

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF ONEONTA, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on September 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Butler, Phillips, Robinson and Rogers. Councilman Blackwood was not present for the meeting. Also, present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, State Representative David Standridge, Danna Standridge, Tammie Noland, Roland McCoy, Joan Epps, Kevin Nicodemus, Fire Chief Willis, Police Chief Clifton, Steve Gunn, Scott Evans, Dalton Farmer, Tanya Alexander, Ricky Statham, Jr., Carl Frey, Daniel Clem, Aimee Wilson, Wayne Bennett, Toby Hollier, Jim Kilgore, Kay Butts and Amanda Stanfield.

Councilman Robinson gave the invocation.

Councilman Phillips moved to approve the minutes from August 22, 2017 council meeting as written. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 22, 2017 work session as written. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the minutes from September 6, 2017 special called meeting as written. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A public hearing was held on this same date at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Zaxby's 772 tax abatement agreement. Ed Lowe stated Zaxby's total investment will be approximately 1.2 million dollars, and will create an estimate of forty new jobs. Ed Lowe stated there will be a cap of \$150,000 with no time limit, due to Zaxby's projected 1.5 million dollars in annual sales. Alex Smith stated the agreement also requires the location to be maintained as a Zaxby's franchise only. There was no opposition. The public hearing ended at 5:05 p.m.

Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to adopt the Zaxby's 772 tax abatement agreement. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A public hearing was held on this same date at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the R-3G zoning ordinance change. Ed Lowe read the recommendation letter from the Planning Commission requesting to change the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance. Ed Lowe stated the R-3G zoning will allow residents to purchase a nice home on a smaller lot with less maintenance. Ed Lowe mentioned both the R-1G and R-3G zoning options will be available, if the R-3G zoning ordinance is adopted. After public comments and discussion, the public hearing ended at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt the R-3G zoning ordinance change. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris recognized Tanya Alexander for her certified municipal clerk achievement.

Mayor Norris read resolution number 2017-9-12SWPTH concerning the 2018 severe weather preparedness tax holiday. Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve resolution number 2017-09-12SWPTH. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Rogers read resolution number 2017-09-12FDSP pertaining to Oneonta Fire Department surplus property. Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to approve resolution number 2017-09-12FDSP. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris entertained a motion to ratify the termination of employee, Shane Osborn. Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to ratify the termination of employee, Shane Osborn. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Aimee Wilson gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Beautification Board was not present for the meeting.

Daniel Clem gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. He stated starting October 3, 2017, the Oneonta Business Association will begin meeting at the Woodmen of the World location rather than City Hall.

Ed Lowe stated he would like any further comments concerning the Downtown Entertainment District Ordinance, discussed at the previous public hearing held on August 22, 2017. Ed stated adoption of the ordinance will not modify any state statutes or local ordinances. The ordinance simply gives an opportunity to accommodate outdoor events and how alcohol is being dispensed. After public comments and discussion, Ed Lowe mentioned the main goal is to increase tax revenue within the entertainment district area.

Representative David Standridge presented the Oneonta Public Library with a \$1,000 grant, which could be used for educational purposes. Representative David Standridge stated he was very impressed with Ricky Statham, Jr., Oneonta Public Library Director.

Councilman Robinson recognized Ricky L. Statham, Jr. Oneonta Library Director. Ricky L. Statham, Jr. reported figures for the month of August. Councilman Robinson congratulated both Tanya Alexander and Ricky Statham, Jr. for their accomplishments.

Councilman Butler congratulated Tanya Alexander for her achievement, and mentioned how well soccer is going.

Councilwoman Rogers gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department. Councilwoman Rogers recognized Fire Chief Willis for being named Firefighter of the year by the Blount County and EMA Association.

Councilman Phillips congratulated Tanya Alexander and Fire Chief Willis for their accomplishments. Councilman Phillips thanked Representative David Standridge for attending the meeting.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor Norris stated once the council meeting is adjourned, a work session to discuss 2017/2018 budget will begin.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

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