

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, DECEMBER 27, 2018

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The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on December 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips and Robinson. Also, present at the meeting were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Police Chief Clifton, Leslie Loggins, Joan Epps, Roland McCoy, Ricky Statham, Jr., Patti Williams, Jim Kilgore, Roger Loggins, Paul Allred, Allie Allcorn and Amanda Stanfield. Councilwoman Rogers was absent during the meeting.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2018 as written. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Alex Smith stated there was discussion pertaining to Robbie McAlpine requesting the city to declare a six-inch variance on a property located on first avenue, adjacent to a building the city owns. Alex mentioned the building is a two-story building that Mr. McAlpine intends on moving his business "Alpine Advertising" into, and has requested a common wall agreement with the city. The agreement will state in any event there is damage to common wall, Mr. McAlpine will be responsible of the damage. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt ordinance number 2018-12-27, declaring there is no longer a public or municipal need for the six-inch variance previous discussed. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to set a public hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the updated floodplain ordinance. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Alex Smith stated the donation of Heritage Golf Property must be closed by December 31, 2018; however, the city is still waiting on the appraisal from the Browning Family. Mr. Smith mentioned once the appraisal information is obtained, the deed of gift will be complete and ready for approval. Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve Mayor Norris consent to authorize the deed of gift on behalf of Heritage Golf Property once the appraisal information is obtained. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to appoint Rachel Gargus as the city representative for the Chamber of Commerce Board. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to reappoint Shelia Gilliland to the Oneonta Housing Authority. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Barbara Anderson gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She thanked the city for helping with the Christmas Parade and for also appointing Rachel Gargus to the board. Barbara also mentioned January 21st will be a day of service by cleaning the Oneonta Public Library.

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

Patti Williams gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. She thanked the city for their continued support. She mentioned the first classic cruise-in will be March 30th, combined with the annual chili cook-off.

Ed Lowe stated he handed out a rough draft of the cooperative agreement among the city and county regarding the DHR building and DHR has a building architect plan that is feasible for the property. Alex Smith mentioned the agreement states if the project is not completed or funded properly, then the property will go back to the city. Ed Lowe mentioned the county needs to put the property in their name in order to get funding for the project. Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve Mayor Norris to authorize the final cooperative agreement. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Robinson thanked Rachel Gargus and Shelia Gilliland for volunteering their time to serve on a board.

Councilman Blackwood thanked Roland McCoy and all city employees for everything they did for the parade, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Butler thanked Rachel Gargus and Shelia Gilliland and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Phillips thanked Chief Clifton and everyone for their support during the parade, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Mayor stated there is a need to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing legal litigation and there will not be any further business after the executive session. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to enter executive session. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor and Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips and Robinson entered executive session at 5:58 p.m. Also attending were Alex Smith, Ed Lowe, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn and Amanda Stanfield. Councilwoman Rogers was not in attendance for the executive session. There being no further business the executive session ended at 6:24 p.m. Councilman Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


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MAYOR