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City of Oneonta, November 2, 2020

The Mayor and City Council met during the organizational meeting on November 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council Members: Blackwood, Phillips, Robinson and Rogers. Also, present in the meeting were Ed Lowe, Allie Allcorn, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Fire Chief Booth, Oneonta Fire Department, Police Chief Clifton, Dalton Farmer, Tanya Blakely, Boy Scout 160 Troop, Joan Epps, Roland McCoy, Kevin Nicodemus, Rachel Gargus, Judge Burns, Judge Nash, John Sapp, Brother Bud, Joel McCay, Mitch Latta, Ricky and Kimberly Statham, Judy and Randy Underwood, Sherry Pierce, Robbie McAlpine, Lee Alexander, Lisa Wester, April Morgan, Carrie Towns, Scott Evans, Patti Williams, Harvey Beck, Amanda Cole and many other residents. Councilman Bradley was not present for the meeting.

Pastor Harvey Beck gave the invocation after thanking all the current and new administration for everything they do for the community.

Councilwoman Rogers invited the Boy Scouts 160 Troop up to the podium to officiate the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2020 council minutes. Councilwoman Rogers seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Newly elected Mayor, Richard Phillips presented Mayor Ross Norris with a plaque on behalf of the city, thanking him for his service to the community. Newly elected Mayor also presented Mayor Norris with a plaque from Congressman Palmer recognizing him for his years of service.

Mayor Phillips presented Tonya Rogers with a plaque on behalf of the city and stated it has been such a pleasure working with her over the years.

Mayor Phillips thanked Hal Blackwood for everything he has done for the city and presented him with a plaque recognizing him for his service.

Mayor Phillips acknowledged Danny Robinson for serving the community for a combination of sixteen years and stated he will proudly be indebted to Danny for his service.

Judge Sherry Burns administered Judge Libby Nash's oath of office in the capacity as Oneonta Municipal Judge.

Judge Libby Nash administered Mayor Richard Phillips' oath of office in the capacity as Oneonta Mayor.

Judge Libby Nash administered the oath of office for the following newly elected council members: Lee Alexander, Robbie McAlpine, Sherry Pierce and Judy Underwood. Mayor Phillips made a recommendation to appoint Councilman Donald Bradley as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Councilman Donald Bradley as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-01, concerning appointing Alex Smith as the Oneonta City Attorney. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-01, appointing Alex Smith as the city attorney. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-02, concerning appointing Libby Nash as the Oneonta Municipal Judge. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-02, appointing Libby Nash as the city municipal judge. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-03, concerning appointing John Mark Sapp as the Oneonta Prosecutor. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-03, appointing John Mark Sapp as the city prosecutor. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-04, concerning appointing Amanda Cole as Oneonta City Clerk and Treasurer. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-04, appointing Amanda Cole as the city clerk and treasurer. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-05, concerning appointing Kenneth Booth as the Oneonta Fire Chief. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-05, appointing Kenneth Booth as the Oneonta Fire Chief. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-06, concerning appointing Charles Clifton, II as the Oneonta Police Chief. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-06, appointing Charles Clifton, II as the Oneonta Police Chief. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated historically each council member has been a liaison on behalf of each department, but he is recommending a different approach for departmental positions. He mentioned there will be the following three liaison panels: Public Safety and Health; Infrastructure and Maintenance; Community Development and Quality of Life. He suggested the following council members to serve on the three panels:

1. Public Safety and Health
  - Donald Bradley
  - Sherry Pierce

- Judy Underwood
2. Infrastructure and Maintenance
    - Lee Alexander
    - Robbie McAlpine
    - Sherry Pierce
  3. Community Development and Quality of Life
    - Lee Alexander
    - Donald Bradley
    - Robbie McAlpine
    - Sherry Pierce
    - Judy Underwood

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the departmental positions in reference of the above stated council members. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips recommended future council meetings to be held every second and fourth Tuesday of month at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a work session prior to each meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the above stated council meeting dates and time. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips recommends the city approve Robert's Rule of Order to conduct all business meetings. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve Robert's Rule of Order to conduct all business meetings. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The following is the approved order:

1. A call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance
4. Announcements, and special recognitions
5. Presentations
6. City Administrator Reports
7. Mayor/Councilor Reports
8. Approval of minutes of prior meeting(s)
9. Resolutions, ordinances and orders of old business
10. Resolutions, ordinances and orders of new business
11. First Reading; Notice of Public Hearing
12. Comments from public
13. Motion for Adjournment

Mayor Phillips stated constructive feedback is a very helpful tool for residents to have the chance to communicate to the city council. Mayor Phillips stated that if anyone wants to be added to the agenda, he/she will have to submit the request by the Thursday prior to the next council meeting, and each person will get five minutes to speak about on topic for each council meeting. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the procedure for public comment during meetings. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 1120-07, ratifying the present depository temporarily and allowing the Mayor and City Administrator to approve reoccurring payments. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve resolution number 1120-07, ratifying the present depository temporarily and allowing the Mayor and City Administrator to approve reoccurring payments. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve continuation of all administrative personnel pending permanent appointments. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated he is very excited and looks forward to working with such a great council for the betterment of the community. The Mayor mentioned there will be a small gathering at the Little Brick Church for anyone that would like to attend.

Councilwoman Underwood stated she is very excited and humbled to be able to serve the community in a different capacity after her thirty-three years of service to the Oneonta Police Department.

Councilwoman Pierce mentioned she is very excited and wants the best interest for the city.

Councilman Alexander acknowledged what an honor it is to have the opportunity to serve the community.

Councilman McAlpine stated the city has a great council with a lot of ambition.

There being no further business, Mayor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Brother Bud congratulated the new administration and stated Oneonta is the greatest place to be on this side of heaven, then he closed the meeting out in prayer.

The meeting ended at 6:04 p.m.