

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, February 28, 2023
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. with a council meeting followed at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, Pierce, and Underwood. Also present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Tim Moore, Allie Allcorn, Wil McKinney, Tara and River Murphree, Bill Hendrickson, and Amanda Cole. Councilman McAlpine was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. The Mayor stated that agenda items one and two are standard items, and item three is to consider approving the minutes of the February 14, 2023, meeting unless there are any comments.

The Mayor stated agenda item four is to consider adopting Arbor Day Proclamation to show our support for planting trees and it is a part of our commitment as a Tree City.

Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item five is to consider approving resolution number 0223-01; supporting the Oneonta Fire Department applying for the SAFER grant in hopes of additional staffing for the department.

The Mayor stated Councilman Alexander will discuss agenda item six during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips stated Councilman Bradley will discuss agenda items seven and eight during the council meeting.

The Mayor mentioned the city code already allows police officers the right to shoot within the city limits within their job duties. Mayor Phillips stated Chief Clifton has contacted the Alabama Department of Game and Fish to apply for a permit to possibly help alleviate the overpopulated deer. Mayor Phillips mentioned it will be discussed more in the council meeting but he wanted to bring it before the council.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item ten is to consider the sale of property located at 201 2nd Avenue West to Wil McKinney. Mr. McKinney stated he plans to build a storefront for Hometown Bowls and a new location for Kind Kups.

The Mayor mentioned Pamela Casey was not able to attend the meeting.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda items twelve through fourteen will be discussed during the council meeting. The Mayor explained agenda item fifteen is to consider entering into an executive session to discuss the sale of property. The Mayor 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 February 14, 2023, council minutes as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read the Arbor Day Proclamation in its entirety. Councilman Bradley stated since the Arbor Day Foundation started fifty years ago there have been 500 million trees planted. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adopt the Arbor Day Proclamation. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read resolution number 0223-01; in support of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency grant on behalf of the Oneonta Fire Department. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution number 0223-01. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Allie Allcorn stated the resolution would cover the salary for three full-time firefighters for only three years then the responsibility would fall back on the city.

Councilman Alexander stated Nancy Malcolm has completed two consecutive terms on the Oneonta Historical Preservation Committee, so there is a need to fill her vacancy on the committee. Councilman Alexander made a motion to appoint Redonia Davis to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Committee. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise to hire temporary lifeguards for Oneonta Park and Recreation. Councilwoman Underwood seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise to hire temporary pool managers for Oneonta Park and Recreation. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The Mayor stated "The Gym" is currently offering recertification lifeguard training, which the certificate is valid for two years.

Chief Clifton stated there has been a public safety concern brought to his attention with the number of incidents due to overpopulated deer within the city limits. Chief explained he has applied for a permit from the Alabama Department of Fish and Game to obtain twenty-five (25) tags for twenty-five (25) antlerless deer from Heritage Green Golf Course and Limestone Springs Golf Course. Chief stated this does fall within police officers' duties and it would be done in the safest ways possible. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to allow the police department to enforce the Oneonta City Code; Chapter 16-Section 16.3 due to the nuisance located at Heritage Green Golf Course and Limestone Springs Golf Course properties. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips explained Wil McKinney is wanting to purchase the property at 201 2nd Avenue West to build a storefront for Hometown Bowls and Kind Kups. Mr. McKinney stated it will have indoor and outdoor spaces with games and lights, so there is a safe place for people to enjoy.

Pamela Casey was not present for the meeting.

Bill Hendrickson gave a brief update on the Oneonta Business Association. Bill thanked the city for helping with all the Christmas and mentioned June Fling is June 9th and 10th this year. He mentioned the OBA will no longer be conducting the cruiser events but the All-American Cruisers will be hosting them the first Saturday in April through October.

Allie Allcorn gave the financial summary for January 2023. She explained the sales and use taxes for January were the second highest we've received within the last year, coming in at \$603,000.00 and \$84,000.00. She stated to date the city has received \$258,000.00 in business license fees, last year by the end of January we had only received \$185,000.00. Allie explained the city paid out \$73,952.00 for the annual workers' compensation payment. She mentioned the city paid \$182,341.00 to Milam and Co for general contracting, \$128,404.00 to Gameday Athletics for sod, and \$30,427.00 to Hawk for concession stand equipment for the new multipurpose fields.

Mayor Phillips stated the soccer field looks so good and it will hopefully be complete in a couple of weeks. The Mayor stated there is a need to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of property.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of property at 6:28 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, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:30 p.m. Councilman McAlpine was not present.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:42 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk