

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, September 13, 2022
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled public hearing for the purpose of discussing the downtown revitalization proposal on behalf of Hometown Bank of Alabama on September 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Fire Chief Booth, Assistant Fire Chief Ivey, Officer Heard, Police Lt. Egan, Mark Gargus, Jim Ed and Dana Clayton, Vernell Phillips, June Peppers, Ricky Statham, Pat Clanton, Pamela Casey, Keith Mardis, Tara Murphree, Jimmy Wester, Autumn Jiles, Treieva Oakley, Jana Cordell, Danny Kelly, Robert Gregory, and Amanda Cole.

The Mayor opened the regularly scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session to review the agenda items for the council meeting at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Phillips stated agenda items one and two are standard items. The Mayor mentioned item three pertains to the August 23, 2022 council meeting minutes; item four pertains to the August 23, 2022 work session for the 2023 fiscal year departmental budget minutes; item five pertains to the August 30, 2022 canvassing meeting minutes unless anyone has any comments.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item six is to set a work session on September 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023 fiscal year budget. The Mayor explained the work session will be the last one before approving the 2023 fiscal year budget.

The Mayor explained he emailed every council member information on the comprehensive plan and thinks that it is a vital piece of a community. Mayor Phillips stated agenda item seven to consider setting a work session on September 27, 2022, immediately following the council meeting for the purpose of discussing developing a comprehensive plan.

Mayor Phillips stated that a number of the council are members of the Alabama League of Municipalities Economic Development Academy and will be absent from the November 8th council meeting due to an award ceremony. The Mayor recommended the November 8th council meeting be rescheduled to November 10th.

The Mayor explained Councilman Alexander will review agenda item nine during the council meeting, and Councilman McAlpine will review agenda item ten during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips stated Councilwoman Pierce will review items eleven through fourteen during the council meeting. The Mayor mentioned Councilwoman Underwood will discuss agenda item fifteen during the council meeting.

The Mayor stated items sixteen and seventeen will be discussed during the council meeting and there will be a work session immediately following the council meeting for anyone interested in

staying to discuss the 2023 fiscal year budget. Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the council meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilman Bradley seconded; Councilman Alexander abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, work session as written. Councilwoman Pierce seconded; Councilman Alexander abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022, canvassing meeting as written. Councilman McAlpine seconded; Councilman Alexander abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to set a work session on September 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023 fiscal year budget. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to set a work session on September 27, 2022, immediately following the council meeting for the purpose of discussing developing a comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to reschedule the November 8th to November 10th due to a scheduling conflict. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander read the "Proclamation Declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in its entirety. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine expressed his personal story about the importance of Neonatal Intensive Care Units before reading the "NICU Awareness Day Proclamation" in its entirety. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read resolution no. 0922-01; concerning fire department surplus and then made a motion to approve the referenced resolution. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read the resignation letter from Fire Chief Kenneth Booth and regretfully made a motion to approve Fire Chief Booth's resignation. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to advertise for a full-time chief on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department due to the resignation of Fire Chief Booth. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce gave the August report on behalf of the fire department.

Councilwoman Underwood gave the August report on behalf of the police department. Councilwoman Underwood read a letter of commendation from Police Chief Clifton recognizing Officer Alex Heard for his heroic actions that saved an individual's life on August 14, 2022. Councilwoman Underwood presented Officer Heard with a plaque for his dedication and commitment to the Oneonta Police Department. Mayor Phillips thanked Officer Heard for his heroic actions and stated he is very proud of him.

Allie Allcorn stated Brandon Horton requested the capital request to purchase a bat-wing bush hog for maintaining the rights-of-way and the airport. She mentioned the equipment is on the state bid website costing a total of \$8,000.00 and would come out of the 7-cent gas bank account. Councilman Bradley made a motion to purchase a bat-wing bush hog from the state bid in the amount of \$8,000.00. Allie thanked Chief Booth for always doing an excellent job and being great to work with and she truly hates to see him go.

Mayor Phillips stated restaurant week is September 19th through 23rd and people will be able to participate with BINGO cards once they turn the card into the city, the city will draw for a winner to win a prize. The Mayor mentioned yesterday was "Red Vest Day" for the Lowe's grant project for the Little Brick Church and he thanked Cullman Lowes for doing such a great job.

The Mayor congratulated Officer Heard on his commendation and commended Fire Chief Booth on everything he has done for the fire department. The Mayor stated there will be a work session following the council meeting to discuss the 2023 fiscal year budget allocation portion. The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Pierce made a motion to close the council meeting. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting ended at 6:26 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk