

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, July 13, 2021
County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during a regularly scheduled council meeting on July 13, 2021, with the first public hearing at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing rezoning of property located at 510 4th Avenue East from O-1 zoning proposed R-3 zoning; the second public hearing at 5:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing rezoning of property located at 210 3rd Street South from M-1 zoning proposed B-3 zoning; the third public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance no. 0721-01 amending the Oneonta Zoning Ordinance. There was a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips, Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Andy Alexander, Brandon Horton, Fire Chief Booth, Krissy Taylor, Pat Clanton, Jimmy Wester, Aimee Wilson, Zac Marsh, Sam Marsh, Jack Marsh, Barbara Andersen, Lisa and Barry Kennamer, Bill Hendrickson, Briar Fowler, Scout Sullivan and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing rezoning of property located at 510 4th Avenue East from O-1 zoning proposed R-3 zoning. Andy Alexander stated at the previous Planning Commission meeting a public hearing was held to discuss the referenced rezoning request, where no public comments were made. Andy explained O-1 zoning is lightly used for the description of office spaces. The public hearing ended at 5:21 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing rezoning of property located at 210 3rd Street South from M-1 zoning proposed B-3 zoning. Andy Alexander stated at the previous Planning Commission meeting a public hearing was held to discuss the referenced rezoning request, where no public comments were made. Andy explained M1 zoning is used for light industrial and the property requested will be used to sale music equipment and all the property around is similar in usage and zoning. The public hearing at 5:26 p.m.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ordinance no. 0721-01 amending the Oneonta Zoning Ordinance. Andy Alexander stated the Planning Commission presented a recommendation of language amendment to the city council that was presented during a public hearing and voted to be rescinded to the Planning Commission for the mentioned amendments during the council meeting held on May 25, 2021. Andy explained it is recommended by the Planning Commission to keep language prohibiting metal cladding with the special exception of an architectural composite metal panel or corrugated metal siding materials. He expounded on the composite metal has certain coding or architectural facing that it does not appear to be metal. He mentioned the variance allowance will now be presented to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for review. Alex Smith stated special use usual applies to use not the architectural appearance which would go into effect with the above referenced. Andy explained during the public hearing at the previous Planning Commission there was no opposition for supporting the amendments.

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 through three are standard agenda items unless someone has anything to state regarding the June 22nd council meeting minutes.

The Mayor stated agenda item number four is to consider approving the rezoning property located at 510 4th Avenue East from O-1 zoning proposed R-3 zoning. Mayor Phillips mentioned there was a public hearing held to discuss the rezoning and there was no public comment.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item number five is to consider approving the rezoning property located at 210 3rd Street South from M-1 zoning proposed R-3 zoning. Mayor Phillips mentioned there was a public hearing held to discuss the rezoning and there was no public comment. Councilwoman Pierce stated during the Planning Commission the business owner of 210 3rd Street South requested to be added into the Entertainment District. The Mayor stated the individual would have to put in a request of amendment for review.

The Mayor explained agenda item number six is to consider adopting ordinance number 0721-01 amending the Oneonta Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Phillips stated there was a public hearing held to discuss the ordinance and there was some discussion.

Regarding agenda item number seven, Mayor Phillips mentioned the previous owners of Hometown Market donated the property to the City of Oneonta. The Mayor stated the city's intention of the property is to demolish the building and turn the property back to a green space. The Mayor explained there is one amendment to resolution number 0721-01 recommended by the city attorney under Section 1 changed from "Hometown Market Property" to "Hometown Market Building and Contents".

The Mayor stated agenda item number eight is to consider adopting Proclamation Recognizing the Importance of Broadband Internet Connection. Mayor Phillips mentioned he was contacted by Senator Shay Shelnett requesting Oneonta adopt a proclamation acknowledging the importance of broadband so that he can utilize it in legislative affairs.

Mayor Phillips stated George Reid has been an asset to the Oneonta Utility Board but due to the city approving the resolution limiting two consecutive terms for board appointments there is need to replace George Reid from the Utility Board. The Mayor stated agenda item number nine is to consider appointing Sherry Pierce to the Utility Board, which he feels will do a great job.

Councilwoman Underwood explained when Officer Cory Glasscock was promoted to Police Sergeant that left a vacancy in the investigation department. Councilwoman Underwood stated agenda item ten is to approve the reassignment of Corporal Mike Harris to the investigation division within the Oneonta Police Department with a five percent salary increase.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item number eleven is recognizing Scout Sullivan on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America during the council meeting to discuss a project with the city council.

The Mayor explained agenda items number twelve through eighteen are regular business items. Mayor Phillips stated there will be a work session immediately following the council meeting for the purpose of discussing downtown garbage options. Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to close the work session. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The work session closed at 5:52 p.m.

