

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, February 9, 2021

County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled council meeting on February 9, 2021 with a work session beginning at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda. Present were Mayor Phillips, Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Ricky Statham, Jr., Kevin Nicodemus, Roland McCoy, Police Chief Clifton, Jonathan Garner, Fire Chief Booth, Lieutenant Ivey, Briar Fowler, Tara Murphree, Bill Hendrickson, Patti Williams, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated items one through three are standard agenda items unless someone has anything to say regarding the January 26, 2021 council minutes.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item four is regarding a resolution on behalf of Alabama Department of Transportation in support of project number STPAA-0132(503) in regards of surface treatment and striping on SR-132 from SR-75 to the Etowah County Line. Mayor Phillips stated the resolution is very common when the state needs local assistance with roadblocks or patrolling of the area while the work is being completed.

Regarding agenda item five, Mayor Phillips stated the owner of property located at 282 Mountain Drive filed a rezoning application to the Planning Commission. Mayor Phillips mentioned the property is currently M-1 zoning and for the property owner to build a house there he requested the property be rezoned to R-1 zoning. Alex Smith mentioned the Planning Commission voted unanimously and there must be a public hearing prior to the city council voting on the rezoning.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda items six through thirteen are concerning appointing and reappointing board members to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. The Mayor mentioned there must be one city council sit on the board and one city representative to sit on the board and the new appointments will follow the resolution setting term limits for municipal board and commission appointments. Mayor Phillips stated he will be rolling off the commission and the appointment of Patrick Fendley will be considered in the vacancy.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item fourteen is regarding the approval of hiring Ashley Swain as the new full-time police secretary. Mayor Phillips stated agenda item fifteen is concerning the approval of hiring Jonathan Garner as full-time police officer. Chief Clifton mentioned this hire will open a part-time position and there are still two positions opened for the temporary full-time emergency hire.

Mayor Phillips stated Ed Lowe served as the chief building official while being employed with the city and due to his departure, there is a need to update the job description. The Mayor mentioned there will be a need to adopt the chief building official job description and consider appointing Andy Alexander to the role as chief building official.

The Mayor mentioned agenda items seventeen and eighteen will be presented as normal, but there will not be an administrative report due to Allie Allcorn not being present.

Mayor Phillips asked City Attorney, Alex Smith, to speak on behalf of the new business regarding the bond issuance. Alex Smith stated Mayor Phillips and himself have a meeting with the underwriter on Monday regarding completing the formal bond documents. To complete the documents, Alex Smith stated the council must first approve to suspend the rules with anonymous voting to adopt the ordinance allowing the city to receive the warrant bond funds. Alex stated the ordinance includes city data, debt amount, city owned property information, and bond payment schedule. Alex mentioned if the ordinance is adopted at tonight's meeting, then the Mayor will have the ability to sign all documents Monday and bond funds will be received on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. The Mayor stated the interest rate came in at a historically low rate of 2.6%, saving the city \$600,000.00 dollars towards the 2018 bond and after the 2021 bond that will leave the city's total annual debt at \$800,000.00.

Mayor Phillips entertained for adjournment of the work session. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to close the work session. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The work session ended at 6:06 p.m.

The Mayor opened the regular scheduled council meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021 council meeting as written. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips reiterated agenda item number four is regarding a resolution on behalf of ALDOT for project number STPAA-0132(503) in regards of surface treatment and striping on SR-132 from SR-75 to the Etowah County Line. Mayor Phillips stated the resolution is very common when the state needs local assistance with roadblocks or patrolling of the area while the work is being completed. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve resolution on behalf of ALDOT for project number STPAA-0132(503) in regards of surface treatment and striping on SR-132 from SR-75 to the Etowah County Line. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to set a public hearing for February 23, 2021 at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing property located at 282 Mountain Drive from M-1 zoning to R-1 zoning. Councilman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips mentioned his term on the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission has expired and Patrick Fendley has requested to be appointed to the commission. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Patrick Fendley to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to reappoint Matthew Crow to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to reappoint Aimee Wilson to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to reappoint Randy Underwood to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilman Bradley made a motion; Councilwoman Underwood abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to reappoint Lee Alexander to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilwoman Underwood seconded; Councilman Alexander abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to reappoint Barbara Andersen to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to reappoint Nancy Malcolm to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to reappoint Andy Alexander to the Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley read a recommendation letter from Police Chief Clifton to hire Ashley Swain as the full-time secretary on behalf of the police department. Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire Ashley Swain as the full-time secretary on behalf of the police department. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read a recommendation letter from Police Chief Clifton to hire Jonathan Garner as a full-time police officer on behalf of the police department. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to hire Jonathan Garner as a full-time police officer on behalf of the police department. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated there is need to approve the Chief Building Official job description and requests council to appoint Andy Alexander to the role as Chief Building Official due to his current job position and experience. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the Chief Building Official job description. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to appoint Andy Alexander to Chief Building Official on behalf of the city. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Alex Smith reminded the council to have bond funds received by Tuesday, the council must first suspend the rules to adopt the ordinance approving the city to receive the 2021 series warrant bond funds. Alex stated if the council does adopt the ordinance once suspending the funds, then the Mayor will sign the proper documents on Monday and will pay off old bond debt and issue new bond debt on Tuesday. Mayor Phillips entertained for a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to suspend the rules during council meeting. Councilwoman Underwood seconded

and the motion carried with all ayes. Mayor Phillips entertained for a motion to adopt the ordinance approving the issuance of the 2021 series warrant bond funds. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adopt the ordinance approving the issuance of the 2021 series warrant bond funds. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips mentioned Chamber of Commerce information is available within the council packets.

Bill Hendrickson gave a brief update on the Oneonta Business Association and discussed upcoming events.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item nineteen has been omitted from tonight's meeting.

The Mayor mentioned the Dogwood Drive project is coming along and as soon as the Oneonta Utility Board has finished their part, the city will pave weather permitting. Mayor Phillips stated Jan Ross with Goodwyn, Mill and Cawood is handling the soccer and aquatic center renderings and are hopeful to have updates by the next meeting on February 23rd.

Councilwoman Underwood read the January report on behalf of the police department.

Councilman Bradley thanked Jonathan Garner for his position as a police officer.

Councilman Alexander thanked the council for appointing all the members to Oneonta Historical Preservation Commission and presented the historical marker that will be presented with each designation. Councilman Alexander stated the commission is excited to designate the Little Brick Church as their first historical marker and the commission has more to come this month.

Councilman McAlpine stated he has been working with Ricky Statham, Jr, and other councilmembers on creating a community area behind the library. Councilman McAlpine envisions a concrete area with picnic tables, volleyball court with sand, and a community garden to donate foods to the community. Councilman Alexander stated he is excited about the community garden because will not only be an opportunity to give back to the community, but also an opportunity to educate children.

Mayor Phillips congratulated Jonathan Garner and Ashley Swain and appreciates those wanting to do great things for the community. There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

