancel our Delta Dental insurance and join Aflac's dental program. After comparing the policies motion to approve health and change dental by Wiley seconded by Carter. Roll Call: All ayes.

Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

PHOENIX CENTER: Hiller reported to council that she had met with our attorney, Aaron Scheibe, along with Mary Jo Stier and Brian Ring from Economic Development, concerning alcohol use in the Phoenix Center. Policy for the center has always been that alcohol could be consumed in the center but could not be sold. Scheibe advised that this was once permissible but times have changed. Scheibe's comments centered around coolers of beer being brought into the center for anyone to have access to but who makes sure that only those of legal age are accessing the coolers. A person could easily bring a lawsuit against the city and economic development should something bad happen. Hiller advised council that we need to protect the city as well as economic development and follow Scheibe's advise with council in agreement to this decision. Special Event Alcohol licenses will now be required for all events in the Phoenix Center. The cost of a special event license is \$50 per day.

BUILDING PERMIT: One building permit was presented for approval.

Ty Knodel – 601 South Main Street – moving and removing walls.

Motion to approve by Wiley seconded by Olivier. All ayes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT HELP: Hiller presented a letter from Kohlman, Bierschbach, and Anderson stating that they would help her with the 2025 annual report for a sum not to exceed \$800. Motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to approve. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2293.32, Streets 5554.65, Water 3752.49, Electric 2077.24, Sewer 2858.17, Garbage 1632.67, Pool 31.67, Parks 335.83, Council 1900.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6275.34, Lamb's Discount 504.43, S. D. Treasurer taxes 5723.28, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 9912.23, Post Office postage 330.62, Venture Communications 477.07, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 3568.98, Oahe Electric supplier 73763.20, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2396.98, E.F.T.P.S taxes 4585.30, Lamb Motors repairs 116.14, Marco copier 248.27, U. S. Bank loan payment 73029.14, Helm's and Asso airport project 4743.50, The Onida Watchman publications 574.55, MDU utilities 22.63, AFLAC insurance 947.52, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10674.00, Lamb Chevy fuel 459.23, Sovell Oil fuel 402.40, Delta Dental insurance 333.70, Banyon support 2374.00, DANR fee 60.00, May, Adam retainer 750.00, Badger Meter supplies 132.61, Dakota Supply Group supplies 347.48, American Bank and Trust cc supplies 889.80, Dustin Volker travel 28.00, Tim Gruis travel 28.00, David Price travel 28.00, Riteway supplies 177.81, CommTech video 8651.73, Quality Quick Print supplies 196.29, Matheson Tri Gas supplies 104.98, Wade Hiller repairs 736.54, SDML Street Maintenance dues 15.00, Access Health physical 190.00, Runnings supplies 733.12, Barco supplies 3096.46, Don's Food Center supplies 85.74, Envirotech recycle 1635.62, Public Health Lab testing 20.00. Motion by Wiley seconded by Carter to pay all bills. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried. Absent: Shepherd.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Wiley seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be March 2nd, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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