Fire Lieutenant Ivey, Police Sergeant Glasscock, Corporal Mike Harris, current members of the Oneonta Utility Board and David Butler entered the council chambers.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Scout Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve minutes of June 22, 2021, council meeting as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated that the rezoning of the property located at 510 4th Avenue East was discussed during a public hearing and work session. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve the rezoning property located at 510 4th Avenue East from O-1 zoning proposed R-3 zoning. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips mentioned that the rezoning of the property located at 210 3rd Street South was discussed during a public hearing and work session. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the rezoning property located 210 3rd Street South from M-1 zoning proposed B-3 zoning. Councilman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips explained ordinance number 0721-01 amending the Oneonta Zoning Ordinance was discussed during a public hearing and work session. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adopt ordinance number 0721-01 amending the Oneonta Zoning Ordinance and thanked the inspection department for all their hard work with this matter. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips mentioned the previous owners of Hometown Market donated the property to the City of Oneonta. The Mayor stated the city's intention of the property is to demolish the building and turn the property back to a green space. The Mayor explained there is one amendment to resolution number 0721-01 recommended by the city attorney under Section 1 changed from "Hometown Market Property" to "Hometown Market Building and Contents". Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution number 0721-01 concerning the surplus of the Hometown Market building and contents. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips explained Senator Shay Shelnuttt requested Oneonta adopt a proclamation recognizing the importance of broadband internet connection. The Mayor read the Proclamation recognizing the importance of broadband internet connection in its entirety. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adopt Recognizing the Importance of Broadband Internet Connection. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to appoint Sherry Pierce to the Oneonta Utility Board. Councilman Alpine seconded; Councilwoman Pierce abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood explained when Officer Cory Glasscock was promoted to Police Sergeant that left a vacancy in the investigation department. Councilwoman Underwood stated agenda item ten is to approve the reassignment of Corporal Mike Harris to the investigation division within the Oneonta Police Department with a five percent salary increase. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the reassignment of Corporal Mike Harris to the investigation division within the Oneonta Police Department with a five percent salary increase. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Scout Sullivan with Troop 4160 was recognized to the floor. Scout Sullivan presented the Mayor and City Council packets of information documenting his Eagle Service Project for the Mayor and City Council to review. Scout Sullivan stated if the project is approved, he would build a sign for Woodland Scout Park at the entrance of the park. He explained the funds and resources to complete the project can be funded through himself or donations. He stated a scout's workday consists of one full Saturday, which he foresees the project would take approximately three days. Scout Sullivan mentioned the products that will be used for the project are the following: wood, concrete, non-electric lighting, mulch, and plants. Mayor Phillips stated the project is a great idea for the purpose of an Eagle Service Project and an assist to the park. Mayor Phillips made a motion to approve the Eagle Service Project presented by Scout Sullivan with Troop 4160. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read the fire report for the month of June.

Councilwoman Underwood read the police report for the month of June.

Councilman Alexander reported the beautification awards on behalf of the beautification board. Councilman Alexander stated the commercial beautification award goes to Evans Florist and the residential beautification award Gilbert and Dot Moore. Mayor Phillips thanked each person for making our community great.

Barbara Andersen gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She thanked everyone for attending the 110 Building Open House. She handed out everyone a sample of the Downtown Scavenger Hunt, explaining she will have the finalize copy soon. Barbara reviewed upcoming important event dates on behalf the Chamber and invited everyone to attend.

Pat Clanton gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. She invited everyone to next Cruise and Croon on Saturday, July 31st from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Pat mentioned there will be a twist on the OBA awards banquet this year. The event will be on October 16th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in front Tin Town Brewing with BBQ Bravo catering. Pat explained the high school is currently reconstructing the parking lot which eliminates the seniors from painting their parking spots, so the OBA is going to allow the seniors to paint on the 300 block and all proceeds will go towards a scholarship fund.

Allie Allcorn stated the city has received and signed off the airport grant documents and explained a portion of the grant will be used for this year and the other portion for next year project. She mentioned the city received \$40,000.00 through COVID funding for the airport, so any project recommendations are appreciated. Allie stated she just received the financials later this afternoon and did not have time to review them, so she will have a report next month. She mentioned she has began working on the budget draft and received all funding packets on time.

Councilwoman Underwood stated she received a letter written by a resident commending Officer Dutton and Officer Gonzalez on going above and beyond and maintaining professionalism while on duty.

Mayor Phillips reminded everyone of the City Market taking place this Saturday rain or shine. The Mayor mentioned Judge Green is looking into obtaining a feasibility study for broadband throughout the surrounding municipalities.

Councilman Bradley stated after speaking with Kevin Nicodemus the park and recreation are working diligently demolishing everything getting it ready for the first phase of the project.

Councilman Alexander explained Alabama Power is waiting for supplies to arrive to complete the lighting updates.

Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting and everyone who gave a report during the meeting. The Mayor explained there will be a work session after a five-minute break to discuss the downtown garbage options and invites everyone to stay. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Work Session

Mayor Phillips opened the work session at 6:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing downtown garbage options. Present at the work session were Mayor Phillips, Council Members, Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also, present in the work session was Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, Roland McCoy, Jimmy Wester, Lisa and Barry Kennamer, David Butler, Zac Marsh, Bill Hendrickson, Pat Clanton, Barbara Andersen, Aimee Wilson, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips explained the main purpose of the work session is to get input and spark a conversation on possible ideas for the downtown garbage situation. The Mayor stated the temporary solution requires the participating business owners to load garbage into two trailers that are provided by the city, which involves a city employee to empty the trailers on daily basis resulting in a city employee working weekends. The weekend shift is becoming burdensome on the street department.

The Mayor stated he met with BFI representative Gary Stignani to discuss the garbage options and mentioned a centralized dumping location at the parking between the Oneonta Public Library and Senior Center. He mentioned the location will be fenced and locked with surveillance available. Mayor Phillips mentioned any business downtown that would be interested in utilizing the trailers downtown are welcome to but will have to pay some type of monthly subscription. The solution is a great way to solving the garbage issues; yet it still leaves the weekend matter up for discussion. The Mayor stated any business that continues utilizing BFI will be required to always keep garbage cans off the sidewalks, due to it impeding the walkway.

Mayor Phillips mentioned another option is to not have a centralized dumping location and increasing the amount of collection trailers and continue to deliver trash to the city dump but that still does not solve the weekend employee issue. After much discussion amongst the public and council, Mayor Phillips thanked everyone for attending and participating. The Mayor stated there was great feedback that can be used to create a plan with real numbers and figures to present to the public and council later. Mayor Phillips entertained to adjourn the work session. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The work session closed at 7:17 p.m.

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