

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, November 14, 2023

County of Blount)

### Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled public hearing at 5:15 p.m. and a second public hearing at 5:30 p.m. with a 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, Brandon Horton, Police Chief Clifton, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of City Foods, LLC. Brandon Horton stated that City Foods, LLC has applied for table wine and beer on-premises at the previous location of JW Bar and Grill. Brandon mentioned that the location is the same zoning and the inspection has been completed.

There being no comment or further discussion, Mayor Phillips closed the public hearing at 5:17 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the petition of annexation for property located at 3058 Springville Blvd. Amanda Cole mentioned Andrew and Megan Horsley presented a petition to annex the property at 3058 Springville Blvd, Oneonta, AL 35121. She mentioned the petition ran in the paper for the required three consecutive weeks and if approved tonight she will run the ordinance in the paper for one week. Brandon Horton mentioned the right portion of the road will be the only portion being annexed into the city, so the left portion will still be maintained by the county.

There being no comment or further discussion, Mayor Phillips closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Kimberly Statham, Brandie Thomas, Sharon Yeomans, Harvey Kyle, and Bekah Phillips entered the council chambers.

Mayor Phillips opened the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated items one and two are standard items and three is to consider approving the October 24, 2023 council meeting minutes as written. Councilman McAlpine mentioned on page two there are two dates written "November 15, 2023" that should be "November 14, 2023".

Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item four there was a public hearing held where Brandon Horton explained City Foods, LLC has applied for table wine and beer on-premises.

The Mayor stated agenda five was to consider approving the ordinance for the annexation of property located at 3058 Springville Blvd, Oneonta, Alabama. Mayor Phillips explained Amanda Cole reviewed the annexation during the previous public hearing. Amanda Cole stated please note the ordinance states the month "October" when it will be fixed to say "November".

Mayor Phillips stated agenda six considers setting a public hearing on November 28, 2023, at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of El Patron Oneonta, LLC. The Mayor

mentioned El Patron Oneonta, LLC bought LaCazuela Mexican Cuisine, so this will be a transfer of ownership.

Amanda Cole stated agenda seven was a new proclamation presented to the council. She mentioned Kimberly Statham with Enhabit Hospice was requesting more community awareness.

Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item eight will be the Chamber of Commerce speaking. The Mayor stated agenda items nine through fourteen are all departmental reports.

Mayor Phillips mentioned there has been an issue discovered with the land transferred for the projected bowling alley. The Mayor stated while transferring the property, there was a discovery of a subdivision that was once platted in 1928 but nothing was ever built on the property. The Mayor mentioned to transfer property, the city will have to dissolve the subdivision. Alex Smith mentioned this request would only be the portion in the city limits.

The Mayor stated agenda item sixteen is to consider entering into an executive session to discuss the sale of property.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:51 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 October 24, 2023, with the amendments discussed during the work session. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips mentioned there was a public hearing held for the City Foods, LLC alcohol license application and no one attended the hearing. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the alcohol license application on behalf of City Foods, LLC. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated there was a public hearing held for the annexation of 3058 Springville Blvd with no comment. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the ordinance for the annexation of property located at 3058 Springville Blvd, Oneonta, Alabama. Councilwoman Pierce seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to set a public hearing on November 28, 2023, at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of El Patron Oneonta, LLC. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Bekah Phillips gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She thanked the city for everything they did to assist with the Covered Bridge Festival and the Dinner Downtown. She

mentioned the Christmas Parade will be on December 12, 2023, and the Chamber Breakfast will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Lester Memorial. She mentioned that her administrative assistant is retiring and the Chamber is now accepting applications for the position.

Councilwoman Pierce read the October fire report.

Councilman McAlpine read the October library report.

Councilman Bradley read the October park and recreation report.

Police Chief Clifton read the October police report.

Councilman Alexander read the October public works report and asked everyone to continue to pray for Keith Mardis's family.

Allie Allcorn stated the city is recently in the middle of switching software so there is no financial memo for this meeting.

Mayor Phillips expressed great sadness at the loss of employee Keith Mardis. The Mayor stated while transferring the property, there was a discovery of a subdivision that was once platted in 1928 but nothing was ever built on the property. The Mayor explained the McPherson Property for the bowling alley cannot be transferred until the city dissolves the previous subdivision. Alex Smith mentioned this request would only be the portion in the city limits.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to vacate the previous subdivision platted in 1928 on the McPherson Property. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the sale of the property at 6:23 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, Brandon Horton, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:26 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood left the executive session at 6:44 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:03 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:03 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

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Mayor

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City Clerk