

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA AUGUST 26, 2014
COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on August 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Councilmen Blackwood, Gargus, and McNair. Councilwoman Rogers and Councilman Robinson were not present at the meeting. Also present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Bart Luster, Dalton NeSmith, William E. Thigpen, Sr., Marlene Stroud, Barbara Andersen, Matt Gipson, Danny Bentley, Randall C. Smith, Dean Argo, Robert S. Hill, Savannah Price, Aledna Triput, Taylor Shelton, Emily Robertson, Canon Hart, Andrew Maynor, Orlando Zavala, Zane Womack, Brooke Price, Brooke Barnett, Breanna Nix, Rebekah Wood, Beth Murphree, Lauren Bryant, Trey Gilliland, Justin Price, Jamie Jones, Jaclyn Latta, Alexander Thomas, Justin Mahan, Clark Tibbs, Caleb Stuts, Andy Alexander, Kay Butts, Jim Grego, Josh Vogel, Fabian Nunez, Geordo Vargas, Salvador Zavala, Meghan Claburn, Blake Price, Taylor Humphrey, Maria Espinoza, Maria Vargas, Mackenzie Moody, Connor Walker, Carl Frey, Rebecca Sierra, Arlen Gonzalez, Brook Street, Selena Bergiso, Brittany Street, Juan Chavez, Jacob Memmin, Christina Owens, Dynasty Sanders, Scott Evans, Chief Willis, Jeff Ivey, Mitch Latta, Kevin Nicodemus, Jim Kilgore and his government class.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Gargus moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A public hearing was held at 5:15 p.m. on this same date to consider a rezoning application filed by Bryan A. Corr, Sr. to rezone a parcel located on the corner of 5th Street, North (Hwy 231) and 4th Avenue, East from the R-3 zoning district to the B-2 zoning district. The property is more particularly described as Lots 5-8, Block 1 of the First Addition to the Town of Oneonta. Councilman McNair made a motion to approve the rezoning application. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

William E. Thigpen, Sr., Robert S. Hill, Randall Smith and Dean Argo, from the ABC Board, addressed the mayor and council giving some history on the ABC Board and revealing that they are interested in having a state-operated store in the city. They answered questions and stated that they would like to be able to open before the end of the year.

Councilman McNair made a motion to appoint Barbara Andersen to finish the unexpired term of Justin Peavy as alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McNair read a letter of resignation from Library Circulation Clerk, Peggy Wester. Councilman McNair made a motion to accept Peggy Wester's resignation. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McNair made a motion to advertise for a full time Library Circulation Clerk. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Jim Grego of the Jefferson-Blount, St. Clair Mental Health Authority, gave an update on services they provide to our community. He expressed appreciation to the mayor and council and thanked them for their support. Jim stated that this year they are requesting an appropriation of \$4,800,000, an increase of \$300,000 from last year.

Councilman Gargus moved to set a Special Called Meeting on Thursday August 28th at 6:30 a.m. to canvass the School Board Election. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe presented a contract agreement from William Blythe for the sum of (\$3000.00) for his Election Custodian services, add (\$1000.00) for each additional DS200 Tabulator (if needed), for a run-off for the school board election. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to approve the contract agreement. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Oneonta Business Association was not present at the meeting.

Marlene Stroud presented the Residential Beautification Award to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones of 5th Ave. and 1st. St. North. She presented the Business Beautification Award to Daniel Clem, Manager of Weather's Ace Hardware.

Eld Lowe reported that the State Hwy Department is replacing traffic lights with more economical LED lights and that Alabama Power will be replacing a high wire along 3rd Street North.

Councilman Gargus thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he gave some updates from the park and recreation department. He expressed appreciation to the beautification board winners


Councilman Blackwood reported that the public works department is still cutting grass. He expressed appreciation to the students and to everyone for being at the meeting.

Councilman McNair stated that it is good to have everyone here at the meeting tonight, especially the students. He congratulated the beautification board winners and expressed appreciation to Barbara Anderson for agreeing to serve on the zoning board. Councilman McNair thanked Peggy Wester for her service to the city and he wished her well. Also, Councilman McNair expressed appreciation to the ABC Board for attending the meeting.

Fire Chief Willis reminded everyone that smoke detectors are still available at the fire department.

Mayor Norris expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, Councilman Gargus moved to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.


Darnelle Noland
CITY CLERK


Earl D. Willis
MAYOR