

State of Alabama)  
City of Oneonta, March 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, Brandon Horton, Assistant Fire Chief Ivey, Omar Alvarado and family, Rachel Faulkner, and Amanda Cole. Councilman McAlpine and Allie Allcorn were 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 March 14, 2023 council meeting as written unless there are any comments.

The Mayor stated that agenda item four is to consider approving resolution no. 0323-01; concerning surplus for the police department that Councilwoman Underwood will review during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item five is to consider hiring Omar Alvarado as a full-time police officer, and Councilwoman Underwood will review the item during the council meeting.

The Mayor stated the city was approached by an individual wanting to purchase the "Hometown Market" property in the amount of \$75,000.00. Mayor Phillips explained the purchaser and developer will be at the council meeting for any questions.

Mayor Phillips explained his report will take place during the council meeting. The Mayor stated that agenda item eight is to consider entering executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of property. The Mayor closed the work session at 5:47 p.m.

Don Mitchell, Johnny Evans, and Mr. Patel entered 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 Alexander made a motion to approve March 14, 2023, council minutes as written. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve resolution no. 0323-01; concerning surplus items on behalf of the Oneonta Police Department after reading its entirety. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read the recommendation to hire Omar Alvarado as a full-time officer on behalf of the Oneonta Police Department. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to hire Omar Alvarado as a full-time police officer. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Bradley congratulated Omar and elaborated on how proud he was of Omar.

Mayor Phillips asked Johnny Evans to explain the purchaser's plans for the "Hometown Market" property. Mr. Evans explained the first step is to comply with the floodplain requirements, which he is currently waiting to hear from his engineer to know the specifics. Mr. Evans stated once the building is constructed, there will be retail space available along with a "Scooter's Coffee" double drive-thru. Councilman Alexander asked Mr. Evans if there was a timeline for completion. Mr. Evans replied hopefully the completion date will be under 180 days but that all is contingent on FEMA regulations and requirements for the property. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the purchase agreement of 723 Second Avenue East in the amount of \$75,000.00 contingent on the floodplain requirements. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor stated Allie Allcorn is out on vacation but has provided everyone with a financial memo for February.

The Mayor stated the park and recreation will be replacing the pavilions at Woodland Park soon. He mentioned the following events are happening this Saturday: PD Crawfish from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Oneonta's Easter Egg Hunt at 4:00 p.m.; Bingo and Bowls at the school at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Phillips mentioned Lauren Wilson's term on the Chamber of Commerce board is expired and asked everyone to come up with suggestions on a new member for the next meeting.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to enter executive session and there will be no further business once exiting. Councilman Alexander made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of property at 6:15 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce 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, Brandon Horton, Don Mitchell, and Amanda Cole. Councilman McAlpine and Allie Allcorn were not present. The executive session began at 6:18 p.m.

Councilman Alexander motioned to exit the executive session at 6:43 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk