

State of Alabama)  
City of Oneonta, March 14, 2023  
County of Blount)

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

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. with a council meeting followed at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. The Mayor stated that agenda items one and two are standard items, and item three is to consider approving the minutes of the February 28, 2023, meeting unless there are any comments.

The Mayor stated historically the fire chief has held a position on the Planning Commission, so item four is to appoint Fire Chief Seehusen.

Mayor Phillips explained items five through nine are departmental reports that will be discussed during the regular council meeting. The Mayor stated item ten is the city administrative report and item eleven is the mayoral report. The Mayor closed the work session at 5:46 p.m.

Police Lt. Egan and Fire Chief Seehusen entered the council chambers.

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 February 28, 2023, council minutes as written. Councilman Bradley seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained due to absence, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Fire Chief Seehusen to the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine gave a brief report on behalf of the Oneonta Public Library and upcoming events being held at the library.

Fire Chief Seehusen gave a report for February on behalf of the fire department. Chief stated he has been working with a consultant on the SAFER grant and focusing on training. He mentioned he is working with FEMA on establishing an internal purchasing policy. Chief stated he has been working with Roland McCoy and Brandon Horton on improvement ideas for the drill field.

Councilwoman Underwood gave the February report on behalf of the police department.

Councilman Alexander gave a report on all the completed projects from February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the public works department.

Councilman Bradley gave a report on behalf of the park and recreation.

Allie Allcorn read the resignation letter on behalf of full-time, public works employee Fred Buckelew with his last day of employment on March 17, 2023. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Fred Buckelew's resignation. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to advertise for a full-time public works employee. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips reminded everyone to complete the Comprehensive Plan Survey available online until Sunday. He mentioned the soccer fields should be complete by next week and Kevin Nicodemus has been working to get the aquatics facility set up and ready for the summer. The Mayor also mentioned Milam has been working on the back recreation fields for two weeks now.

Councilwoman Underwood commended the park and recreation on the Oneonta soccer program. She stated that the practice was very organized and well run by the coaches there.

Amanda Cole stated the YWCA of Birmingham is giving free lifeguard certification classes now for anyone interested.

There was no further business to discuss, Mayor Phillips, entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk