

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
07/06/2026

The Onida City Council met on Monday, July 6th, 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, Gerald Rausch and Mike Wiley. Also present: Mike Yackley, Tim Gruis, David Price, Bill Stahl, Suzanne Stahl, Sheila Ring, and Kathi 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 June 1st and June 8th, 2026, City Council meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

THANK YOU: Mayor Gruis thanked Jessica Olivier for serving on the city council with integrity and grace for her 6 years of service to the city of Onida.

OATH OF OFFICE: Hiller had the following people take their oaths of office: Mosiman, Shepherd, Rausch, and Yackley.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Wiley seconded by Shepherd to make the following appointments for 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

President: Shepherd

Vice President: Mosiman

Rail Authority: Jane Pitlick, Matt Newcomer, and Andy Kleven

Airport: Shepherd

Tax/Judiciary/Permits: Shepherd, Wiley, Rausch

Street/Alley/Fire/Parks/Sanitation: Rausch, Shepherd, and Mosiman

Finance/City Property/Pool/Insurance/Electric/Water: Wiley, Mosiman, and Carter

Auditing: Mosiman, Wiley, and Carter

Sully County Community Foundation: Rausch

News Paper: The Onida Watchman

Attorney: Aaron Scheibe / May, Adam

Enhancement District/Equalization: Gruis and Yackley

Banking: American Bank and Trust – Checking, ICS, Savings, CD
and Phoenix Center

Sunrise Bank – swimming pool

RAILROAD AUTHORITY: A letter and Joint Resolution were received from the local railroad authority, Attorney Emily Sovell. In the resolution it states that the City of Onida's representatives remain Jane Pitlick, Matt Newcomer and Andy Kleven with the next appointments to be completed August 31st, 2027. Motion to approve Joint Resolution by Rausch seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Carter.

REPORTS: Superintendent Gruis reported that they have been busy with crack sealing streets, working in the parks, water tower control room maintenance, lift station generator issues, new LED lights and flag holders on main street, mosquito control, mowing, and installing new services at 401 South 8th Street.

Gruis also gave quotes to council for slurry sealing on streets. Shepherd stated that he would like to see a complete line of streets done instead of partial streets as Gruis has mapped out with Gruis stating that this will get us in line better for three-year plans for all our streets. Gruis was then asked about some problem streets in town that have been a problem for quite some time. He was told to contact Brosz Engineering and have them come and look at these street sections and be prepared to come to the August meeting with a plan of action and approximate costs of what we are looking at so that we can get this included in with the 2027 budget. Motion by Wiley seconded by Rausch to approve the quotes presented for the slurry seal. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Carter

Gruis also stated that he met with a pool company about the issues with the splash park. Gruis said that the company was ready to pressure test and camera the splash park so that they could determine what the problem is.

Mayor Gruis and Superintendent Gruis both state that the big pool is losing even more water this year with Mayor Gruis stating that the pool company told her that if they could have the pool by the second week of August this year, they could have it done in time for next year's opening. We do have a grant award coming for the pool fix but have yet to hear a time frame in which we can start the work.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Stahl reported that no fingers were lost during the Fourth of July and few complaints were received regarding any fireworks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Suzanne Stahl was present to introduce a new resident, Kathi Stahl, to council. Ms. Stahl is in the process of purchasing the property next to the Onida Clinic with plans of moving a house onto the property. At present, she is living in a camper at the north end of town. She is interested in moving the camper to her property and living out of it while her house is being completed. Hiller will inquire with our attorney to see if this would be permissible in accordance with our ordinances.

BUILDING PERMITS: The following building permits were presented for approval:

Gary and Ida Mae Johnson – 201 N 9th Street – replacing windows

Monita Paulson – 208 S 9th Street – 5 x 6 front deck

Ken and Rebecca Lyons – 203 South 10th Street – replacing window

Motion by Mosiman seconded by Rausch to approve all permits. All ayes. Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL LICENSE: The Sully County Fair Board has requested a special event alcohol license for the Sully County Fair August 6th -8th 2026. Motion to approve by Yackley seconded by Wiley. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Carter.

PICKLEBALL COURT: Mayor Gruis stated that she was approached by the ABO School district who was inquiring about the ability for them to pay a one-time rental payment for use of the pickleball court. Motion by Yackley seconded by Wiley to approve. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Carter.

AIRPORT GRASSLAND BID: One bid was received for grassland owned by the City of Onida. The bid came from Ajaye Williams for an amount of \$1050.00 per year for three (3) years. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Wiley to approve. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Carter.

WAGE INCREASE: Hiller stated that Paige Jonas had received her WSI certification which entitles her to a .75 cent increase and that she had received the certification prior to the pool opening this season. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Yackley to approve the increase and to retroactive it to the beginning of the season. Roll Call: (Ayes) Mosiman, Shepherd, Rausch and Yackley. (Nays) none. (Abstain) Wiley. Motion carried. Absent: Carter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Yackley seconded by Shepherd to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. in accordance to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Shepherd seconded my Mosiman to come out of Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

BILLS: The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 3504.20, Streets 7355.23, Parks 3965.76, Water 3342.32, Electric 3615.92, Sewer 2098.73, Garbage 2959.50, Pool 16188.73, Council 1850.00, Summer Rec 2000.00. OTHER: May Adam retainer 750.00, Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6275.34, S. D. Treasurer taxes 4288.01, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 12851.75, Post Office 270.23, Venture Communications 465.15, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4545.68, Oahe Electric supplier 60963.73, Oahe Electric fees and repairs 273.09, AFLAC insurance 1514.74, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 3550.96, E.F.T.P.S taxes 11383.36, American Bank and Trust fees and supplies 3161.02, Public Health Lab testing 40.00, Marco copier contract 248.27, Lamb Chevy fuel 1397.69, Nye Lumber supplies 64.25, Lamb's Discount supplies 1023.32, Sovell Oil fuel 781.23, City of Onida deposit refund 200.00, River Bottom Sanitation 11741.40, Brett's Spray airport 1655.00, Helms and Asso airport 19922.73, Don's Food Center supplies 76.95, Envirotech recycle 406.40, MDU utilities 44.73, Dakota Supply Group supplies 220.03, Cash postage 23.38, Runnings supplies 332.56, SD Unemployment contributions 31.09, AT& T Mobility communications 96.85, Kohlman Bierschbach and Anderson audit 10968.75, Wind Circle cyber security upgrade and new

computer 7416.11, Hughes Electric repairs 2778.66, Preston Kinney supplies 46.71, Sully County Auditor election 853.17, Wesco supplies 8740.00, Tim Gruis fees 219.00, Dustin Volker fees 45.00, Midwest Construction supplies 837.07, Great Plains Outdoor repairs 38.74, Windswept Threads supplies 14.00, State Flag Account supplies 478.28, Paige Jonas WSI certification 328.26, Carter Mosiman lifeguard certification 230.00, Peitz air conditioner 3999.00, East Pierre Landscaping supplies 1080.00, Versacourt pickleball 10748.80. Motion made by Wiley seconded by Rausch to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Carter.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Yackley seconded by Shepherd to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, August 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

LaJena R. Gruis, Mayor

Rondha Hiller, Finance Officer

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