

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, April 12, 2022
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2022, with a work session at 5:15 p.m. with Chambless King Architects to discuss the park and recreation complex project; with another 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, Tim Moore, Fire Chief Booth, Bill Hendrickson, Tara Murphree, Kendra Murphree, Emily Moore, Ricky and Kimberly Statham, Kay Butts, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, 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 agenda items. Mayor Phillips mentioned item three pertains to March 29, 2022, council meeting as written unless anyone has any comments.

The Mayor explained the city held a bid opening on March 31, 2022, for the Oneonta Soccer Complex. Mayor Phillips explained there was only one bidder which came in around 1.6 million which is under budget from the original price point of 1.7 million. Mayor Phillips stated that item number four is to consider awarding the Oneonta Soccer Complex Project bid to Milam & Co., LLC. The Mayor added agenda item number five is to consider authorizing Mayor Phillips to enter into an agreement with Milam & Co., LLC for the Oneonta Soccer Complex project.

Mayor Phillips mentioned Councilman Alexander would review agenda item six in the council meeting and Councilwoman Underwood will discuss agenda item seven in the meeting. The Mayor explained Councilwoman Pierce would discuss agenda item eight during the meeting.

The Mayor stated Councilman McAlpine would review agenda item nine with a recommendation on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library. Mayor Phillips mentioned both items ten and eleven have already been approved during the budget cycle and now the employee positions are needed. The Mayor stated that Councilman Bradley would review agenda item ten during the council meeting and Councilman Alexander would discuss agenda item eleven during the meeting.

Mayor Phillips mentioned items twelve through fourteen will be discussed during the council meeting. The Mayor explained that item fifteen is to consider entering an executive session for the purpose of discussing the potential of selling property, and there will be further business with agenda item sixteen to discuss the potential of selling property located at the Industrial Park.

The Mayor closed the work session at 5:47 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Misty Chaviers with YWCA entered the council chambers.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips explained the City of Oneonta received a recommendation letter from Chambless King Architects requesting to award the Oneonta Soccer Complex Project bid to Milam & Co., LLC in the amount of \$1,677,964.00.00. Councilman Bradley made a motion to award the Oneonta Soccer Complex Project bid to Milam & Co., LLC in the amount of \$1,677,964.00.00. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to authorize Mayor Phillips to enter into an agreement with Milam & Co., LLC for the Oneonta Soccer Complex Project. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips requested a motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda. Councilman Bradley made a motion to amend the agenda to approve the advertisement for the park and recreational project phase one bid. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the advertisement for the park and recreational project phase one bid. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander read the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation in its entirety and thanked the Blount County Children's Center for offering wonderful child advocacy and support. Councilman Alexander made a motion to adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The outreach specialist with YWCA thanked Oneonta for supporting its mission of eliminating racism and abuse throughout Blount County. Councilwoman Underwood read the National Crime Victims' Week Proclamation in its entirety and presented the YWCA with a plaque in support of their mission at hand. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adopt the National Crime Victims' Week Proclamation. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read the Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation in its entirety and made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine read the recommendation letter from Ricky Statham to hire Kendra Murphree as the full-time circulation clerk on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to hire Kendra Murphree as the full-time circulation clerk on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library.

Councilman Bradley stated the city approved hiring a full-time park and recreation employee during the budget cycle and the department has requested to advertise for the position. Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise for a full-time park and recreation employee. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to advertise for two seasonal; temporary public work employees to help with seasonal projects. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Bill Hendrickson gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. Bill handed out a schedule of all the upcoming OBA events for the year. He reviewed the days for the Cruise-In days, Creature Parade, and the June Fling. He thanked Nicole Singleton and Bekah Phillips for their help in sharing city and chamber events.

Allie Allcorn had nothing to report.

Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for their help with the Easter Egg Drop and thanked those for attending the event. The Mayor reminded everyone of the brick fundraiser for the renovation of the Depot. Mayor Phillips mentioned there will be a preconstruction meeting for Dogwood Drive on April 18, 2022, and as soon as the agreement is signed the project should begin immediately.

Councilwoman Underwood invited everyone to the Celtic Festival on April 23rd from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. in downtown Oneonta. She stated this is a free invite but any donations will go towards the Fraternal Order of Police, Blount County Chapter.

Councilman Alexander stated everyone who viewed the pool this past weekend was all so happy and even residents outside the community were excited.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the potential of selling the property at 6:26 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion was carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, Pierce, McAlpine, and Underwood were present in the executive session. Also present were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. The executive session started at 6:31 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce

made a motion to exit the executive session Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion was carried with all ayes. The Mayor and Council exited the executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Phillips requested a motion for approval of the economic development proposal with Kirkpatrick to purchase property located at the Industrial Park. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve economic development proposal with Kirkpatrick to purchase property located at the Industrial Park. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk