

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF ONEONTA, MAY 8, 2018
COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on May 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips, Robinson and Rogers. Also, present in the meeting were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Joan Epps, Allie Allcorn, Stephanie and Tim Preston, Tanya Alexander, Tammie and Ralph Noland, Fire Chief Willis, Marcie Willis, Kay Butts, Ricky Statham, Jr., Ron and Carol Kiker, Police Chief Clifton, Lt. Steve Gunn, Judy Underwood, Noel Hall, Cory Glasscock, Keith Atkinson, Mike Harris, Larry Yancey and Amanda Stanfield.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from April 24, 2018 council meeting as written. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Butler stated since the passing of Rob Rice, Park & Recreation Board president; there is a need to fill the vacancy. Councilman Butler made a motion to elect Chris Hardeman as president of the Park and Recreation Board for the term stated in the by-laws. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Butler made a motion to hire Ferris Phillips and Sharon Blackwood as temporary city pool employees. Councilman Phillips seconded, Councilman Blackwood sustained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer 3.7 L engine PPV plus lights of the total purchase value at \$36,673.00. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Aimee Wilson gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She stated the Chamber is currently accepting applications for the Covered Bridge Festival and has partnered with the Friends of the Locust Fork River to display artwork by local contestants. Aimee exclaimed to Lt. Steve Gunn how proud she was of him and thanked him for everything he has done.

The Beautification Board was not present for the meeting.

The Oneonta Business Association was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Norris recognized Brandon Horton for receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Jacksonville State University. Mayor Norris presented Lt. Steve Gunn with a plaque commending him of his dedication to the Oneonta Police Department and the community. Lt. Steve Gunn stated it has been a tremendous honor to serve the City of Oneonta, and he is excited for the future ventures and very blessed to have been a part of Oneonta.

Ed Lowe read resolution number 2018-5-8, concerning the easement of Spring Street requested by the property owner Patti Robinson. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to adopt resolution number 2018-5-8. Councilwoman Rogers seconded, Councilman Robinson sustained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to approve the lease purchase for a Caterpillar backhoe for the public works department at the lease price of \$102,564.78. Councilman Blackwood stated the lease

purchase was already approved in the 2018 budget. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood congratulated Brandon Horton on receiving his Bachelor's Degree, and he thanked Lt. Steve Gunn for his service, while wishing him the best.

Councilman Butler congratulated Brandon Horton on his accomplishment and mentioned how impartial Lt. Steve Gunn has always been throughout his career and will be greatly missed. Councilman Butler also recognized Kip Reid for twenty-five dedicated years with the City of Oneonta.

Councilman Phillips congratulated Brandon Horton and stated he is very happy for Lt. Steve Gunn and wished him well for what the future holds. Councilman Phillips requested consideration to set a work session for the purpose of discussing the lack of vehicles within the police department.

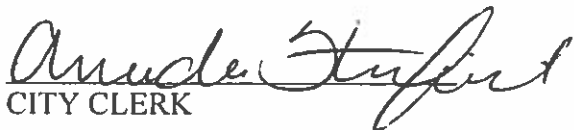
Councilman Robinson recognized Ricky Statham, Jr. to read the Oneonta Library figures for the month of April. Councilman Robinson congratulated Brandon Horton and thanked Lt. Gunn for everything he has done throughout the years of his service.

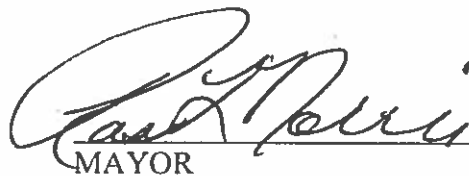
Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to approve the capital request for a couch and two recliners to furnish Station 13 fire station located at Limestone Springs for the total purchase value of \$1,250.00. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Fire Chief Willis stated the participants of Skid Car this year had the opportunity to drive the simulator demonstrated at the Fire College. He stated the simulator allows participants to option skills for defensive driving and the opportunity to drive new equipment.

Councilwoman Rogers congratulated Brandon Horton on obtaining his Bachelor's Degree. Councilwoman Rogers commended Lt. Steve Gunn on his solid rock foundation and charismatic attitude towards life and his career.

Mayor Norris praised Lt. Steve Gunn on how well he has taken care of others throughout his career and applauded him on how well he conducted himself through the last twenty-five years with the city.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR