

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA AUGUST 25, 2015

COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on August 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council: Rogers, Blackwood, Gargus, McNair and Robinson. Also present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Scott Evans, Chief Arthur Willis, Barbara Andersen, Rebekah Wood, Tanya Alexander, Kay Butts, Brandon Horton, Kevin Nicodemus, Jim Kilgore, Judy Underwood, Randy Underwood and Tammie Noland

Councilman Robinson 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.

Ed Lowe explained that at the last meeting the council voted to rezone a tract of land from B-2 and R-3 zoning districts to the B-3 Downtown Shopping District. He stated that a separate motion should have been made to change some language in the zoning ordinance and he asked that the mayor and council amend the ordinance. Mayor Norris entertained a motion to amend the zoning ordinance. Councilman McNair made a motion to amend the zoning ordinance. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe reported that this is the time of year to renew the annual contract with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging and The Blount County Commission for the Elderly Nutrition Program. M4A agrees to pay \$10,476.00 and Blount County agrees to pay \$14,590.73. Councilman Gargus made a motion to approve the M4A contract. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris read the following resolution:

CITY OF ONEONTA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-25

IN REGARD TO TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR PROBATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Oneonta previously considered and approved an Agreement for Probation Services between Judicial Correction Services, Inc. and the City of Oneonta dated on or about September 7, 2005 for the provision of Municipal Court probation services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract for probation services is renewable annually on September 7th unless otherwise terminated with 30 days notice; and

WHEREAS, as of August 19, the Mayor of the City of Oneonta has provided such termination notice effective September 7, 2015 and recommends that the City Council ratify and approve such notice as of such date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Oneonta as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct and included herein this Resolution of the City Council as if fully set forth.
2. The Notice of Termination dated August 19, 2015 as sent by the Mayor of Oneonta to Judicial Correction Services Inc. is hereby ratified and approved.
3. The contract with Judicial Correction Services, Inc. for Municipal Court probation services is terminated effective September 7, 2015.
4. Probationers currently serviced by JCS shall be re-directed to report to the Municipal Court Office of City Hall during normal business hours for the purposes of making ordered payments.

The Mayor and necessary staff are hereby authorized to perform those functions and execute those documents necessary to carry out the duties and obligations as approved herein.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of August, 2015.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to adopt the resolution for termination of agreement for probation services. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McNair made a motion to advertise for (2) part-time police officers. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson moved to hire Felipe Vargas for the Assistant Court Clerk/Magistrate position. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to hire Rodney Clay Murphree as a municipal maintenance worker in the Public Works Department. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Beautification Board was not present at the meeting. Councilwoman Rogers expressed her appreciation of Marlene Stroud and all the Beautification Board members for all of their hard work.

The Oneonta Business Association was not present at the meeting.

Ed Lowe requested that the mayor and council set a public hearing for September 22, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. to consider a special event license application. Councilman McNair made a motion to set a public hearing on September 22, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe reminded everyone of the Car Show and Singing Show Down that would be held downtown on Saturday, August 29. Lowe reported that work is being done on the Wallace State Project. The 4th rendering is available for review at City Hall. He stated that within 3 weeks the finalization of the design work would be completed and some public hearings would be scheduled. He expressed that because the site is adjacent to the original L & N Depot, they would like to incorporate some of that type architectural design.

Councilman McNair thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he thanked the mayor and council for advertising for the part-time police positions. Councilman McNair stated that it is good to have Rodney Clay Murphree on board with the city.

Councilman Blackwood reported from the street department they are mowing grass, repairing equipment, picking up debris and working on The Church. Councilman Blackwood thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he welcomed Rodney Clay Murphree.

Councilman Gargus announced some upcoming Park and Recreation events. He congratulated the new hires, Rodney Murphree and Felipe Vargas. Councilman Gargus thanked everyone for attending the meeting.


Councilwoman Rogers reported that the SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) bid will go out this Friday. She reported that firefighters, Zac Page and Jonathan Ledbetter are enrolled in paramedic school; it is always good to see employees continue

development and pursue education. Councilwoman Rogers thanked the group that responded to her in-laws house on a medical call. She stated they were nice, thoughtful and caring.

Councilman Robinson checked with Rebekah Wood, the library had nothing to report. Councilman Robinson welcomed Rodney Clay Murphree and Felipe Vargas.

Mayor Norris expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting; he welcomed Rodney Clay Murphree and Felipe Vargas. There being no further business Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR