

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, August 9, 2022
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled council meeting on August 9, 2022, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, Fire Chief Booth, Police Chief Clifton, Investigator Latta, Officer Heard, Danny Kelly, Jana Cox, Robert Gregory, Andre Gonzalez, Bill Hendrickson, Ricky Statham, Mark Gargus, Vernell Phillips, Pamela Casey and family, Roland McCoy, and Amanda Cole.

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 July 26, 2022, council minutes unless anyone has any comments.

Mayor Phillips stated Councilman Bradley will read the resolution regarding agenda item four but asked Councilman Bradley to review the purpose of the item. Councilman Bradley stated the Retirement System of Alabama notified the city that they could approve granting a one-time lump sum payment in the amount of \$14,926.00 for all the retirees.

Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item five is to set a work session for August 23, 2022, immediately following the council meeting for the purpose to discuss the 2023 fiscal year departmental budget. The Mayor explained this work session will be one of three work sessions discussing the 2023 fiscal year budget. He mentioned the first work session is to discuss the departments; the second work session is to discuss the allocations; the third work session is to discuss the budget draft and ultimately approve a finalized budget.

The Mayor stated Councilwoman Pierce will discuss agenda item six during the council meeting concerning approving Zach Page as a part-time firefighter.

Mayor Phillips mentioned Councilwoman Underwood will review the police report during the council meeting. The Mayor stated Councilwoman Pierce will review the fire report during the council meeting.

The Mayor stated agenda items nine and ten will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips mentioned there will be a public hearing immediately following the council meeting for the purpose of discussing the downtown revitalization proposal on behalf of Hometown Bank of Alabama. Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:48 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 July 26, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley read resolution number 0822-01; granting city retirees a one-time lump sum payment in the amount of \$14,926.00 to be paid by October 1, 2022. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve resolution number 0822-01. Councilman McAlpine seconded; Councilwoman Underwood abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve to set a work session for August 23, 2022, immediately following the council meeting for the purpose to discuss the 2023 fiscal year departmental budget. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read a recommendation letter on behalf of Fire Chief Booth to hire Zach Page as a part-time firefighter. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to hire Zach Page as a part-time firefighter. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read the police report for July. Councilwoman Pierce read the fire report for July.

Allie Allcorn had nothing to report during the meeting.

Mayor Phillips stated the city created a comprehensive plan ten years ago that has no true guidance for the expansion of the community. The Mayor explained he feels a good comprehensive plan is a guiding post for the community and is very needed. Mayor Phillips mentioned the plan costs \$175,000.00, which if approved could come from the ARPA funding. The Mayor explained the total ARPA funding the city has received was \$1,563,535.96 and out of the total the following expenditures have been approved and disbursed: Hometown Market Demolition in the amount of \$139,550.00; touchless Water System for City Hall in the amount of \$4,712.30; turnout gear for the fire department in the amount of \$8,182.00; body cameras/tasers for the police department in the amount of \$283,417.92. Mayor Phillips explained the following expenditures have been allocated but not spent; Kirkpatrick water in the amount of \$28,139.53; additional turnout gear for the fire department in the amount of \$16,818.00; departmental trucks for park and recreation and for public works in the amount of \$60,000.00; potential LWCF grant in the amount of \$500,000.00; Dogwood Drive project in the amount of \$100,000.00; Hometown Market park in the amount of \$247,000.00. Mayor Phillips explained the total amount of expenditures spent and/or allocated to date amounts to \$1,387,819.75, leaving the city \$175,716.21 to allocate to another project. Mayor Phillips entertained the council to set a work session on September 27, 2022, immediately following the council meeting to discuss a comprehensive plan for the city. Councilman Alexander made a motion to set a work session on September 27, 2022, immediately following the council meeting to discuss a comprehensive plan for the city. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated there will be a public hearing after the council meeting to discuss the downtown revitalization proposal on behalf of Hometown Bank of Alabama. He mentioned there will be a five-minute break before convening for the public hearing.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk