

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA APRIL 11, 2017

COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on April 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips, and Rogers. Councilman Robinson was not present. Also, present at the meeting were Alex Smith, Ed Lowe, Brandon Horton, Joan Epps, Tammie Noland, Gary Clements, Aimee Wilson, Barbara Andersen, Nicole Shine, Caleb Branch, Jim Kilgore, Paul Allred, Ricky Statham, Jr., Daniel Clem, Patrick Adams, Rex Allred, Judy Underwood, newly appointed Police Chief Clifton, Steve Gunn, Roland McCoy, Carl Frey, Chief Willis, and Amanda Stanfield.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Blackwood moved to approve the minutes from March 28, 2017 meeting as written. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the special called meeting on April 3, 2017 as written. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris recognized Blount County 911 Director, Caleb Branch to the floor to discuss resolution recognizing State of 911 and Ambulance Advisory Committee. Caleb Branch presented the Mayor and City Council with a resolution in support of the Blount County 911 Board Ambulance Advisory Committee. Caleb Branch stated the main purpose of the committee is to ensure the citizens of Blount County and Oneonta get the highest quality of care in a timely manner from ambulance services.

Mayor Norris read the following resolution in support of the Blount County 911 board ambulance advisory committee.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY
911 BOARD AMBULANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Blount County 911 Board has statutory authority for regulations of the delivery or ambulance services in Blount County, Alabama;

and

WHEREAS, the delivery of timely, competent ambulance services are important to the citizens or each of the municipalities within Blount County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneonta, Alabama is a municipal corporation located in Blount County, Alabama which recognizes the importance of timely and competent ambulance service within its municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the aforesaid municipality recognize the importance of being a participating municipality in the Blount County Ambulance Contract and hereby acknowledges its support for the creation of the Blount County 911 Board Ambulance Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City of Oneonta, Alabama, as follows:

The governing body of the City of Oneonta, Alabama hereby agrees to become a participating municipality for the Blount County Ambulance Contract in recognition of the importance of the timely and competent delivery of ambulance services to its citizens and supports the formation of the Ambulance Advisory Committee by the Blount County 911 Board for its development of bid specifications for the delivery of ambulance services within its municipality and Blount County, Alabama.

Adopted and approved this the 11th day of April 2017.

Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the 911 Board ambulance advisory committee. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris read the following proclamation recognizing April 29, 2017 as Jacksonville State University (JSU) Day.

PROCLAMATION

APRIL 29TH JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY DAY IN THE CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, JACKSONVILLE State University has served the citizens of Oneonta, Blount County, and Alabama, for over 130 years by providing opportunities to engage in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Over 500 alumni of JSU reside and work in Oneonta and Blount County, rearing families and enjoying a productive lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, More than 130 of Oneonta's and Blount Counties' finest students are currently enrolled in numerous fields of study at JSU where they are becoming equipped with 21st century skills; and

WHEREAS, As of this date, numerous seniors from the 2016 graduating classes from Oneonta and Blount County have applied for admission in the fall to JSU; and

WHEREAS, April 29th, 2017 has been selected as the date to hold our annual chapter meeting in which we honor all new and current students at JSU and to provide an opportunity for JSU alumni and supporters to provide scholarship assistance to our young people; and

WHEREAS, The event will be held at the Highland Lake Anchor beginning at 11:00 a.m. with wonderful food and drink being provided through the generosity of Hometown Bank; and

WHEREAS, University President, Dr. John Beehler and many other university officials are scheduled to attend this celebration; and

WHEREAS, Appreciation is being shown to the Blount County-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce for their generous support for this event:

NOW, Therefore Be It Resolved by the City Council and Mayor, City of Oneonta, that, April 29th, 2017 be declared Jacksonville State University Day in the City of Oneonta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to JSU's President, Dr. John Beehler, and the great university he represents for this generous investment in the future of Oneonta's and Blount County's students.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, This the 11th Day of April, 2017.

Councilman Blackwood made motion to approve proclamation recognizing April 29, 2017 as Jacksonville State University Day. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Aimee Wilson gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She invited everyone to come out to the ribbon cutting at Pounder's Seafood on April 20, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Richard Phillips made a motion to set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing alcohol applications. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Beautification Board was not present in the meeting.

Oneonta Business Association was not present in the meeting.

Ed Lowe reported the FA (Federal Aviation) approved the 2017 airport grant request in the amount of \$73,000 for the purpose of land acquisition. Ed Lowe stated the airport grant request is supported by a resolution approved by the Mayor and Council at a previous council meeting, this is pending the passage of the transportation bill.

Councilman Blackwood gave a brief update on behalf of public works. Councilman Blackwood welcomed Chief Clifton and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Councilman Blackwood being a JSU alumni, expressed support for the JSU Proclamation.

Councilman Butler thanked everyone for attending the council meeting.

Councilman Phillips gave an update on behalf of the Oneonta Police Department. Councilman Phillips stated he looks forward to working with Chief Clifton.

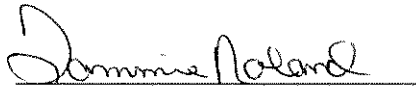
Councilwoman Rogers represented the Oneonta Public Library, on Councilman Robinson's behalf. Ricky Statham, Jr., Library Director, urged everyone to petition their representation to maintain funding for the museum and library services. He stated that the LSD grants are vital to the resources within public libraries.


Councilwoman Rogers had nothing to report from the Fire Department. Councilwoman Rogers thanked the Oneonta Fire Department for attending the meeting.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing good name and character. He stated there would be no further business after the executive session. Councilman Phillips made motion to enter executive session. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The Mayor and Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips and Rogers entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. Also, attending were Alex Smith, Ed Lowe, Brandon Horton, and Tammie Noland. Mayor Norris dismissed the executive session at 6:43 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR