

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, September 12, 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, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Police Chief Clifton, Ricky Statham, Police Lt. Egan, Fire Chief Seehusen, Police Sgt. Buchanan, Police Officer Hall, Police Officer Faulkner, Officer Self, Officer Suddeth, Investigator Harris, Investigator Adamson, Randy Underwood, Tim Moore, Nate Butler, Nathaniel Butler, Harvey Kyle, Eli St James, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated items one and two are standard items and item three is to consider approving the August 22, 2023 budget work session minutes as written. There was no comment. Mayor Phillips stated item four is to consider approving the August 22, 2023 council minutes as written. There was no comment.

The Mayor stated item five is to consider setting a work session on September 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget. Mayor Phillips mentioned Sharon Breaseale is rolling off from the library board and the library board has recommended appointing Edouard Ndecky to serve in that vacancy. Mayor Phillips explained that item agenda seven is to consider reappointing James Carr to the Blount County Board of Equalization.

Allie Allcorn mentioned the FAA requires the city to pass a resolution annually in order to receive funding for the airport grant. She stated the 2024 grant cycle is to complete a four-unit T-hanger and taxiway.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item nine is to consider approving a resolution to authorize the closing of the property located next to Pizza Hut on behalf of Rockmart Property for the Bojangles location. Alex Smith stated the title company working with Rockmart Property requires the referenced resolution for evidence of authorization.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda items ten through fourteen are department reports. The Mayor mentioned agenda item fifteen is the city administrative report and agenda item sixteen is the mayoral report. Mayor Phillips stated agenda item seventeen is to consider entering into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the buy/sale of property. Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:56 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 August 22, 2023, budget work session. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023, council meeting. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to set a work session on September 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine read a recommendation letter from Ricky Statham requesting to appoint Edouard Ndecky to the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Edouard Ndecky to the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read a recommendation letter to reappoint James Carr to the Board of Equalization for his second term. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to reappoint James Carr to the Board of Equalization. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Allie Allcorn mentioned the FAA requires the city to pass a resolution annually in order to receive funding for the airport grant. She stated the 2024 grant cycle is to complete a four-unit T-hanger and taxiway. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution no. 0923-01; concerning Robbins Field Airport grant funding. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Alex Smith stated in July 2022 the council approved Mayor Phillips's authorization to approve the sale of property beside Pizza Hut to Rockmart Property Group, LLC. Alex Smith stated the title company working with Rockmart Property requires the referenced resolution for evidence of authorization. Mayor Phillips stated once the closing of the property is completed breaking ground on the property will begin within sixty to ninety days. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve resolution no. 0923-02; authorizing the closing of the property located at parcel no. 081609311002014000 to Rockmart Property Group, LLC. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Fire Chief Seehusen gave the August 2023 report to the fire department. The Fire Chief stated he will be deploying next week until May 2024, Assistant Fire Chief Ivey will be serving as chief in the interim.

Councilman McAlpine gave the August 2023 report for the Oneonta Public Library and stated the library received an LSTA grant in the amount of \$16,000 for children's computers.

Councilman Bradley gave the August 2023 report to the park and recreation department.
Police Chief Clifton gave the August 2023 report to the police department.

Councilman Alexander gave the August 2023 report for the public works department.

Allie Allcorn reminded everyone that Arrow Disposal won the garbage bid and residents should receive postcard notifications soon.

The Mayor stated there is a need to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the buy/sale of property and there will not be any further discussion. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the buy/sale of property at 6:20 p.m. Councilman Alexander 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, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:23 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:04 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:04 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor

City Clerk