

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
06/01/2026

The Onida City Council met on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 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, Mike Wiley and Teri Carter. Also present: Tim Gruis, Sheila Ring, Clark Jordre, Carter Mosiman, and Gary Wojciechowicz.

**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 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Superintendent Gruis's report stated that the new bucket truck has been received and stocked, a discharge valve was repaired, they have been busy getting the pools ready, working on gravel streets on the north end of town, repaired and replaced plumbing, installed a sign, and mended the batting cage at the ball field, repaired some street signs, and working on the generator project. He also stated that they had begun crack sealing as of today.

Discussion concerning the tree grant with Gruis stating that for every tree that is removed this grant states that we must replace with two (2) trees. Council advised him to contact the state arborist to see what trees would work best for us. Discussion was also had concerning a grant that we are interested in that would provide a storm shelter which would work great at the pool area as it would be able to be used for that purpose also. An engineer is required for the project and thoughts are that as long as we have an engineer in the same area, we should have them look at the pool and give us their thoughts on what can be done for the pool.

**CONCRETE ESTIMATES:** Two (2) estimates for concrete work at the Phoenix Center were examined. The first estimate from Schnazz Construction for \$17,350 and the second from Oahe Concrete for \$17,200. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to accept Oahe Concretes estimate with the caveat that the work must be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July of 2026. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Rausch.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Sheila Ring brought up a community wide cleanup day saying that it has been a long time since the City of Onida has done one. Shepherd stated that he would like to see a full week of someone manning the landfill from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm with an hour lunch. The week of July 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 was the week decided on, with city employees available to help those that need help removing items from their property on the dates of July 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> only. It is important for people to understand city employees will not enter any buildings

Clark Jordre was present to talk to the council about getting a pickleball court in town. Jordre stating that pickleball is the raging sport at this time. He stated that Versa Court has a snap-on court that comes at a cost of around \$10,000 and this could be placed on top of one of the tennis courts. Jordre is working on raising funds for the project. Council members thought this was a great idea and stated that the city would match the project at 50% with a motion by Wiley seconded by Carter. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Rausch.

**FIREWORKS:** Gary Wojciechowicz was present to discuss the city's fireworks ordinance stating that our ordinance had a longer timeframe than the state. Hiller asked him if he had not received his mail as she had mailed him out a copy of the new corrected ordinance that had been completed just last month. Wojciechowicz then began talking about the stress that his dog has in regards to the noise of the fireworks. He also stated that he googled where most fireworks accidents happen and told council that South Dakota has the highest rate of fireworks injuries. Mike Wiley stated that he has been on the ambulance service for over 20 years and that there have only been two (2) fireworks injuries that the department has had to treat in his time with the department.

**ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE:** Hiller presented Resolution 2026-603 to council explaining that it was time to increase electric rates in the city. Hiller stated that she has figured approximately a

10% rate increase across the board. Motion by Carter seconded by Wiley to approve the resolution. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Rausch. This resolution is printed in whole separately.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** The following building permits were presented for approval:  
Raylene Olson – 401 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street – 30 x 20 new home construction  
Cory Hildebrandt – 507 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street – fencing  
Chris and Vickie Lentz – 801 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street – bathroom remodel.

Motion by Wiley seconded by Shepherd to approve all permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AIRPORT GRASSLAND:** Hiller asked permission to advertise for bids for the airport grassland. Motion to approve by Mosiman seconded by Olivier. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WAGE INCREASE:** Hiller presented a WSI Certificate for Calleigh Chicoine. With this certification she is eligible for a .75 cent per hour wage increase. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Rausch.

**PAYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES CDL FEES:** Motion by Olivier seconded by Shepherd to approve the city paying for CDL fees and physicals. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Rausch.

**CSDED JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT:** Hiller presented an agreement with the Central South Dakota Enhancement District in regards to their help for 2027. Motion to approve by Olivier seconded by Carter. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried. Absent: Rausch.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Wiley seconded by Olivier to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 7:58 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Carter seconded by Wiley at 8:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2680.33, Streets 3961.85, Parks 2095.94, Water 1688.63 Electric 2412.80, Sewer 1775.95, Garbage 1804.84, Council 1750.00. OTHER: May Adam retainer 750.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6275.34, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4045.76, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 11792.90, Post Office 436.62, Venture Communications 290.53, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4545.68, Oahe Electric supplier 56482.79, Oahe Electric repairs and fees 620.75, AFLAC insurance 1514.74, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2246.46, E.F.T.P.S taxes 2261.41 American Bank and Trust fees and supplies 665.68, Marco copier contract 248.27, Lamb Chevy fuel 974.96, Nye Lumber supplies 97.97, Lamb's Discount supplies 1121.19, Sovell Oil fuel 137.51, City of Onida deposit refund 300.00, Dept of Ag and Natl Resources fees 350.00, River Bottom Sanitation 11741.40, Helms and Asso airport 1897.40, Lamb Motors supplies 128.91, Crazy B's supplies 658.00, Badger Meter supplies 132.61, Onida Watchman publications 107.19, AT&T communications 91.78, MDU utilities 20.44, Don's Food Center 66.60, Cash pool startup 100.00, Barber Chemicals supplies 380.00, Metering and Technology supplies 2472.59, Runnings supplies 743.95, Dakota Supply Group supplies 3833.33, Rec Supply supplies 693.54, Dustin Volker supplies 10.62, David Price travel 100.00, Econ Signs supplies 2455.24, Desiray Nelson lifeguard certification 250.00, Hawkins supplies 9126.42, Calleigh Chicoine lifeguard certifications 568.60, Jaycee Jaeger lifeguard certification 250.00. Motion made by Olivier seconded by Shepherd to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion by Olivier seconded by Mosiman to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Council will meet again on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to canvass the 2026 election. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

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Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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