

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
03-02-2026

The Onida City Council met on Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Office with Mayor LaJena R. Gruis presiding. Present at Roll Call: Caleb Shepherd (via phone), Jessica Olivier, Mike Wiley, and Teri Carter. Also present: Sheila Ring, Tim Gruis, Casey Hight, and Michael John Olivier.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Olivier seconded by Mosiman to approve the minutes from the February 2nd, 2026 City Council meeting. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis's report stated that the scrap metal pile has been removed, new rubble holes dug at the landfill, moving water out of lagoons, working on street inventory, and measuring streets, repairing street barricades, replaced security lights at Phoenix Center. He also stated that the crack seal machine has been set aside for us. Gruis was asked if there were cameras at the city dumpster area as people have not been making sure that the garbage they are throwing away is actually making it into the dumpsters. Gruis stated that he will get cameras up.

Sherriff Dept.: Deputy Sheriff Hight was present and stated that it has been meek and mild on the Homefront.

LIFEGUARD HIRES: Lifeguard applications have been received from Sheridan Voorhees, Payge Bakker, Calleigh Chicoine and LaJena Gruis. Motion by Wiley seconded by Olivier to hire Voorhees and Bakker at \$23.50 per hour for full time positions, Chicoine at \$20.00 per hour for a full-time position, and Gruis at \$23.50 per hour for a part time position. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch. We are still in need of a few more guards and a pool manager and summer rec manager.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION: Mayor Gruis stated that she has been busy applying for grants for the pool and a tree project. She stated that to apply for these grants she needs approval from the council stating that she is an authorized representative for the City of Onida. Motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to approve LaJena R. Gruis as the authorized representative for the City of Onida and authorizing Gruis to apply for the Sully County Community Foundation Grant, The AARP Community Challenge Grant, and The Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

PROJECT BOUNDARY FENCE / CYBER SECURITY POLICY: Hiller informed Council that our insurance carrier would like the city to become part of Project Boundary Fence concerning our cyber security. Included with this request is a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Onida and Dakota State University, who operates the program. This program will not cost the city any money for at least the next 2 ½ years as the 2024 SD Legislative Session passed a bill which appropriated \$7,000,000 for the purpose of creating this initiative for counties and municipalities throughout the State of South Dakota. Motion by Carter seconded by Olivier to adopt this policy. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDIA SETUP: Curt Olson has been very beneficial in setting up the new broadcasting camera equipment. He has put in 5 hours figuring the system out up so that Hiller can operate it. he said he will have a couple hours more to button things up. Motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to authorize payment to Olson at \$125 per hour for all time spent on this project. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Hiller advised council that employee Price has received his certification for Public Health Pest Control and is eligible for a .50 cent per hour increase in his wages. Motion to approve by Olivier seconded by Wiley. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Wiley seconded by Carter to come out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2260.88, Streets 6326.96, Water 3407.72, Electric 2381.65, Sewer 2062.53, Garbage 2474.66, Council 1750.00, Pool 48.50, Parks 133.38. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6275.34, Lamb's Discount supplies 467.86, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4847.84, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 10160.75, Post Office postage 269.01, Venture Communications 476.96, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4545.68, Oahe Electric supplier 78643.29, Oahe Electric fee and repairs 1088.44, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2231.06, E.F.T.P.S taxes 4844.09, Sovell Oil fuel 473.58, Marco copier contract 248.27, Badger Meter supplies 132.61, Onida Watchman publications 274.05, AFLAC insurance 1028.06, River Bottom Sanitation collection 10674.00, Dustin Volker clothing allowance 250.00, David Price travel meals 40.00, Delta Dental insurance 333.70, Lamb Chevy repairs 394.04, Public Health Lab testing 20.00, Envirotech recycle 1635.62, MDU utilities 43.30, Lamb Motors supplies 52.75, Runnings supplies 16.98, May Adam retainer 750.00, Dakota Supply Group supplies 6230.45, AB&T fee and supplies 1399.06, CHS fuel 1119.18, Paxton Repair repairs 1199.53, Cash postage from petty 12.16, Oahe Concrete repairs 3163.24, Nye Lumber supplies 185.99, SD Federal Property supplies 137.00, Erics Custom Repairs supplies 1001.95, Sully County Historical Society supplies 350.00, American Family Life insurance 303.13, SDPAA insurance 33124.20, Sunrise Agency insurance 2074.00, Helms and Associates airport project 12137.08. Motion made by Olivier seconded by Carter to pay all bills. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Mosiman and Rausch.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made by Carter seconded by Wiley to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be April 6th, 2026.

LaJena R Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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