

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, June 27, 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 was Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Ricky Statham, Don Mitchell, Wil McKinney, Vernell Phillips, and Tanya Blakely.

Mayor Phillips opened a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance no. 0623-01, concerning emergency clearance. Present was Mayor Phillips, City Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood, Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Ricky Statham and Tanya Blakely.

Brandon Horton explained the emergency clearance.

There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips closed the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened a public hearing at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an amendment to the current alcohol license application on behalf of Pinseekers, LLC. Present was Mayor Phillips, Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood, Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Ricky Statham, Don Mitchell, Wil McKinney and Tanya Blakely.

Brandon explained the requested amendment on behalf of Pinseekers, LLC.

There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Phillips explained that agenda items one and two occur during the regular course of every council meeting and item three is to approve the June 13, 2023, council minutes. There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips stated that we just heard agenda item number four to consider adopting ordinance no. 0623-01 concerning emergency clearance and this potential change to this ordinance was addressed at the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips stated that agenda item number five was considering approving amendment to current alcohol license application for Pinseekers, LLC. Mayor Phillips explained that there was a public hearing at 5:40 p.m. to discuss this amendment. There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips stated that agenda item number six is to consider approving the 2024 Nutrition Contract Agreement between the Middle Alabama Area agency on Aging, the City of Oneonta and the Blount County Commission.

Allie Allcorn explained the 2024 Nutrition Contract Agreement.

There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips stated that agenda item number seven is consider approving RFP for the collection of residential solid waste and residential recyclable materials.

Allie Allcorn explained that Republic Services did not renew their contract due to cost increase. Allie explained bids will be accepted until July 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and then a bid opening on July 27, 2023. Allie explained that potential bidders can pick up their RFP at Oneonta City Hall or contact City Hall and it can be sent to you.

Alex Smith explained that the city needs to try to get our best hold before the bid opening on July 27, 2023. Alex Smith explained the city offering the garbage exemptions is a great benefit to our residents.

There were no comments.

Mayor Phillips stated that agenda item number eight is consider hiring Tara Murphree as full-time Programs Coordinator on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library.

Mayor Phillips explained that agenda number nine is recognizing Wil McKinney from Hometown Bowls. Mayor Phillips explained that he wanted to address some potential incentive application requests.

Mayor Phillips stated that the remaining agenda items are the City Administrator and Mayoral reports and executive session to discuss the purchase and/or sale of property.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:53 p.m. and the council will reconvene at 6:00 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 the minutes of June 13, 2023, council meeting. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried. Councilman McAlpine abstained from the vote due to his absence.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to adopt ordinance no. 0623-01 concerning emergency clearance. Councilman McAlpine seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the amendment to the current alcohol license application for Pinseekers, LLC. Councilwoman Pierce seconded, and the motion carried. Councilman McAlpine abstained from the vote.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the 2024 Nutrition Contract Agreement between the Middle Alabama Area Aging, the City of Oneonta and the Blount County Commission. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the RFP for the collection of residential solid waste and residential recyclable materials. Councilman Bradley seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to hire Tara Murphree as full-time Programs Coordinator on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library. Councilwoman Pierce seconded, and the motion carried. Councilwoman Underwood abstained from the vote.

Wil McKinney from Hometown Bowls addressed the council with a potential incentive application request. Mr. McKinney requests to be exempt from the any building permit fees with any of the work done on the building due to him meeting the requirements on the cost of the building and his number of employees. Mr. McKinney explained that Kind Kups Coffee and Hometown Bowls will be under one system and both profits will be combined. Mr. McKinney stated he had requested that parallel parking be continued on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and then also on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Mr. McKinney stated that his final request is the seventy-five percent on gross taxable sales.

Allie Allcorn reported that the sales tax and total revenue for the month of May was higher than the average for the last 8 months. Allie also reported that the departmental budgets were in check except for repairs and maintenance.

Mayor Phillips reminded everyone in his report that July 14, 2023 is the cutoff for the request for funding for any entities funded by the city or submitting a new request. Mayor Phillips stated that the form to request funding is available online or you may contact City Hall. Mayor Phillips reported that on Friday that we had our second Community Canvas at the Little Brick Church, and it was a huge success.

Mayor Phillips stated that he did not have anything additional to report. Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase and/or sale of property.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the purchase and/or sale of property at 6:18 p.m. Councilman McAlpine 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 was Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Don Mitchell and Tanya Blakely. The executive session began at 6:20 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:19 p.m. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Assistant City Clerk