

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA, NOVEMBER 10, 2014  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT )

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on November 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council: Gargus, Rogers, McNair, Robinson and Blackwood. Also present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Chief Willis, Chief Chapman, Steve Gunn, Mike Harris, Barbara Andersen, Bekah Wood, Marlene Stroud, Paul Allred, Jane Chaviers, Randy Casson, Ainee Wilson, Joan Epps, Richard Phillips, Deanna Johnson, Jan Johnson, Bobby Morris, Candace Morris, Ralph Noland and Tammie Noland.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

There was no public hearing as previously scheduled due to meeting and advertising requirements.

Councilman Gargus moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 council meeting as written. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe reported that everyone in the state has been asked by the Association of County Commissioners of the State of Alabama to consider adopting a standard language for issuing road closures, declaring roads impassable, instead of the roads are closed during inclement weather, due to some insurance concerns. Lowe read what the Association recommended, and he stated that this would be our statement if the mayor and council choose to adopt the statement as read. Discussion followed with Councilwoman Rogers asking if this was from the Department of Transportation in case of bad weather and Councilman McNair and Gargus joined in the discussion. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt the policy on uniform road closures. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe reported that we advertised and received only one bid that came in at \$98,100.00, a substantial amount above our estimate, from Acker Electric. Lowe recommended that this bid be rejected as it is stated that we reserve that right. Also, he suggested that we negotiate with the bidder as the state code allows and he asked Alex if this was right. Alex agreed. Councilman Gargus made a motion that we reject the bid and negotiate. Discussion was had regarding the options of rejecting and re-bidding. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris recognized Police Chief James Chapman who commended Officer Mike Harris for doing a great job with the 5<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Academy Class. Officer Harris stated that this is an eye opening class and he encouraged everyone to take the class. Officer Harris asked all the Citizen's Academy students to stand and come forward to receive their certificates when their name was called. The following were present: Randal Casson, Joan Epps, Jan Johnson, Deanna Johnson, Joe Morris, Ralph Noland, Tammie Noland, Rebekah Wood, Not present were June Peppers and John Tarpley

Marlene Stroud of the Beautification Board presented the Fall Season Beautification Home Owner Award to Richard Phillips. She presented the Business Beautification Award to Paul Allred and Jane Chaviers for Treasures on Main.

Paul Allred, representative of the Oneonta Business Association announced that they are doing a lot of stuff.

I'd Lowe reported that this coming Friday at 3:00 there will be a parade of mules coming thru town. They will be coming from Wal-Mart on Hwy 75 to Hwy 231 South, going to the Agri-Business Center for the Mule Day show to be held on Saturday. Also, Lowe reported that construction will start within the next forty-days on the sewer project over around Blue Bell. This project is thru an ADECA grant.

Councilman Gargus congratulated the award winners and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Blackwood thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he congratulated the beautification board winners. He congratulated the Citizen's Academy graduates and commended them for their efforts.

Councilman McNair thanked Officer Mike Harris for his work on the Citizen's Academy. He stated that the Citizen's Academy is really a good thing, giving people a chance to see what the Police Officers do and understand a little better. Councilman McNair asked that we remember what Veterans Day stands for and what it means and he asked that we remember those that serve our country. He expressed appreciation to Marlene and the Beautification Board and the award winners. He thanked Aimee Wilson for attending the meeting and for what she does at the Chamber. Councilman McNair recognized Chief Chapman who invited everyone for light refreshments, honoring the Citizen's Academy graduates, after the meeting.

Councilman Robinson reiterated what Councilman McNair said about remembering our veterans. Councilman Robinson stated that he had the privilege to attend 2 programs honoring veterans and that the Veterans Day parade was a success with a lot of people in attendance. He congratulated Officer Mike Harris on a job well done with his Citizens Academy group and he extended appreciation to the beautification award winners. Councilman Robinson gave the October Library report and recognized Library Director, Rebekah Wood who reported on some upcoming events.

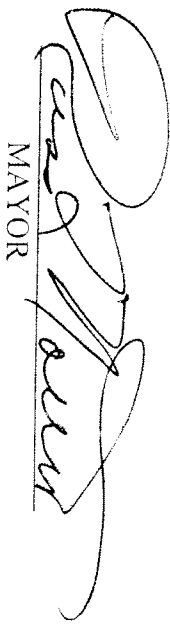
Councilwoman Colonel Rogers expressed appreciation to everyone for coming to the meeting. She congratulated the beautification award winners and the Citizen's Academy graduates. Councilwoman Rogers stated that November 10<sup>th</sup> is the Marine Corp. Birthday and reminded everyone to think about those veterans who have gone on before us and those who are currently serving. Councilwoman Rogers thanked all the citizens of Oneonta who went down to Sanford University last week in support of our city.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for being at the meeting and he congratulated the beautification award winners and the graduates. Mayor Norris announced that the Redskins are in the second round of the state playoffs and he encouraged everyone to go support the Redskin team. Mayor Norris stated that in 2008 he and his wife had the opportunity to go on the Honor Flight and that was a great day. He stated all veterans and all those who have served our country should be recognized and honored. Mayor Norris expressed appreciation to Officer Mike Harris for a job well done.

Councilman Robinson announced that he would like to recognize a veteran, his father, Joe Robinson who is ninety-nine years old and fought in World War II.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
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MAYOR