

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, October 24, 2023
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. and a council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, and Pierce. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Tim Moore, Tim Alexander, Aubrey McElvey, Harvey Kyle, Nathaniel Butler, Police Chief Clifton, Fire Asst Ivey, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. Councilwoman Underwood was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Phillips opened the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated items one and two are standard items and three is to consider approving the October 10, 2023 budget work session minutes as written. There was no comment.

Mayor Phillips stated that City Foods, LLC completed an alcohol license application for beer and wine on-premises and there is a need to set a public hearing on November 14, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. to review the license.

Amanda Cole stated that Megan and Andrew Horsley have filed a petition for annexation of property located at 3058 Springville Blvd, Oneonta, AL 35121. Amanda mentioned they have completed all requirements and the petition has to run in the local paper for three consecutive weeks before the city can hold a public hearing on the annexation. Councilman McAlpine mentioned he will have to abstain due to family relations.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item six is to consider approving utility easement for underground service at the park and recreation sports complex.

The Mayor mentioned agenda items seven through ten all concern the agreements with Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC and the City of Oneonta. Allie Allcorn stated the agreements are standard renewal agreements and provide all the same services as before. She mentioned all the agreements' pricing increased by 5% and the individual audits went from \$73.00 to \$90.00.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item eleven is to allow resident Tim Alexander to speak. The Mayor mentioned agenda items twelve and thirteen will be discussed during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:52 p.m.

Police Officer Faulkner, Police Sgt. Buchanan, and Police Officer Southwell entered the chambers.

Mayor Phillips opened the council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Alexander motioned to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023, council meeting minutes as written. Councilman McAlpine seconded; Councilman Bradley abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to set a public hearing on November 15, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of City Foods, LLC. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to set a public hearing on November 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the possible annexation of property located at 3058 Springville Blvd. Councilwoman Pierce seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the utility easements for underground service at the Oneonta Park and Recreation Fields on behalf of Alabama Power. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the lodging tax revenue agreement between Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC and the City of Oneonta. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the rental tax revenue agreement between Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC and the City of Oneonta. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the tax revenue enhancement agreement revenue administration between Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC and the City of Oneonta. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the tax revenue enhancement agreement business license discovery/recovery administration between Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC and the City of Oneonta. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips recognized resident Tim Alexander to the floor. Mr. Alexander thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak about his concerns. He mentioned his main concerns were the vacant and dilapidated homes around town and the process of getting those cleaned up. He also mentioned his concern about multiple junk cars parked at homes throughout town. The Mayor stated in recent years the city has buckled down and started the process of getting the dilapidated homes and junk cars cleaned up. Mayor Phillips stated a lot of the cases are currently in our municipal court going through the proper procedure. The Mayor mentioned anyone is

welcome to come to city hall and we can add a dilapidated home to our ongoing list if it is not already on there.

Allie Allcorn asked the city council if they would consider moving the December council meetings from the 2nd and 4th Tuesday to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday due to interfering with Christmas events. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to reschedule the December council meetings from the 2nd and 4th Tuesday to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday due to interfering with Christmas events. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Allie went over the year-end 2022/2023 financial summary. She stated most numbers exceeded what was budgeted. She mentioned if anyone has questions after reviewing the summary, please contact her.

Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked Tim Alexander for bringing his concerns to the council. The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:12 p.m. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor

City Clerk