

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, February 14, 2023
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. with a council meeting followed at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Police Officer Dutton, Police Officer Falkner, Police Lt. Egan, Fire Lt. Ivey, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, Leanne McAlpine, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. The Mayor stated that agenda items one and two are standard items, and item three is to consider approving the minutes of the January 24, 2023, meeting unless there are any comments.

The Mayor stated the purpose of agenda items four and five are to hire two part-time firefighters. Mayor Phillips explained agenda item six is to accept the retirement of full-time Captain Scott Payne on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department. The Mayor stated agenda item seven is to advertise for a full-time firefighter due to the retirement of Scott Payne.

Mayor Phillips stated that agenda item eight is to consider approving the resignation of full-time police officer Scott Evans.

Mayor Phillips explained items nine through eleven will be discussed during the council meeting. The Mayor mentioned Pamela Casey was not able to attend this meeting and will be set on the next agenda.

The Mayor stated items thirteen and fourteen will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips mentioned item number fifteen is considering entering into an executive session to discuss the sale of a property. The Mayor explained Councilman Bradley will give a park and recreation update during the meeting and Councilman Alexander will give a street department update. The Mayor adjourned the work session at 5:50 p.m.

Police Sgt. Buchanan, Police Sgt. Glasscock, Police Officer Self, and Bekah Phillips entered the chambers at 5:53 p.m.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve January 24, 2023, council minutes as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to hire Christopher Dyar as a part-time firefighter on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to hire Lonnie West as a part-time firefighter on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read a retirement letter on behalf of Scott Payne with his last day being March 31st. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve full-time Fire Captain Scott Payne's retirement. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to advertise a full-time firefighter on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read the resignation of full-time police officer Scott Evans. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the resignation of full-time police officer Scott Evans. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Bekah Phillips gave a brief update on the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilwoman Pierce gave the January report on behalf of the fire department. Councilwoman Pierce mentioned Chief Seehusen is updating policy and testing for the fire department.

Councilwoman Underwood gave the January report on behalf of the police department. Councilwoman Underwood read a commendation letter recognizing Officer Rachel Falkner for assisting a motorist down on his luck. Councilwoman Underwood read a commendation letter recognizing Officer Jeremy Dutton for his actions of bravery while on duty.

Mayor Phillips thanked both officers for their service and dedication to the police department and community.

Councilman Alexander gave a report on the projects completed from January 24th through February 14th by the street department. Councilman Alexander thanked the street department for everything they complete daily.

Councilman Bradley gave a report on updates on the park and recreation department.

Allie Allcorn thanked the police officers for all their hard work. Allie Allcorn requested a motion to advertise to hire a full-time police officer. Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise to hire a full-time police officer. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated he had nothing to report. The Mayor stated there is a need to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of a property. Mayor Phillips thanked the departments and everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of a property at 6:21 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Present in the executive session were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:25 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:02 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk