

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, August 24, 2021

County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during a regularly scheduled council meeting on August 24, 2021, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips, Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Allie Allcorn, Andy Alexander, Lisa Wester, Barbara Andersen, Roland McCoy, Officer Baldwin, Fire Chief Booth, Fire Lieutenant Ivey, Zac Marsh, Treva Oakley, Lisa Wester, Dalton Farmer, Rachel Gargus, and Amanda Cole. Councilwoman Pierce was not present for the work session and council meeting.

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the council meeting. The Mayor stated agenda items one and two are standard agenda items. Mayor Phillips stated agenda items three and four concerning the approval of the August 10, 2021 council meeting minutes and the August 19, 2021 special called meeting minutes as written unless someone has anything to state regarding the minutes.

Mayor Phillips requested Andy Alexander to discuss agenda item five to request a public hearing on September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the rezoning of property located at 640 Sand Valley Road from R-1 zoning to AG zoning. Andy expounded on agenda item five stated the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of property 640 Sand Valley Road from R-1 zoning to AG zoning and submitted a request to the city clerk to set a public hearing and then have the council vote on the rezoning. Andy explained Mrs. Bothwell is wanting to place a modular home on her property in which the currently R-1 does not allot for that to happen but AG zoning will allow it.

The Mayor explained agenda item six is a resolution in support of classifying the Locust Fork River as swimmable on behalf of The Friends of the Locust Fork River.

Councilwoman Underwood stated agenda item seven is to consider approval of resolution number 0821-04 approving surplus property on behalf of the police department and public works department.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item eight is Oneonta pledging our support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

The Mayor explained agenda item nine is proclaiming NICU Awareness Day for September 30, 2021.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item ten is to consider reappointing Dan Buckner to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The Mayor explained Jon Gehri had to resign from the Planning Commission due to personal reasons; therefore, agenda item eleven is to consider appointing Christina Jackson to the Planning Commission to finish out Mr. Gehri's term.

Mayor Phillips requested Dalton Farmer to expand on the Revenue Officer job description. Dalton explained anytime a position becomes vacant, he likes to review the job description and make any amendments necessary to the job description and ensure it reflects the duties and responsibilities of the job.

Councilwoman Underwood stated she will read a resignation letter on behalf of full-time police officer Stephanie Gonzalez.

Councilwoman Underwood mentioned in lieu of agenda item thirteen there is a need to advertise to hire for a full-time police officer.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda items fifteen through eighteen are all regular business items that will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The work session closed at 5:54 p.m.

The Mayor opened the regular scheduled council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine gave the invocation.

Councilman Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the August 10, 2021 council meeting minutes as written. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the August 19, 2021 council meeting minutes as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Andy Alexander stated the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of property 640 Sand Valley Road from R-1 zoning to AG zoning to accommodate a modular home and submitted a request to the city clerk to set a public hearing and then have the council vote on the rezoning. Councilman Bradley made a motion to set a public hearing on September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the rezoning of property located at 640 Sand Valley Road from R-1 zoning to AG zoning. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read resolution number 0821-03, concerning the classification of the Locust Fork River by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management in its entirety. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve resolution number 0821-03 concerning the classification of the Locust Fork River by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read resolution number 0821-04, concerning surplus property on behalf of the police department and public works department. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation in its entirety. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adopt the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips read the National Intensive Care Unit Awareness Day Proclamation in its entirety. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adopt the National Intensive Care Unit Awareness Day Proclamation. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor explained Dan Buckner has already served one term on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, if reappointed this will be his second term. Councilman Alexander made a motion to reappoint Dan Buckner to the Zoning Board of Adjustments to his second term. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated Jon Gehri resigned from the Planning Commission and Christina Jackson offered to serve the remainder of his term. Councilman Bradley made a motion to appoint Christina Jackson to the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Human Resources Director, Dalton Farmer, explained that he prefers to update positions within city hall as they become vacant to ensure all duties and responsibilities are listed and understood by possible prospects. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the Revenue Officer job description. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read and made a motion for the resignation letter on behalf of Stephanie Gonzalez mentioning her last day as a full-time police officer would be August 31, 2021. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to advertise for a full-time police officer in leu of Stephanie Gonzalez resigning.

Barbara Andersen gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She informed everyone that JSU is conducting s small business counselling outreach program online and in-person for anyone interested in participating. She mentioned tickets for the Downtown Dinner being held on September 27, 2021 have already sold out. Barbara mentioned instead of hosting the Opportunity Fair for anyone interested in volunteering, the chamber will be sending out packets to all interested parties.

Councilman Alexander congratulated Chris Harvey on Pine Circle for receiving the residential beautification award and congratulated Fancy Plants for receiving the commercial beautification award.

Lisa Wester have a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. She mentioned the OBA is beginning the second phase of the Paint the Town project and mural submission will be through September 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated BBQ Bravo will be October 16<sup>th</sup> and those tickets will begin going on sale soon.

Allie Allcorn stated St. Vincent's Blount has reached out the city inquiry the possibly of an APOST certified police officer at the location twenty-hours a day, seven days a week. Chief Clifton explained it would take five officers to be on rotations and it would approximately cost the hospital \$350,000.00 annually. She stated the hospital would pay for anything affiliated with the police officers but the city would do all the direct supervision and training. Allie stated she wanted to bring this to everyone's attention to begin thinking about the situation.

Mayor Phillips stated the next City Market is Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Mayor mentioned the city will be hosting Restaurant Week from September 20<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup> to promote our local restaurants.

The Mayor stated there will be a work session immediately following the council meeting for the purpose of reviewing the departmental budget for fiscal year 2022 and entertained a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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