

STATE OF ALABAMA )

CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

COUNTY OF BLOUNT )

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on November 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council: Gargus, Rogers, McNair, Robinson and Blackwood. Also present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Andy Alexander, Chief Willis, Chief Chapman, Steve Gunn, Mike Harris, Barbara Andersen, Sherry Fox, Phyllis Downing, Carolyn Jones, Mary Garrett, Bobby Jones, Nate Butler, Bobbi S. Davis, Patti Robinson, Meg McGlamery, Aryn Gieger-Sedgwick, Susan Delevne, Jeremy Lesley, Carl Frey, June Peppers, Jim Kilgore, Ricky Hicks, Jan Aitken, Mike Brinkman and Tammie Noland.

Councilman Blackwood gave the invocation.

Councilman Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 council meeting as written. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McNair moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2015 work session. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe reported that after further investigation of the description of use for the SANE aspect of the Crisis Center; the determination was made that the definition for clinical use are within the guidelines for outpatient services and limits those services to regular business hours unless it is an emergency. Mr. Lowe recommended that the Crisis Center be approved for a clinical use license where they are located. Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve a clinical license for the Crisis Center where they are now located. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe explained the necessary changes to be made to the depot rental agreement. He stated that non-profit organizations shall be limited to one usage per calendar month before depot fees become applicable. Councilman Gargus made a motion that language be changed in the depot rental agreement for non-profit organization limiting the use per month to one usage before depot fees become applicable. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Andy Alexander, board member of the Agri-Business Center, gave an update on the Agri-Business Center. He reported that the fair was very successful with the income being the second largest in the past 10 years. He reported on other successful, highly attended events including the Haunted Attraction and the Kings Gold gospel singing. He announced some upcoming events such as a K-9 Show, Bull Riding and a Gun Show.

Mayor Norris recognized Police Chief James Chapman who announced that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the Citizens Academy and the 6<sup>th</sup> graduating class. He commended Officer Mike Harris for doing an excellent job and making this a successful program. Officer Harris stated that this is an eye opening class and he encouraged everyone to take the class. Officer Harris asked all the Citizens Academy students to stand and come forward to receive their certificates when their name was called. The following were present: Jan Aitken, Mike Brinkman, Nate Butler, Bobbi Davis, Phyllis Downing, Sherry Fox, Mary

Jane Garrett, Gina Jackson, Bobby Jones, Carolyn Jones, Jeremy Lesley, June Peppers and Carmen Polk. Randy Casson was not present.

The Beautification Board was not present.

The Oneonta Business Association was not present.

Ed Lowe reported on the "Little Brick Church" project and he invited everyone to come out and visit it during the Christmas Parade. Lowe recognized Street Department Supervisor, Bobby Horton and expressed that Bobby does a really good job. Bobby has brought a lot of personnel skills to that department and the city is lucky to have him.

Councilman McNair congratulated all the graduates of the Citizens Academy. He commended all the officers instrumental in the Citizens Academy program and stated that they are to protect and serve and they do an excellent job.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to make a purchase for the public works department to come out of capital outlay funds for a wire welder in the amount two thousand, six hundred thirty-five dollars and twenty nine cents, (\$2635.29). Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to make a purchase for the public works department to come out of capital outlay funds for a plasma cutter in the amount of two thousand, four hundred fifty-nine dollars, (\$2459.00). Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Blackwood reiterated what was said about Bobby Horton and expressed his appreciation to Bobby for what he does for the city. Also, Councilman Blackwood congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates.

Councilman Gargus congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates. He stated that it is great to have people involved and asking questions. Councilman Gargus expressed his appreciation to the police officers and stated that they do a great job. Councilman Gargus reported that Kevin Nicodemus, Park and Recreation Director, is on vacation and that we are moving forward on some park and recreation projects.

Councilwoman Rogers congratulated the Citizens Academy graduates. She stated that one of the most important aspects of the Citizens Academy is the networking of the citizens and the different departments. Councilwoman Rogers stated that the Oneonta Police Department is probably one of the most professional departments in the State of Alabama. What makes them different is integrity that you see every day, and she expressed appreciation to them. Councilwoman Rogers gave a report from the Fire Department. Councilwoman Rogers wished the Marine Corp. a Happy 240<sup>th</sup> Birthday and everyone a Happy Veterans Day.

Councilman Robinson expressed that the police officers did a good job with the Police Academy and he congratulated the graduates.

Mayor Norris thanked everyone for being at the meeting and he thanked the police department. He stated that the City of Oneonta is proud of the opportunity and our police department for the Citizens Academy program. Mayor Norris asked that everyone

remember our veterans. He stated that one of the proudest days of his life was when he and his wife had the opportunity to go on the Honor Flight.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
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MAYOR