

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
8/03/2026

The Onida City Council met on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</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, JR Rausch, Mike Wiley (via telephone), Teri Carter and Mike Yackley. Others present: Tim Gruis, Dustin Volker, Jason Prater, Chauntel Bolte, Suzanne Stahl, Bill Stahl, Jordan Lamb, Kathi Stahl, Gary Wojciechowicz, Jalen Lamb, and Sheila Ring.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gruis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shepherd seconded by Yackley to approve the minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, City Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHS COMPLAINTS:** Gary Wojciechowicz was present to complain about not being invited to the noise level testing that CHS performed this past winter. Mr. Wojciechowicz gruffly stated that with all his complaints on the matter he should have been invited to attend the testing. Councilman Shepherd stated that this is not a city issue, has never been a city issue, and advised Wojciechowicz to go back to CHS or the Sully County Rail Authority with his complaints.

**REPORTS:** Gruis's report included finishing crack and slurry sealing, located, cleaned, and exercised Main Street curb stops, clean up week complete with not many requests for help, landfill inspection, tree trimming at pool park area, electric repairs begun at pickleball court area, 4 new utility poles on Main Street, and received bids on pool and splash park projects. Future projects on schedule are tree trimming, a gravel project, cleaning up at the lift station and pickleball court projects.

**STREET QUOTES:** Quotes were received from Z & S Dust control for mag water on gravel roads on the west side of town with the quote coming in at \$14,213.55. Rausch stated that he wanted people to understand that mag water pulls humidity out of the air which helps the product work and if we do not receive any rain this isn't going to stop the dust. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Yackley. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Per a request from Sheriff Stahl the city received a quote of \$12285.74 from Dakota Pro Striping and Irrigation for painting curbs, painting handicap areas, and painting double yellow lines on the first three blocks of Main Street, in front of the school on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and the block in front of the Post Office. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Carter. Roll Call Ayes, Mosiman, Shepherd, Wiley, Carter and Yackley. Nay, Rausch. Motion carried.

Kyle Kurth of Brosz Engineering was called during the meeting and questioned about what we could do with streets. Mr. Kurth gave the city a couple of options. He did state that coming up and taking core samples would be a good place to start so they have an idea of what is below the streets. Mr. Kurth stated that he would be in town this week and would work with Gruis to get an idea of what they are looking at. He will then put a plan together for our September meeting so that we will have an idea on which direction to go, thus giving us an idea for our 2027 budget.

**Sheriff's Office:** Sheriff Stahl gave an update on cleanup work that was done by volunteers at 509 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street where the city has already started abatement procedures. Stahl stated that the resident was unappreciative of the many hours of work that had been done on the property and that the city's abatement issue needs to continue. Stahl also stated that the resident's dogs have been seized and placed with a foster family and that the resident has been charged with animal neglect and will be going to court on the issue. Stahl also stated that the body of another dog had been found in an abandoned camper on the property.

**ONIDA AREA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:** Jalen Lamb was present to discuss the possibility of moving in a manufactured home onto the lot located at 210 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Hiller advised Lamb

and Council that this can be done with a conditional use permit. The Housing Development group just needs to apply. Hiller will advertise and contact those in the area to make sure there are no objections. Motion to approve the process by Yackley seconded by Shepherd. Roll Call: Ayes: Mosiman, Shepherd, Rausch, Wiley and Yackley. Abstain: Carter. Motion carried.

**OAHE ELECTRIC:** Jordan Lamb, CEO of Oahe Electric, was present to discuss the possibility of letting Oahe Electric take over Onida's electric system. Lamb stating that Oahe Electric would come in and put new meters throughout town, they have heat and air conditioning rates as well as rebates for certain purchases. He also stated that rates could be lower than what the city currently charges. Council asked Lamb to put a proposal together.

**SIDEWALK REMOVAL:** Hiller received a letter of inquiry from the owner of the property at 104 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street asking permission to remove his cracked and uneven sidewalk stating that it could lead to injuries if someone is not paying attention while they are walking on it. Motion by Shepherd seconded by Rausch to allow the removal of the sidewalk. Roll Call: Ayes: Shepherd, Rausch, Wiley and Yackley. Nays: Mosiman and Carter. Motion approved.

**POOL REPAIRS:** An estimate of \$99,654.58 was received from SD Pool Restoration for repairs on the splash park. This means that the splash park will have to be close early so that the repairs can be completed yet this year. Motion to approve by Shepherd seconded by Carter. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Joel and Laura Miller – 401 South Main Street – replacing windows, doors, adding a 17 x 27 patio

Kathi Stahl – 305 South Main Street – moving in a home and updating it

Motion by Carter seconded by Yackley to approve all permits. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-606:** Hiller read this resolution which deals with the rent of grasslands for haying that Ajaye Williams had bid on at the July meeting. Motion to approve resolution by Shepherd seconded by Mosiman. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

**AIRPORT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT:** The City received notification of an agreement from the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission stating that we have been approved for state financial assistance on a new revenue producing hangar expected to be built in 2027. Motion to approve by Rausch seconded by Carter. Roll Call; All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) by Shepherd seconded by Yackley. All ayes: Motion carried. Wiley left meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. by Yackley seconded by Mosiman. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented for payment: Finance 2439.19, Streets 6366.53, Parks 2314.24, Water 2442.50, Electric 2548.31, Sewer 1456.47, Garbage 3191.70, Pool 11504.29, Summer Rec 2000.00, and Council 1750.00. OTHER: Sully County Treasurer law enforcement 6275.34, Mid-Dakota Rural Water supplier 13061.05, Post Office 287.95, Venture Communications 517.24, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance 4545.68, Oahe Electric supplier 62527.83, Oahe Electric repairs and fees 1587.17, South Dakota Retirement System contributions 2474.30, E.F.T.P.S taxes 7886.09, Onida Watchman publications 1572.07, One Call locating 15.75, Marco copier contract 263.06, Lamb Chevy fuel 1717.13, Helms airport 23717.53, Lamb's Discount supplies 636.35, Sovell Oil fuel 299.23, AFLAC insurance 2575.24, Public Health Lab testing 20.00, CHS rent 60.00, US Bank loans 73029.14, Badger Meter supplies 132.81, MDU utilities 46.43, May Adam retainer 750.00, SD State Treasurer sales tax 4983.94, American Bank and Trust supplies and fees 2273.59, Envirotech recycle 1277.16, AT&T Mobility communications 98.13,, Runnings supplies 402.96, Dakota Supply Group supplies 2061.07, Hughes Electric repairs 10824.42, Ingram Pest supplies 545.00, 3E repairs 806.78, Zuber Refrigeration repairs 1303.19, D &

D Asphalt supplies 3243.60, Wind Circle computer service 111.98, Jane Yackley lifeguard certification 250.00, David Price work clothes 152.88, Pierre Solid Waste landfill 244.20, SD Pool inspection 2040.82, Environmental Equipment supplies 1149.28, Nye Lumber supplies 59.70.. Motion by Rausch seconded by Shepherd to pay all bills. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Absent: Wiley.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion made by Mosiman seconded by Carter to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8<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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