

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, June 13, 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, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Mike Harris, Tyler Seehusen, and Tanya Blakely.

Mayor Phillips opened the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated that items one and two are standard items and item three is to consider approving the May 17, 2023, council meeting minutes. There was no comment.

Mayor Phillips explained that agenda item number four is considering setting a public hearing on June 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss ordinance number 0623-01 concerning emergency clearance.

Fire Chief Seehusen explained the 0623-01 ordinance regarding emergency clearance. Chief Seehusen had spoken with Derick Walker with Lifeguard Ambulance Services, Charles Clifton, and Brandon Horton. Chief Seehusen stated that it was their recommendation to repeal an ordinance, free up the radio more, and put less undue stress on the dispatchers.

Mayor Phillips explained that item number five is to consider setting a public hearing on June 27, 2023, at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an amendment to the current alcohol license application on behalf of Pinseekers, LLC.

Allie Allcorn explained that this is just an amendment to the current alcohol license application for Pinseekers, LLC. to now include retail table wine on premises. Allie said that before they only had retail beer on premises and this is an amendment to their current application.

Mayor Phillips explained that agenda item number six is to consider appointing Matt McGowin to the Utilities Board and reminded the council of the recommendation of Matt McGowin for the Utilities Board appointment. Mayor Phillips explained that Chris Harvey is rolling off and said that Matt McGowin would be an excellent selection.

Mayor Phillips stated that the remaining items on the agenda are the Fire report, Library report, Park and Recreation report, Police report, Public Works report, City Administration report, and his Mayoral report.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:50 p.m. and the council will reconvene at 6:00 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 Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, council meeting as written. Councilman Bradley seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to set a public hearing on June 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance no. 0623-01 concerning emergency clearance. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to set a public hearing on June 27, 2023, at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an amendment to the current alcohol license application on behalf of Pinseekers, LLC. Councilman Bradley seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to appoint Matt McGowin to the Utilities Board. Councilman Alexander seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Chief Seehusen gave the fire report for the month of May and stated that the fire department is tentatively being awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$100,000.00 for radio upgrades for all fire department personnel.

Mayor Phillips read the library report for the month of May and stated that the library was awarded a \$2000.00 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for Summer Reading.

Councilman Bradley gave the park and recreation report for the month of May.

Councilwoman Underwood gave the police report for the month of May.

Councilman Alexander gave the public works report for the month of May. Also, Councilman Alexander thanked the public works for their efforts in prepping and then cleaning up for the June Fling. Councilman Alexander also stated that he was asked by Jim Kilgore to please thank the mayor and himself for attending the Gamble School Memorial Ceremony, Brandon Horton for his leg work, Tim Moore for getting the bleachers there, Roland McCoy for advice and arranging the installation of the actual marker and for OPD for controlling traffic during the ceremony.

Allie Allcorn reported that we are currently working out the discrepancies in our May financials. Allie Allcorn stated that she did send out all our requests for funding to all our current entities that are funded. Also, Allie reminded the council and department heads if they have any budget requests to please submit them to her.

Mayor Phillips reported that he met with Mr. King who is proposing the development of the bowling alley and he presented him with a letter of proof of funding from The Armstrong Property Group confirming that he is pre-approved for up to \$ 10,000,000.00 in funding for that project. Mayor Phillips stated that the rodeo is coming back out on the McPherson property, and we did receive an updated lease for their liability insurance. Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for attending the June Fling. Mayor Phillips reported that the park projects are moving right along with no complaints from the contractor.

Mayor Phillips stated if there was nothing further then he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Assistant City Clerk