

STATE OF ALABAMA)  
CITY OF ONEONTA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on September 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Phillips and Robinson. Councilman Butler, Councilwoman Rogers, Ed Lowe and Tammie Noland were not present for the meeting. Also, present were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Tanya Alexander, Phil Sims, Scott Dawson, Joan Epps, Ricky Statham, Jr., Kay Butts, Kevin Nicodemus, Roland McCoy, Police Chief Clifton, Steve Gunn, Fire Chief Willis, Marcie Willis, Jim Kilgore, Barbara Andersen and Amanda Stanfield.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from September 12, 2017 council meeting as written. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2017 work session as written. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2017 work session as written. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris recognized 2018 gubernatorial candidate Scott Dawson. Scott Dawson stated that he appreciates the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to speak, and that he looks forward to building a relationship with Blount County.

Mayor Norris recognized City Attorney, Alex Smith to expound ordinance number 2017-09-20ED concerning the Downtown Entertainment District. Alex Smith stated there was a public hearing held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the purpose of discussing the Downtown Entertainment District. Mr. Smith stated since the public hearing no changes have been made to the ordinance, and the ordinance has been adopted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. Councilman Phillips made a motion to adopt ordinance number 2017-09-20ED. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris read resolution number 2017-09-12R concerning a one-time lump sum payment to retired members and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Oneonta prior to May 1, 2017. Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve resolution number 2017-09-12R. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris requested Fire Chief Willis read Joan Patreece Mulkey's retirement notice. After reading Mrs. Mulkey's retirement letter, Fire Chief Willis stated her retirement will be effective November 1, 2017. Fire Chief Willis expressed how much Joan Mulkey will be missed around the fire station and commended her for her service. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to approve the retirement of Joan Patreece Mulkey. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to advertise for park and recreation seasonal; part-time concession employees. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to advertise for full-time public works supervisor. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to advertise for full-time police officer. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson brought attention to the major growth of the city by comparing the 2011 budget to the 2018 budget. Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the 2017/2018 budget. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

REVENUES: 8,158,900.00  
EXPENITURES: 8,158,285.00  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: 1,240,615.00  
BUILDING INSPECTIONS: 192,110.00  
LIBRARY: 295,900.00  
MUNICIPAL COURT: 63,000  
POLICE: 1,673,900.00  
FIRE: 1,395,590.00  
PUBLIC WORKS: 814,270.00  
SANITATION: 290,000.00  
PARK & RECREATION: 604,150.00  
SCHOOL BOARD: 439,000.00  
  
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE: 832,000.00  
APPROPRIATIONS & OTHER: 202,750.00  
TOTAL: 8,158,900.00

This budget includes a three percent (3%) across the board pay raise to begin October 2017, excluding the city manager position, allows city manager to accrue comp-time in leu of cost of living rates. Also, it includes one-time lump sum payment for retirees and 0.25 per hour raise for paramedic incentive for the fire department to final cap at \$1.00. The budget includes a five percent (5%) across the board health insurance increase. The budget consists of operational

salary increases for overage in both the police department and fire department. An increase in repairs and maintenance in the fire department was also added to this budget.

Barbara Andersen 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 all upcoming events on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association.

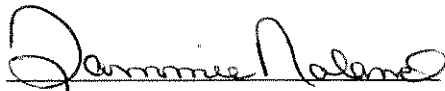
Councilman Phillips had nothing to report from the Police Department and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.


Councilman Blackwood asked everyone to please be patient during the garbage transition, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Robinson thanked Joan Patreece Mulkey for her service. Ricky Statham, Jr. stated he had nothing to report on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and thanked Joan Patreece Mulkey for everything she has done.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

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