

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, July 12, 2022
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2022, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items and a scheduled public hearing at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the alcohol license application for Akshar Oil, LLC. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting was Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, Fire Chief Booth, Bill Hendrickson, River and Tara Murphree, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the alcohol license application on behalf of Akshar Oil, LLC. Brandon Horton mentioned Akshar Oil, LLC has applied for an alcohol license application for the Mobil Gas Station located on 6th Street. He stated they are transferring ownership and nothing has changed on the application and they have passed their inspection. The public hearing closed at 5:42 p.m.

The Mayor opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. to review the agenda items for the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated agenda items one and two are standard items. The Mayor mentioned item three pertains to June 28, 2022, council minutes unless anyone has any comments.

Mayor Phillips stated item agenda four pertains to approving the alcohol license application on behalf of Akshar Oil, LLC. The Mayor mentioned Brandon Horton reviewed the application during the previous public hearing for a transfer of ownership.

The Mayor mentioned Councilwoman Pierce will review agenda items five and six during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated Councilwoman Underwood will review agenda item seven during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips explained agenda item eight will be to recognize the Oneonta Business Association. The Mayor stated agendas nine and ten will be reviewed during the council meeting. The Mayor mentioned items eleven and twelve will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated agenda item thirteen is to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the lease of city-owned property. The Mayor mentioned there will not be the further business after the executive session.

Councilman Bradley mentioned during the council meeting he will need to discuss two resignations of lifeguards and a few lifeguard applicants needing the approval to hire. Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:51 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the council meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Police Chief Clifton entered the council chambers.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

River Murphree led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips explained item agenda four was discussed during a public hearing and work session held before the council meeting. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the alcohol license application on behalf of Akshar Oil, LLC. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read a resignation letter on behalf of a full-time firefighter/paramedic, Zach Page, requesting his last day on August 12, 2022. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the resignation of full-time firefighter/paramedic, Zach Page. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce explained due to the resignation of Zach Page the fire department needs to advertise to hire a full-time firefighter/paramedic. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to advertise to hire a full-time firefighter/paramedic. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the resignation of seasonal; lifeguards Zoe Bailey and Katelyn Adkins. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire the following individuals as seasonal; lifeguards: Pierce Gilliland, Angelina Hood, and Nick McCarry. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise to hire seasonal concession managers on behalf of the park and recreation department. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Bill Hendrickson gave an update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. He thanked the city for all their assistance during the June Fling. He stated the OBA is still working on "Light the Town" and "Paint the Town" to make the projects even better. Bill mentioned the OBA is working on creating a more safe and friendly area surrounding the "Angel Wings" Mural. He stated the theme for Christmas this year is "A Savior is Born" and OBA is looking forward to having twenty-five artificial trees and a kid zone filled with trees decorated by children of Oneonta.

Councilwoman Pierce read the June report on behalf of the fire department.

Councilwoman Underwood read the June report on behalf of the police department.

Allie Allcorn had nothing to report during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips stated the City Market for July 23rd will be at night this time from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in an effort to avoid the summer heat. The Mayor mentioned the Little Brick Church is currently closed for renovations, but people are able to rent The Depot. Mayor Phillips explained Nicole Tolbert is working on the second annual Restaurant Week during the third week of September and he will update everyone later. The Mayor stated the city will be coordinating with the OBA to have the Spook and Show again this year with the tentative date of October 20th.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to enter an executive session and there will be no further business discussed. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the lease of city-owned property. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes at 6:19 p.m.

Mayor Phillips and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, 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 6:21 p.m. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to exit the executive session. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The Mayor and Council exited the executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk