

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, January 9, 2024
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled council meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Interim Fire Chief Ivey, Police Chief Clifton, Tim Moore, Allie Allcorn, Marlon Cole with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, James Barrett with Child Trafficking Solutions Project, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated items one and two are standard items and three is to consider approving the December 19, 2023 council meeting minutes as written.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item four is to consider setting a public hearing for January 23, 2024, at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of Rey Cantina & Grill, LLC.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item five is to consider adopting the Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation. The Mayor mentioned there is a representative of the organization present to speak during the meeting.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item six is to consider approving Assistant Fire Chief Ivey as an interim proxy for the Planning Commission on behalf of Chief Seehusen's deployment.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item seven is to consider hiring Kahlen Hicks as a part-time police officer.

The Mayor stated agenda items eight through twelve are departmental reports. Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda thirteen is the City Administrative report and agenda fourteen is the Mayoral report.

Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item fifteen is to consider entering into an executive session to discuss the sale of property.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:48 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.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023 council meeting minutes as written. Councilman Bradley seconded, Councilman McAlpine and Councilman Alexander abstained due to absence, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to set a public hearing for January 23, 2024, at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of Rey Cantina & Grill, LLC. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read the Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation in its entirety. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adopt the Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. James Barrett with the Child Trafficking Solutions Project thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting this cause and bringing awareness to human trafficking.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve Assistant Fire Chief Ivey as an interim proxy for the Planning Commission on behalf of Chief Seehusen's deployment. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to hire Kahlen Hicks as a part-time police officer. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read the December report on behalf of the fire department.

Councilman McAlpine read the December report on behalf of the library department.

Councilman Bradley read the December report on behalf of the park and recreation department.

Police Chief Clifton read the 2023 yearly police department report compared to the 2022 yearly police department report.

Councilman Alexander read the December report on behalf of the public works department.

Allie Allcorn stated it is required to report the funding received from the Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax. She mentioned none of the funding has been spent since the city is allowing it to compile, so the total expenditure in the account is \$224,148.85.

Mayor Phillips had nothing to report.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve entering into an executive session to discuss the sale of property at 6:18 p.m. Councilman Bradley 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 were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:23 p.m.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:32 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:32 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor

City Clerk