

STATE OF ALABAMA)  
CITY OF ONEONTA, FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on February 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Phillips and Robinson. Councilman Butler, Councilwoman Rogers and Alex Smith were absent for the meeting. Also, present in the meeting were Ed Lowe, Brandon Horton, Tammie Noland, Fire Chief Willis, Police Chief Clifton, Scott Evans, Roland McCoy, Kevin Nicodemus, Tim Moore, Andy Alexander, Ricky L. Statham, Jr., Kay Butts, Carl Frey, Jim Kilgore, Daniel Clem, Nathaniel Butler and Amanda Stanfield.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from January 23, 2018. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to amend the budget for the purpose of a capital purchase request of public safety radios for the police department. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve the capital purchase request on behalf of the police department for public safety radios in the amount fourteen thousand, nine-hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$14, 966.00). Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A public hearing was held on the same date at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the extension of First Avenue. Ed Lowe began the public hearing by displaying a rendering of where the extension will take place on First Avenue. Ed stated ALDOT has mentioned a 3-way intersection at B Street could be possible, allowing better flow of traffic through the downtown area. After much discussion, the public hearing ended at 5:18p.m.

Mayor Norris requested Ed Lowe to expound on the duties and responsibilities of the planning commission. Ed Lowe stated the main purpose of the planning commission is to review requests and make recommendations on subdivisions and zoning. Ed mentioned the planning commission is a review board and does not have autonomy; meaning the Mayor and City Council has final vote.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to reappoint Wayne Bynum to the Planning Commission with the term of expiration on February 13, 2024. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to reappoint Terry Gilliland to the Planning Commission with the term of expiration on February 13, 2024. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Chamber of Commerce was not present during the meeting.

The Beautification Board was not present during the meeting.

Daniel Clem with the Oneonta Business Association gave a brief update and reminded everyone of the Chili Cookoff Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00pm.

Ed Lowe stated in conjunction with the Wallace State Academic Building, there is a need to relocate one the main sewer lines. Ed Lowe mentioned the city has partnered with the Utility Board in completing the project. Ed Lowe stated out of the five contractors who submitted a bid, the engineer recommended Lambert Construction, LLC for the bid amount of \$110,850.00 Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve Lambert Construction, LLC, at \$110,850.00 for the sewer line bid. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

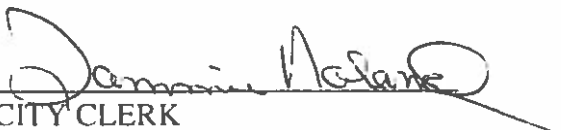
Ed Lowe stated he received notification of preliminary approval by the US Department of Federal Aviation Administration for a grant in the amount of \$552,600.00 for the purpose of resurfacing the runway and purchasing property near the runway. Ed Lowe mentioned the runway has moved direction by one degree, so the runway will have to be repainted to match that change.


Councilman Robinson requested the city follow the ordinance number T10 stating the city school tax must go through the city, then be directed to the city school. Councilman Robinson stated there is no vote required due to this ordinance passing in 1956. Ricky Statham, Jr. urged everyone to reach out to legislature about maintaining the IMLS grant funding for public libraries.

Councilman Blackwood thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Phillips reported the police department figures for January.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

  
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MAYOR