

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, September 26, 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, Brandon Horton, Police Chief Clifton, Ricky Statham, Police Lt. Egan, Assistant Fire Chief Ivey, Police Sgt. Buchanan, Police Officer Faulkner, Officer Suddeth, Investigator Harris, Investigator Adamson, 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 September 12, 2023 budget work session minutes as written. There was no comment. Mayor Phillips stated that item four is to consider the September 12, 2023 council minutes as written. There was no comment.

The Mayor stated agenda item five is to consider adopting the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. Mayor Phillips mentioned Allie reviewed the budget during the work session and entertained any questions. There was no comment.

Mayor Phillips asked Amanda Cole to review agenda item six. Amanda explained agenda item six is to consider approving the MOU between the Blount County Commission and the City of Oneonta regarding debris removal and monitoring services. She stated the MOU is an item the city council approves annually to help with debris removal during situations such as a tornado. She explained the only difference between this MOU and the one last year, is this MOU is good for three years instead of only one year.

Allie Allcorn mentioned the public works department needs a brush truck and has provided three quotes from a cooperative agreement. She stated the following quotes:
Truckworx for a Kenworth in the amount of \$275,000.00 available August 2024; Fitzgerald for a Peterbilt in the amount of \$234,000.00 available August 2024; National Auto Fleet Group for \$220,000.00 available in a year and a half.

Mayor Phillips stated he thinks buying the truck outright would be the best option. Councilman McAlpine stated leasing the truck over three years would be cheaper than financing the truck. Roland McCoy stated the Fitzgerald truck does not have a lease option but financing is available. Councilman Alexander asked if there was any type of warranty on the truck if the city purchased it outright. Roland mentioned there is a three-year warranty but not sure if that includes the bed on the truck. Mayor Phillips stated the decision for the brush truck would be tabled until the next meeting so we can obtain more information.

Allie Allcorn stated the city is in the middle of the trash transition and Arrow Disposal is working to ensure everyone gets a new dumpster and can as soon as possible.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:59 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 Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, budget work session as written. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 council meeting as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated we have now had three work sessions on the budget and entertained any comments and questions. There was no comment. Councilman Alexander made a motion to adopt the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Budget Summary

Local Taxes & Services:	\$8,364,100.00
Advalorem Taxes:	\$551,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenue:	\$3,515,500.00
Total Revenues:	\$12,430,600.00
General Government:	\$1,567,500.00
Building Inspections:	\$381,500.00
Library:	\$415,000.00
Municipal Court:	\$434,000.00
Robbins Field Airport:	\$542,000.00
Police Department:	\$2,426,500.00
Fire Department:	\$1,834,500.00
Public Works:	\$1,144,000.00
Sanitation:	\$649,500.00
Park & Recreation:	\$1,246,000.00
Community Development:	\$94,500.00
Oneonta City Schools:	\$322,500.00
Allocations:	\$193,750.00
Debt Service:	\$1,013,500.00
Aging (Senior Center):	\$165,500.00
Total Expenditures:	\$12,430,250.00
Revenues in Excess of Expense:	\$350.00

Mayor Phillips stated Amanda Cole reviewed the MOU with the County Commission during the work session. The Mayor explained the MOU is a cooperative agreement with the county for debris removal with the difference of this contract extending for three years versus the usual one-year contract. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the MOU between the Blount County Commission and the City of Oneonta regarding debris removal and monitoring services. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Allie Allcorn had to leave early but completed her report during the work session.

Mayor Phillips stated the Dinner Downtown hosted by the Chamber of Commerce was a success. The Mayor reminded everyone of the Witches Ride and Spoke and the Show will be a combined event on October 30th and the Covered Bridge Festival will be on October 14th.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the buy/sale of property at 6:05 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood 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, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:07 p.m.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:21 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:21 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor

City Clerk