

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, December 1, 2020
County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during a rescheduled council meeting on December 1, 2020 with a work session beginning at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips, Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Ed Lowe, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Alex Smith, Aimee Wilson, Fire Chief Booth, Police Chief Clifton, Rachel Gargus, Patti Williams, Roland McCoy, Tara Murphree, Brian Fowler and Amanda Cole.

A public hearing was held at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose to discuss the artistic display and mural ordinance. Brandon Horton stated the inspection department has reviewed and made requested changes after the previous work session discussing the artistic display and mural ordinance. Brandon mentioned the main purpose of adopting the referenced ordinance is adding the definition of artistic murals. He also stated the definition of "double frontage" is referencing in cases of a double frontage lot, or a corner lot, each street line separating such a lot from a street shall be the front lot line. Brandon mentioned ACE Hardware as a double frontage example, for example the front of the building faces Highway 75 and 2nd Street. He stated in these circumstances each application would have to be reviewed by the Design Review Committee. Brandon stated any mural applications pertaining to property off state roadway would have to be submitted to Alabama Department of Transportation for approval. Alex Smith touched base on mural maintenance and penalties. He stated that the penalty provisions can be found under the zoning ordinance in Section 1.8 and the penalties would be a Class C misdemeanor with a required fee to pay. Alex mentioned the ordinance would allow the cases to be presented to the municipal judge for review, and each case would be subject to the addition of fees daily. Brandon Horton added the maintenance of the murals is the responsibility of the property owner, not the person to complete the artistic mural. Brandon mentioned another requested change to the ordinance is adding M-1 zoning to the zoning district allowing mural displays. Councilman Bradley asked if the current murals will fall under the ordinance being discussed. Brandon stated the current murals would be considered grandfathered, but the murals considered to be signage will have to be reviewed and assessed. After much discussion, the public hearing ended at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the council meeting. Mayor Phillips welcomed Councilman Bradley back and began reviewing the agenda items. The Mayor stated there has been a work session and public hearing held to discuss the artistic display and mural ordinance. He then began discussing items number seven (7) through ten (10) without any other discussion.

Regarding item agenda number eleven (11), Alex Smith stated the previous council gave Mayor Norris authorization to sign the Oneonta chert deed. Alex mentioned there was surveyor error on the original deed and the new administration will have to give authorization for Mayor Phillips to sign the correction deed.

Mayor Phillips mentioned regarding agenda item number twelve (12), he wants to open the dialogue for different avenues and options for recycling. The Mayor stated if there is no further discussion, he entertains for adjournment and the council meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The work session ended at 5:41 p.m.

The Mayor opened the regular scheduled council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Councilman McAlpine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020 council meeting. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020 work session. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips administered the oath of office for Councilman Donald Bradley, Council Place Three (3).

Mayor Phillips mentioned there has been a work session and public hearing held for the purpose of discussing ordinance number 1220-01, concerning artistic display and mural ordinance. Brandon Horton reviewed each section and the main points of the ordinance. He reviewed the definition section; zoning section; review committee; application process; mural maintenance and penalties; invalid provision. He stated the full document will be available on the city's website and at city hall upon request. Councilman Alexander made a motion to adopt ordinance number 1220-01, concerning artistic display and mural ordinance. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips reiterated in reference to Section 5.2 of ordinance number 1220-01, "The Committee shall be made up of three members appointed by the Mayor." The Mayor appointed the following individuals to the Design Review Committee: Cinamon Airhart, Joel McCay and Rachel Gargus. Alex Smith stated one of the individuals will have a two (2) year term and the other two individuals will have a four (4) year term, in order to establish staggered terms. Mayor Phillips stated the committee will meet later this week to determine which individual will serve the different terms.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Redonia Davis to the Zoning Board of Adjustments from an alternate position to a full-time position. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to reappoint Mike Cassady to the Beautification Board. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to appoint Lee Alexander to the Beautification Board. Councilman Bradley seconded; Councilman Alexander abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to hire Peyton Sweatt as temporary park and recreation concession. Councilman Bradley seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to give Mayor Phillips authorization to sign Oneonta chert correction deed. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated there is nothing to vote on regarding recycling, he just wants to open the dialogue for discussing the options. Allie Allcorn stated the current contract does allow for a large recycling bin to be available for residents to drop off recycling items. She recommends if the large bin is the recycling option approved, it must have capabilities to be monitored. She stated curbside recycling is available at the following costs to the resident: bi-weekly pickup would cost \$6.00- \$8.00 or weekly pickup would cost \$10.00 - \$12.00. Allie mentioned in order to participate in the curbside recycling, there must be an estimate of 2,000 residents participate for the pickup to be costly efficient. Mayor Phillips stated the current recycling items are not the same items they were when recycling first began. Allie Allcorn stated the following list is the potential recycling items: paper, cardboard, plastic 1 & 2, aluminum and tin cans. She also reiterated that all items must be clean, dry and separated or they will not be recycled at all. Mayor Phillips stated if anyone has any recommendations or suggestions, please feel free to contact him.

Mayor Phillips mentioned Barbara was not able to attend the meeting, but she provided documentation on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce in the council packets.

Patti Williams gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association (OBA). She thanked all the vendors and people for making the Oneonta Business Association (OBA) a huge success. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Griswold Tour of Homes for the residents to take part of and enjoy some time with the family. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for all they have done and presented them with a small token of their appreciation.

Allie Allcorn provided a financial report on the October financials. She stated October local sales taxes are higher than projected and higher than actual for the FY 2019. She mentioned the revenues are \$20,000 higher than actual for the FY 2019. She stated expenditures are a little higher than projected due to the recent approvals, such as property insurance, auditing fees, paving cost, baseball field allocation, municipal and runoff election, and equipment maintenance for the fire and police department. She mentioned the general fund is low but that is expected this time of the year.

Mayor Phillips asked everyone to review the rendering of the gateway sign and get any suggestions regarding it. He mentioned only one sign will be completed at a time, so the first one to be completed will be placed on Highway 75 by the Veterans Memorial.

Councilwoman Underwood read resignation letter on behalf of part-time, police officer Christopher Goodwin. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the resignation of part-time, police officer Christopher Goodwin. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Alex Smith left the council meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Councilwoman Underwood reported the police department October statistics.

Councilman McAlpine reminded everyone that today is Cyber Tuesday for the Blount County School Foundation fundraiser. Councilman McAlpine stated to visit Palisades Park for their 20th year of lights.

Councilman Bradley reported the 4th and 6th grade football players won their championship of Blount County football.

Councilwoman Pierce described the OBA tree lighting event as a success and a much-needed event.

Councilman Alexander requested if anyone has suggestions for beautification yard of the month, please contact Marlene Stroud.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a current vacancy on the Planning Commission, so any council member interested in serving please let him know. The Mayor mentioned he hated missing the tree lighting ceremony but has heard great reviews.

There being not further business to discuss, Mayor Phillips entertained to adjourn. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor