

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, January 23, 2024
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled public hearing at 5:40 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, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Dalton Farmer, Amy Rhudy, Stanley Moss, Margaret Hudson, and Amanda Cole. Councilman McAlpine was not present for the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of Rey Cantina & Grill, LLC. Brandon Horton stated the location is where the old O' So Good was located. He mentioned the owner has applied for restaurant retail liquor, wine, and beer on premises. Brandon stated he has called the owner three times and left voicemails requesting to meet for a final vent inspection with no answer or call back from the owner. Brandon requested the Mayor and City Council to approve the alcohol license application strictly based on the pending approval of the final inspection. After discussion, the public hearing was closed at 5:44 p.m.

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 January 9, 2024 council meeting minutes as written.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item four is to consider approving the alcohol license application on behalf of Rey Cantina & Grill, LLC. Mayor Phillips stated it was Brandon's recommendation to approve the application upon approval of the final inspection. There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item five is to consider approving the Blount County Museum & Historical Society with allocation funding for \$12,500. The Mayor explained the Blount County Museum & Historical Society is currently moving from their current location to the old post office and requested a one-time allocation from the city to help with the move.

The Mayor mentioned agenda items six and seven are standard agenda items. Mayor Phillips stated that agenda item eight is to consider entering into an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:48 p.m.

Assistant Fire Chief Ivey entered into the council chambers.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024, as written. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to approve the alcohol license application on behalf of Rey Cantina & Grill, LLC pending the final inspection approval. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the alcohol license application on behalf of Rey Cantina & Grill, LLC pending the final inspection approval. Councilwoman Pierce seconded; Councilman Bradley voted no; the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the one-time allocation amount of \$12,500.00 for the Blount County Museum and Historical Society. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Stanley Moss, president of the Blount County Museum and Historical Society, thanked the city for the allocation of funding and hopes to maintain such a great relationship with the city.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:03 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Present in the executive session were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Dalton Farmer, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:06 p.m. Councilman McAlpine was not present for the executive session.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:47 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:47 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor

City Clerk