

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 14, 2014  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT )

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on October 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council: Gargus, Rogers, McNair, Blackwood and Robinson. Also present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Scott Evans, Chief Willis, Chief Chapman, Jim Kilgore, Barbara Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Adams, Ricky Hicks, Anthony Brewer, Steve Gunn, Shane Osborne and Tammie Noland.

Councilman Robinson gave the invocation.

Councilman Gargus moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2014 council meeting as written. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Gargus moved to approve the minutes of the special called meeting held on this same day at 6:30 a.m. to canvass the school board run-off election. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris read the following Resolution:  
RESOLUTION # 2014-14-10SG

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneonta and Oneonta Utilities Board has received a Community Development Block Grant to implement a sewer system improvement project that will benefit predominately low and moderate income persons; and

**THEREFORE**, in accordance with CDBG regulations the City of Oneonta and the Oneonta Utilities Board has solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to construct the above referenced sewer system improvements in accordance with the approved plans and specifications;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Oneonta and Oneonta Utility Board has evaluated the bids received and has determined that Bama Utility Contractors, Inc. is the low bidder on the construction portion of this project; and

**THAT**, the Oneonta City Council has authorized Mayor Ross Norris to enter into a contract with Bama Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$570,050.00 to complete all sewer system improvement activities associated with the above referenced CDBG project.

**READ AND ADOPTED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2014**.

**FOR THE ONEONTA CITY COUNCIL:**

By:

Ross Norris, Mayor

Attest:

Tammie Noland, City Clerk

Councilman Gargus made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Robinson seconded and motion carried with Councilman McNair and Mayor Norris Abstaining from the vote.

Mayor Norris read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION  
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence hurts Alabama families, our children and our communities;  
and

WHEREAS, in 2013, 20,489 domestic violence assaults were reported in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, one in three women are victims of domestic violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it takes an average of 7.5 times for a woman to leave her batterer permanently;  
and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence serves as the statewide professional association representing Alabama's 18 certified domestic violence shelters. These facilities provide emergency shelter, crisis counseling, clothes, food, court assistance, job training and a host of critical other services for domestic violence victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, by calling ACADV's hotline, 1-800-650-6522, the caller will automatically be directed to the closest domestic violence shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneonta, in correlation with First Lady Dianne Bentley and the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, recognizes the severity of domestic violence and encourages citizens and communities to work together to prevent abuse, help victims become survivors, and promote healthy relationships and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ross L. Norris, Mayor of the City of Oneonta, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Oneonta, Alabama, and encourage citizens to display purple bows on the door of safe homes and businesses.

Ross L. Norris, Mayor

Attest:

Tammie Noland, City Clerk

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Gargus made a motion to appoint Anthony Brewer to serve on the Agri-Business Center Board to finish out the unexpired term of Rodney Wall. His term expires September 30, 2015. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris read the following certificate of election:

**STATE OF ALABAMA)**  
**BLOUNT COUNTY )**

### **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

**ONEONTA, ALABAMA**

**The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the municipal school board run-off election held in the City of Oneonta, Alabama, on October 7, 2014, shows that Patrick W. Adams was duly elected to the office of Oneonta City School Board Place 4 of the City of Oneonta, Alabama, for the term commencing on the next meeting of the Oneonta City School Board.**

**Given under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Sections 11-46-20 et seq. of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, this 14th day of October, 2014.**

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Ross L. Norris, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammie Noland, City Clerk

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Mayor Norris administered the oath of Office to Patrick W. Adams, Place No. 4 school board member.

The Beautification Board was not present at the meeting.

Sherry Pearce, President of the Oneonta Business Association thanked everyone for coming out to the first ever Annual Awards Dinner and she reported on some upcoming events.

Ed Lowe stated that he would like to bring back to the mayor and council a sub-standard property that they had been dealing with as far back as "06". The property is located at 1002 Woodland Drive North. The property is beyond state of repair and he would like to ask the mayor and council to consider declaring the property a nuisance, and to begin the condemnation procedure. Councilman Gargus made a motion to declare the property a nuisance. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to proceed with condemnation of the property located at 1002 Woodland Drive North. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson gave the library report for the month of September. He commended Sherry on a job well done with the OBA Banquet and he congratulated the Award winners.

Councilwoman Rogers congratulated Patrick Adams. Councilwoman Rogers announced that smoke alarms are available at the fire department. She reported that for the month of September the Fire Department had a total of 121 calls.

Councilman Gargus congratulated Patrick Adams. He reminded everyone that when they leave the ball field to turn the lights out to help with the power bill. Councilman Gargus asked everyone to keep the police and fire departments in prayer, along with the families in our city who have encountered recent tragedy.

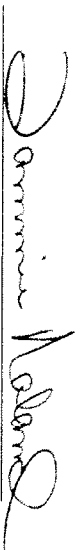
Councilman Blackwood had nothing to report from public works. He congratulated Patrick Adams and extended appreciation to Anthony Brewer for his willingness to serve on the Agri-Business Center Board. Also, Councilman Blackwood stated that we have families in our community that are in need of our thoughts and prayers.


Councilman McNair expressed to Patrick Adams that he is proud to have him on the School Board; also he expressed appreciation to Anthony Brewer for agreeing to serve on the Agri-Business Center Board. Councilman McNair stated that it is sad that you have to come to the point of condemning property; hopefully, people will do something before it gets to that point. These sub-standard properties have an economic impact on the city. Councilman McNair asked that everyone keep the families that have suffered loss of loved ones this week in their thoughts and prayers and also the city employees.

Fire Chief Willis announced that Firefighter, Josh Gibson and his wife Ashley are at the hospital awaiting the birth of their baby boy.

Mayor Norris thanked Anthony Brewer and Patrick Adams for their willingness to serve; also, he expressed appreciation to Sherry Pearce.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gargus made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR