

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, JANUARY 22, 2019

COUNTY OF BLOUNT)

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on January 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Butler, Phillips, Robinson and Rogers. Also, present at the meeting were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Roland McCoy, Joan Epps, Leslie Loggins, Police Chief Clifton, Ricky Statham, Jr., Kevin Nicodemus, Jan Mooney, Amanda White, Danny Kelly, Dixie Daily, Teresa Moody, Ray Jackson, Debbie and Larry Clowdus, Nora and Jim Hornsby, Cathy Bryan, Barbara Sterling, Candace Bradford, Tom Bradford, Betty Ward, Jo Stewart, Justin and Maegen O'Dell, Randall and Chrissy Newman, Don Mitchell, David Cardwell, Nancy Malcolm, Linda Cherry, Cory O'Dell, Karen McConnell, Jim Kilgore, Tom and Kathleen King, Chase Daniel, Marcie Willis, Stephen Gunn, Daniel Clem and Amanda Stanfield.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes from January 8, 2019 as written. Councilman Butler 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 discussing ordinance number 2019-1-22HG, concerning the Heritage Golf Property. Ed Lowe stated the intent of the ordinance is to surplus the Heritage Golf Property, disposing the property as no longer for municipal usage, once a bid has been accepted for the property. Mayor Norris gave the Heritage Homeowners an opportunity to ask any questions. Debbie Clowdus, Secretary of Heritage Homeowners, approached the Mayor and City Council with some questions and concerns on behalf of the homeowners. Betty Ward expressed appreciation for everything the city has done to preserve Heritage Golf Course and the homeowners surrounding the property. After much discussion, the public hearing ended at 5:25 p.m.

Ordinance Number 2019-1-22HG, pertaining to the Heritage Golf Property will be adopted once a bid is accepted by the Mayor and City Council.

A public hearing was held on the same date at 5:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance number 2019-1-22DHR, concerning the Blount County Department of Human Resources (DHR) property off of Lemley Drive. Ed Lowe read the ordinance in its entirety, explaining the purpose of the ordinance was to transfer the property on Lemley Drive from the city to DHR so they can begin construction. There was no opposition or public comments. The public hearing ended at 6:28 p.m.

Ed Lowe reiterated the purpose of ordinance number 2019-1-22DHR is to surplus the property by Lemley Drive to transfer ownership from the city to the Blount County Department of Human Resources. Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt ordinance number 2019-1-22DHR. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Phillips made a motion to award Lance Nolen the electronics surplus on behalf of the police department in reference to resolution number 2018-12-11, adopted during regular council meeting on December 11, 2018. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Rogers made a motion to hire Kenneth Booth as the new full-time fire chief. Councilwoman Rogers exclaimed she is honored and happy to have Kenneth Booth in this capacity and knows he will do a great job. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Kenneth Booth thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing him to have this opportunity and looks forward to serving and growing with Oneonta.

Daniel Clem gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. He mentioned on March 30th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., the chili cook-out and classic cruise-in will be taking place downtown Oneonta. He added this year there will be a corn-hole tournament sponsored by Swamptails and also, a new competition called "Guns and Hoses" for all first responders to participate in hopes to win \$200.00.

Councilman Phillips stated Barbara Andersen was not able to attend the meeting on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, but reminded everyone of the Chamber Luncheon on Wednesday, January 23rd at noon.

There was not a representative present on behalf of the Beautification Board.

Ed Lowe requested approval by the Mayor and City Council to submit a petition to the planning commission for the purpose of rezoning the Heritage Golf Property. Ed Lowe mentioned the next planning commission will be on February 4, 2019. Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve Ed Lowe permission to submit a petition to the planning commission for the purpose of rezoning the Heritage Golf Property. Councilman Butler seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Butler congratulated Kenneth Booth on becoming Oneonta's new fire chief, and thanked the Heritage Homeowners for attending the meeting.

Councilman Phillips thanked the Heritage Homeowners for attending the meeting, and congratulated Kenneth Booth on his new job position. Councilman Phillips made a motion to adopt the updated Police Department Policy Manual at the next scheduled council meeting. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion was carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood congratulated Kenneth Booth and thanked the Heritage Homeowners for their attendance.

Councilwoman Rogers congratulated Kenneth Booth on his new position; stating he will do a great job within the fire department.

Councilman Robinson congratulated Kenneth Booth and asked Ricky Statham to introduce Amanda White, Library Board Member. Ricky Statham also thanked Councilman Robinson and Councilman Phillips for their efforts of cleaning the library's landscape.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting and gave special recognition to Larry and Debbie Clowdus with their help on Heritage. The Mayor congratulated Kenneth Booth and exclaimed he will be a great fit for Oneonta. There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Phillips seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.


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MAYOR