

STATE OF ALABAMA )

CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA, AUGUST 11, 2015

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The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on August 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council: Rogers, Blackwood, Gargus, McNair and Robinson. Also, present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Jim Kilgore, Brandon Horton, Kevin Nicodemus, James Chapman, Scott Evans, Roland McCoy, Ricky Hicks, Arthur Willis, Barbara Andersen, James Sims, Leslie Loggins, Jenifer Loggins, Kathy Young, Lyman Tidwell, Daniel Clem, Marlene Stroud, Sherry Pierce, Kay Butts, Rebekah Wood, Paul Allred and Tammie Noland.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson 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 on this same day to consider the following:

A rezoning application filed by the City of Oneonta to rezone a tract of land from A Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Railroad Boulevard from B-2 and R-3 zoning districts to the B-3 Downtown Shopping District; and a rezoning application filed by James R. Sims, Jr. to rezone a .54-acre tract of land on the intersection of (U.S. Hwy 75 North) and Reeves Road from the R-1 zoning district to the B-2 zoning district. There was no opposition at the Public Hearing.

Councilman McNair read a letter to the mayor and council from the Planning Commission with the recommendation of a rezoning application filed by James R. Sims, Jr., to rezone a .54-acre tract of land on the intersection of (U.S. Hwy 75) North and Reeves Road from the R-1 zoning district to the B-2 zoning district. Councilman McNair made a motion to approve the rezoning of the property. Councilman Robinson seconded and motion carried with all ayes.

Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission; Councilman McNair made a motion to rezone a tract of land from A Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Railroad Boulevard from B-2 and R-3 zoning districts to the B-3 Downtown Shopping District. This application filed by the City of Oneonta. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe presented the following nominations for the County Board of Equalization: Eugene Horsley, Greg Reid and Tina Vessels; Councilman McNair made a motion to accept the nominations to submit for the County Board of Equalization. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McNair read a letter of resignation from part-time police officer Wesley Smith, stating his last day would be July 31, 2015. Councilman McNair made a motion to accept the resignation of Wesley Smith. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Gargus made a motion to promote Chad Gibson to the Park and Recreation Supervisor position. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve a capital expense request to purchase for administration a vehicle in the amount of twenty-nine thousand, five hundred-sixty three dollars (\$29,563.00). Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Marlene Stroud of the Beautification Board requested that Frances Gibbs be appointed to the Beautification Board. Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to appoint Frances to serve on the Beautification Board. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Marlene Stroud presented Leslie Loggins and his family the Residential Beautification Award. The Commercial Beautification Award was presented to Firefighter, Leslie Loggins for the Fire Department.

Sherry Pierce, President of the Oneonta Business Association gave an update of some upcoming events that will be held downtown.

Ed Lowe gave a brief update on the Wallace State project. He stated they had met with an architectural group and have determined a viable location would be at the site of the library; and the library would be incorporated with the new building. Presented by the group was a 2 story building with about twenty-five thousand (25,000) sq. ft. per floor. Ed stated that he would like to get the public's input and there is a lot of work ahead.

Councilman Robinson expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting and he recognized Rebekah, Library Director, who presented the library report. Councilman Robinson thanked Kay Butts for doing a good job and the Library Board members.

Councilwoman Rogers expressed appreciation to everyone coming to the meeting. She gave the monthly report for the Fire Department, stating they had a total of 138 calls. Councilwoman Rogers spoke of fall being Hurricane season and the importance of seasonal safety. She stated the number of books read from the library were phenomenal. Councilwoman Rogers congratulated Leslie Loggins and family; and the Fire Department for being awarded the Beautification Awards.

Councilman Gargus reported on some upcoming park and recreation events and congratulated the Beautification Award winners.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion for a capital request in the amount of twelve-thousand, five hundred fifty-two dollars and sixty cents (\$12,552.60); to purchase a vehicle for the Building Inspection Department. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Blackwood recognized Roland who gave an update on the progress of The Church and reports from the Public Works Department. Councilman Blackwood thanked everyone attending the meeting and congratulated the Loggins family.


Councilman McNair congratulated Leslie Loggins and expressed appreciation to Frances Gibbs for serving on the Beautification Board. He congratulated Chad Gibson on his promotion and extended best wishes to Wesley Smith. Councilman McNair thanked Jim Kilgore and everyone for attending the meeting. Councilman McNair recognized Chief Chapman who congratulated Wesley Smith and reported on the upcoming Citizen's Academy class. Chief Chapman requested that the mayor and council consider filling the 2 vacate part-time positions at the Police Department. Councilman McNair stated this would be addressed on the next agenda.

Mayor Norris congratulated Leslie Loggins and Wesley Smith. He extended thanks to everyone attending the meeting and to Sherry Pierce and Marlene Stroud for their service. Mayor Norris cautioned everyone traveling on Hwy 75 to be aware that the State is videoing the drainage problem areas in an effort to amend this problem. Mayor Norris stated the need to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter and that there would be no further business after the executive session.

Councilman Gargus made a motion to go into executive session. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

  
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MAYOR