

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, JANUARY 8, 2019

COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on January 8, 2019 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, Allie Allcorn, Roland McCoy, Joan Epps, Kevin Nicodemus, Leslie Loggins, Police Chief Clifton, Jan Mooney, Jim Kilgore, Dixie and James Dailey, Linda Cheney, Derf and Cathy Bryan, Barbara Andersen, David and Jo Stewart, Betty Ward, Anna and Chase Daniel, Daniel Clem, Hal Buckelew, Tim and Renea Lamb, Bob Neal, Kay Butts, Ray Jackson, Teresa Moody, Orby and Sharron Parker, Jeff Hancock, David Cardwell, Rachel Morgan, Debbie Clawdus, Liam Garrison and Amanda Stanfield. Councilwoman Rogers was absent for the meeting.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from December 27, 2018 as written. Councilman Phillips 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 updated floodplain ordinance. Ed Lowe stated the city adopted the original floodplain ordinance in 1984 and the ordinance allows citizens access to floodplain insurance, which a lot of mortgage companies require for properties. Ed mentioned this will be the third time the ordinance has been updated and stated anyone interested can come by city hall or visit online for more information. There was no opposition or public comments. The public hearing ended at 5:20 p.m.

Ed Lowe stated there was a public hearing held earlier discussing the updated floodplain ordinance and the ordinance will be on file at city hall. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt ordinance number 2019-1-8FP, regarding the updated floodplain ordinance. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips stated the police department received one bid on behalf of David Murphree regarding a 2005 Crown Victoria, VIN number 1019 in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) and a 2003 Crown Victoria, VIN number 9558 in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00). Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve the bid on behalf of David Murphree. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to set a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance number 2019-1-22HG; concerning Heritage Golf Property. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Alex Smith stated as of December 31, 2018, the city obtained ownership of the clubhouse and property of Heritage Golf by donation on behalf of the Browning Family. Alex mentioned the request for proposal is an invitation for the general public to anyone interested in leasing, purchasing or leasing to

purchase the property. He stated the public hearing set will declare the property no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, so the bid winner can attain ownership.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to set a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance number 2019-1-22DHR, concerning Gilbreath Drive Property. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe read the request for proposal draft for the Heritage Golf Property. Ed mentioned the draft states the bidder must understand the property will be rezoned from AG (agriculture) to R1 (residential), and the bidder must be in agreement to continue running the golf course, opened to the general public. Alex Smith stated the language within the RFP allows the city first right of refusal and the opportunity to buy the property back for the same purchase price the bidder purchased the property. Councilman Phillips made a motion to approve the request for proposal on Heritage Golf Property. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Daniel Clem gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. Daniel thanked the city and everyone else for their support and clean-up efforts during the holidays. He also mentioned "Treat on Streets" will no longer be happening, due to all the other events taking place during that time of the year.

Barbara Andersen gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Barbara thanked the Oneonta Business Association for making downtown attractive during the holidays. She also mentioned the Chamber Annual Banquet will be March 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Anchor's Church.

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

Ed Lowe thanked all the employees for their hard work during the holiday season. He stated Wallace State is in the final steps of completion and looks forward to the grand opening in April.


Councilman Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded the Heritage Homeowners to attend the public hearing on January 22nd at 5:10 p.m. to express any concerns or thoughts concerning Heritage Golf. Police Chief Clifton spoke on behalf of the Alabama Tactical Department thanking Brandon Horton, Neil Brooks, Oneonta Investigators and Oneonta Fire Department for their assistance in the arrest of an individual involved in a shooting that happened on December 15, 2018.

Councilman Butler thanked the Heritage Homeowners for attending the meeting. Councilman Butler stated Frank Cannon advised him the DAV no longer needed the property intended for the Blount County Veteran's Park. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the capital request for a 2019 Kawasaki mule on behalf of the park and recreation department in the amount of \$14,956.88. Ed Lowe stated if approved the purchase will be paid out of the gas tax, due to right of way maintenance. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated the public works department is aware of the recent flooding issues and tentatively handling all issues.

Councilman Robinson thanked the Heritage Homeowners for attending the meeting and stated it is a concern of the city to continue to keep the golf course operating and to do what is best for the homeowners.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR