

State of Alabama)  
City of Oneonta, May 10, 2022  
County of Blount)

### ***Council Meeting Minutes***

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2022, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Officer Jonathan Dempsey, and family, Police Sergeant Glasscock, Fire Chief Booth, Fire Lt. Ivey, Ricky Statham, Jr., Andy Alexander, Nicole Tolbert, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. to review the agenda for the council meeting. The Mayor stated agenda items one and two are standard items. The Mayor mentioned item three pertains to April 26, 2022, council meeting minutes unless anyone has any comments.

The Mayor stated item four is to consider setting a public hearing for May 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of LaCazuela Mexican Cuisine, LLC d.b.a. LaCazuela Mexican Cuisine #2. Mayor Phillips mentioned the restaurant will be located at the previous "Ken's BBQ" building.

Allie Allcorn explained the original purpose of the bid was for clearing and grading behind runway 24 at the airport; however, the bid amount was over budget so moving forward the project will be split. So, the project will be changed to completing the clearing this funding year and we will complete the grading next funding year.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda items six through nine all pertain to requested changes by the park and recreation board. The Mayor explained the board provided minutes from their last board meeting requesting the following changes:

item six- amending by-laws to change from a nine-member board to a five-member board;  
item seven- appointing Emily Moore to the president of the board;  
item eight- appointing Jeremy Hyde to the board;  
item nine- accepting the resignation of board member Daniel Clem

The Mayor stated agenda item ten is to consider hiring Ryan Renfro as a full-time park and recreation employee. Mayor Phillips mentioned three individuals were interviewed for the position and Kevin Nicodemus provided a recommendation letter to hire Ryan Renfro.

Mayor Phillips explained two individuals applied for pool manager and both were recommended by Kevin Nicodemus. The Mayor mentioned Kevin Nicodemus provided a recommendation letter on what individuals to hire as lifeguards.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item thirteen is to recognize Officer Jonathan Dempsey during the council meeting. The Mayor explained Nicole Tolbert will complete her first community development report in regard to item fourteen.

The Mayor mentioned items fifteen and sixteen will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated Councilwoman Pierce will give the fire report before item seventeen is voted on. Mayor Phillips explained there will be no further business after item seventeen.

The Mayor closed the work session at 5:51 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 April 26, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilwoman Underwood seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained; Councilwoman Pierce abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Allie Allcorn explained the original purpose of the bid was for clearing and grading behind runway 24 at the airport; however, the bid amount was over budget so moving forward the project will be split. So, the project will be changed to completing the clearing this funding year and will complete the grading next funding year. She explained Complete Construction, LLC was the lowest bidder for clearing the obstruction for runway 24 at Robbins' Field Airport in the base bid amount of \$185,510.65. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to award Complete Construction, LLC for clearing the obstruction for runway 24 at Robbins' Field Airport in the base bid amount of \$185,510.65. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley stated the park and recreation board held a meeting on May 4, 2022 and approved amending the by-laws from a nine-member board to a five-member board. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the amendment to the park and recreation board by-laws from a nine-member board to a five-member board. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to appoint Emily Moore as president of the park and recreation board. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to appoint Jeremy Hyde to the park and recreation board. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to accept the resignation of Daniel Clem to the park and recreation board. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley read a recommendation letter from Kevin Nicodemus to hire Ryan Renfro as a full-time park and recreation employee. Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire Ryan Renfro as a full-time park and recreation employee. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley read a recommendation letter for pool managers to hire from Kevin Nicodemus. Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire Lauren Roddam and Emily Paige as part-time; seasonal pool managers. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley read a recommendation letter for lifeguards to hire from Kevin Nicodemus. Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire the following individuals as part-time; seasonal lifeguards: Abby Burke, Berkley Sharp, Bekah Sosebee, Aubrey McElvey, Gracie Berry, Katelyn Adkins, Madison Maples, Maggie Roddam, Emily Fendley, Molly McCord, and Samantha Davis. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood stated the Mayor and City Council received letters of recognition from Police Chief Clifton, Police Sergeant Buchanan, and Police Officer Ballew for Officer Jonathan Dempsey's heroism. Councilwoman Underwood read the recognition letter from Chief Clifton taking a moment to recognize Officer Dempsey's commendable actions of saving a resident's life on April 21, 2022. Councilwoman Underwood mentioned the individual that was rescued by Officer Dempsey, is now off the ventilator and doing well. Mayor Phillips exclaimed how grateful Oneonta is to have Officer Dempsey a part of our police department.

Nicole Tolbert gave a report on everything she has been doing since her employment with the city in January. She explained the city has received a tourism grant in the amount of \$3,900.00, to be used towards promoting the city markets and creating Oneonta as a day trip destination. She stated that she has been communicating with multiple retail and restaurant possibilities for the community. She feels the next best option is to find franchising opportunities and staffing companies. Nicole mentioned the city has been communicating with United Way on a multi-purpose mobile care unit that will be used in emergency purposes, drive-thru food bank and warming station. She stated there are still a lot of things to be worked out and she will update everyone later on the project.

Allie reminded everyone she will begin the preliminary draft of the budget once she has April's financial statements and she will soon mail out the funding packets.

Councilwoman Pierce gave the fire department report for April.

Mayor Phillips thanked Officer Dempsey for his heroic actions and happy to have him a part of Oneonta. The Mayor stated there was a meeting with Gametime, Milam & Associates, and Chambless King Architects to discuss the soccer project. Mayor Phillips mentioned the project start date is on May 31, 2022, and the project completion date is on September 25, 2022. The

Mayor stated the start and end dates for the project are both dependent on the weather and other circumstances.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and there will be no further business discussed. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation at 6:25 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood were present in the executive session. Also present were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. The executive session started at 6:29 p.m. Councilman Bradley made a motion to exit the executive session. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The Mayor and Council exited the executive session at 6:59 p.m.

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City Clerk