

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, March 8, 2022
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled council meeting on March 8, 2022, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, Pierce, and Underwood. Also present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Kevin Kessler, Robert Oakley, Roland McCoy, Fire Chief Booth, Andy Alexander, Ricky Statham, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. Councilman McAlpine was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. to review the agenda for the council meeting. The Mayor stated agenda items one and two are standard agenda items. Mayor Phillips mentioned item three pertains to February 22, 2022, council meeting minutes as written unless anyone comments.

The Mayor stated agenda item four is regarding adopting "Proclamation Declaring the Local State of Emergency for Dogwood Drive." Mayor Phillips mentioned item five was reviewed during the previous public hearing concerning Dogwood Drive. The Mayor stated the agenda item is to consider approving resolution no. 0322-01, concerning 2022 CDBG urgent need funds.

Mayor Phillips stated there will be a need to suspend the rules in order to amend the agenda. He explained the first amendment would be item six to consider authorizing Mayor Richard Phillips to negotiate with contractor for emergency repairs for Dogwood Drive.

The Mayor mentioned the next amendment to the agenda would be to vote on a municipal program to regulate garbage within the entertainment district, and the next item would be voting on the potential purchase of property for the Dogwood Drive project once exiting the executive session.

Mayor Phillips explained agenda items seven through ten will be discussed during the council meeting and agenda item eleven is to consider entering an executive session to discuss the potential of selling property.

The Mayor closed the work session at 5:55 p.m.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Councilman Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read the "Proclamation Declaring the Local State of Emergency for Dogwood Drive" in its entirety. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adopt the "Proclamation Declaring the Local State of Emergency for Dogwood Drive". Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution no. 0322-01, concerning 2022 CDBG urgent need funds in its entirety. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve resolution no. 0322-01, concerning 2022 CDBG urgent need funds. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to suspend the rules in order to amend the agenda. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to suspend the rules in order to amend the agenda. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to amend the following items on the agenda:

1. Amend item six to authorizing Mayor Richard Phillips to negotiate with the contractor for emergency repairs to Dogwood Drive.
2. Potential vote to authorize the purchase of property on behalf of the Dogwood Drive project
3. Potential vote to authorize a municipal program to regulate garbage within the entertainment district. Foodservice establishments shall be required to participate due to the volume of waste and sanitary conditions and will be on a 7-day schedule with rates based on square footage. Non-food service establishments shall be offered an optional service, also based on square footage. Alex Smith will draft a detailed program that will be sent to businesses.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the referenced agenda amendments. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve Mayor Phillips to negotiate with the contractor for emergency repairs to Dogwood Drive. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve a municipal program to regulate garbage within the entertainment district. Foodservice establishments shall be required to participate due to the volume of waste and sanitary conditions and will be on a 7-day schedule with rates based on square footage. Non-food service establishments shall be offered an optional service, also based on square footage. Alex Smith will draft a detailed program that will be sent to businesses. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood gave the February police report.

Councilwoman Pierce gave the February fire report.

Allie Allcorn stated there is a current vacancy at the Oneonta Public Library and the director did not want to wait three more weeks until the next meeting. Mayor Phillips made a motion to approve Jordan Duncan as full-time Programmers Coordinator on behalf of the library. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise for a full-time circulation clerk on behalf of the library. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated he attended a meeting to discuss an update on the internet with delegates throughout the county. The Mayor mentioned there will be grant money out there for internet options but the internet providers must be the ones to apply for the funding, so it is very important for municipalities to contact the providers and tell them the importance of applying for the funding.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss the potential of selling property at 6:37 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, Pierce, and Underwood were present in the executive session. Also present were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. The executive session started at 6:38 p.m. Councilman Alexander made a motion to exit the executive session. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The Mayor and Council exited the executive session at 6:53 p.m.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to purchase parcel no. 15-07-36-4-000-0001.01 located on Dogwood Drive and 5th Avenue. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the purchase of parcel no. 15-07-36-4-000-0001.01 located on Dogwood Drive and 5th Avenue. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk