

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on November 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips and Robinson. Councilwoman Rogers arrived at 5:20 p.m. Also, present at the meeting were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Roland McCoy, Joan Epps, Ricky L. Statham, Jr., Police Chief Clifton, Allie Allcorn, Leslie Loggins, Dalton Farmer, Janine Bond, Peter Zahel, Jim Kilgore, Kay Butts, Barbara Andersen, Daniel Clem and Tanya Alexander. Also, in attendance were the following members of the Blount County Economic Development Council: Danny Kelly, Lisa Baker, Don Mitchell, Greg Reid, Lisa Wester, Kelley Stone, David Hornsby, Gene Wadkins and Bob Harvey. Amanda Stanfield, City Clerk, was not present for the meeting.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from November 13, 2018 council meeting as written. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A public hearing was held on the same date at 5:10 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing Nico's Supermarket No. 2 alcohol license application. Ed Lowe stated the location name is El Valle, yet the application is under Nico's Supermarket No. 2. He mentioned the alcohol application was unanimously approved by the local alcohol review committee for off-premise retail beer sales. After some discussion, the public hearing ended at 5:13 p.m.

Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to approve Nico's Supermarket No. 2 alcohol license application. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

A public hearing was held on the same date at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing Legends Sofa Bar, LLC alcohol license application. Ed Lowe stated the application for on-premise table wine and on-premise beer sales has been approved by the local alcohol review committee. He stated the location will be required to have seventy-percent of food available due to the alcohol sales being on-premise. After much discussion, the public hearing ended at 5:23 p.m.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt ordinance number 2018-11-27, in support of the project proposal presented by the Blount County Economic Development Council at the last regular scheduled council meeting. Ed Lowe read the ordinance number 2018-11-27; declaring the Gulf States Property located at the Industrial Park is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to hire Stephanie Gonzalez as full-time Secretary/UCR Clerk on behalf of the police department. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to hire Christopher Eugene Goodwin as part-time police officer. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Barbara Andersen gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She stated there will be a job fair on December 6th and 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Barbara also mentioned the Chamber Breakfast will be on December 19, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

There was not a Beautification Board member present for the meeting.

Daniel Clem gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. He stated the Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be November 29, 2018.


Ed Lowe had nothing to report during the meeting.

Don Mitchell, Executive Director of Blount County Economic Development Council spoke about new developments and job openings within Blount County. He stated the biggest obstacle BCEDC struggles with is available land. Don mentioned the BCEDC recently made changes to the board members on the council. He also stated the board is an active board and will begin meeting on a more regular basis. Lisa Baker, Project Director of BCEDC, stated the career service center coming to Blount County will control a lot of training funds and allow local workers to improve their job skills. Lisa Baker mentioned the funding and people are available; however, the communication needs to improve amongst the industries letting them know the workforce is ready and available.

Ed Lowe expounded on the importance of keeping the cost of the building for the career service center under the \$500,000 threshold. He stated once the price goes over \$500,000 a lot of the legalities change within the process. Don Mitchell stated the City of Oneonta agreed to pay \$500,000 for the building; yet, anything over that total the BCEDC will be responsible for the rest of the total pricing. Alex Smith stated the construction of the building cannot exceed the price of \$500,000 for both entities, and currently the rendering exceeds that price.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.


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MAYOR