

State of Alabama)  
City of Oneonta, April 26, 2022  
County of Blount)

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

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled meeting on April 26, 2022, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Bekah Phillips, Allie Allcorn, Andy Alexander, Scott Payne, and Amanda Cole. Council members McAlpine and Pierce were not present.

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. Mayor Phillips mentioned item three pertains to April 12, 2022, work session minutes as written and item four pertains to April 12, 2022, council meeting minutes as written unless anyone has any comments.

The Mayor stated items five, six, and seven will all be reviewed by Councilwoman Underwood during the council meeting in regard to firefighter Jeremy Peek resigning.

Mayor Phillips mentioned item eight will be a report from the Chamber of Commerce, then items nine and ten will be discussed during the council meeting.

The Mayor closed the work session at 5:47 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 the April 12, 2022, work session with Chambless King Architects. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read the resignation on behalf of full-time firefighter Jeremy Peek. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve Jeremy Peek's resignation with his last date on May 31, 2022. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to advertise for a full-time firefighter due to the resignation of Jeremy Peek. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to hire Jeremy Peek as a part-time firefighter. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Bekah Phillips gave a brief report on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She stated since March the Chamber has participated in the following: Annual Chambers Award, free electronic drop-off and shredding event, egg donation for the community egg drop, and the PALS initiative to clean up Blount County. She stated the Chamber has been a part of three ribbon cuttings and there will be two upcoming ribbon cuttings, including the aquatic facility for the city. She mentioned the Covered Bridge Festival will be on October 8, 2022, and booth rentals are available now.

Allie Allcorn gave the report on March 2022 financial summary. She stated local taxes and services were higher than average for the period coming in at \$739,000.00. She mentioned the city has received the bulk of our businesses license this year, so the numbers will begin to slow down during the remainder of this fiscal year. She stated the total revenue for the period was \$149,000.00 more than the projection and \$1,585,000.00 more than the projection year to date. Allie explained there were several necessary repairs and maintenance costs in the departments for March causing the departments to go over budget. She explained the city paid out \$283,418.00 to Axon for the council-approved tasers and body cameras out of the ARPA funds. She stated the third trash receptacle was purchased for the downtown waste program in the amount of \$6,172.00. The city also paid out \$262,043.20 to Eidson & Associates for the aquatic facility, which should be the bulk of their money. The city also paid \$24,769.00 to Ark Restoration for the materials to rebuild the floor and subfloor in the Depot, which was paid out of the Capital Improvement Account. Allie requested everyone to begin sending in their budget requests because she will be completing a very preliminary budget draft to incorporate the increase in costs.

Mayor Phillips mentioned the city received a Tourism Grant in the amount of \$3,900.00, which will be used for publications for events in Oneonta for surrounding areas, such as Birmingham, Huntsville, and Cullman.

Councilman Bradley read a letter on behalf of Chris Hardeman resigning from President of the Park and Recreation Board. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the resignation of Chris Hardeman as President of the Park and Recreation Board. Councilman Bradley stated that Chris was always an instrumental part of the board and it will be a loss but he wishes him the best. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Mayor Phillips mentioned the board will meet and recommend a new President to appoint and we will hopefully have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk