

State of Alabama)  
City of Oneonta January 25, 2022  
County of Blount)

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

The Mayor and City Council met during the regularly scheduled council meeting on January 25, 2022, with a regularly scheduled 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, Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Diane Lee, Dalton Farmer, David Dobson, Mike and Morgan Hellums, 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 number three pertains to January 11, 2022, council meeting minutes as written, unless anyone has any comment.

The Mayor stated agenda item four is to consider accepting the resignation of full-time police officer Jonathan Garner. Mayor Phillips mentioned Councilwoman Underwood would read the resignation letter during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips said agenda item five is to consider advertising for a full-time police officer position due to agenda item four.

Mayor Phillips explained agenda item six is to consider hiring Justin Glass as a part-time firefighter.

The Mayor stated agenda item seven is to recognize David Dobson and Mike Hellums to discuss a potential rodeo being held on city property by Wal-Mart.

Mayor Phillips mentioned that Barbara Andersen could not attend the meeting but sent information in the packet with applications for nominations of the year. The Mayor stated agenda items nine and ten are regular agenda items discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips explained agenda item eleven is to consider entering executive sessions to discuss the potential sale of property. There will be a work session immediately following the council meeting to discuss possible uses for ARPA funds.

The Mayor closed the work session at 5:46 p.m.

Police Chief Clifton entered the chambers.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Councilman Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilman Alexander seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read the resignation letter of full-time police officer Jonathan Garner with his last day of employment on January 27, 2022. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to accept the resignation of full-time police officer Jonathan Garner. Councilwoman Pierce seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to advertise a full-time police officer position. Councilman Bradley seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read the recommendation letter to hire Justin Gladden as a part-time firefighter. Councilman Alexander seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips recognized David Dobson to the floor. David handed the Mayor and City Council packets about information for a potential rodeo held on city property across from Wal-Mart. David thanked the Mayor and Council for the significant progress within Oneonta, and the idea of a rodeo is to continue the progress. He reviewed the rodeo's project and layout, explaining Mike Hellums has experience with establishing over two hundred rodeos throughout the country. David explained there is liability insurance and waiver forms for the event, and anything else needed to put on the event will be handled by Mike Hellums and his team. Mayor Phillips stated he has no objections to the event; it is all about resolving the legalities.

The Mayor stated that Barbara Andersen provided information on behalf of the chamber for those interested.

Allie Allcorn gave an update of the financial summary for December 2021. She stated local taxes and services were above the projection by an estimated \$122,000.00 for the period to date. This category was higher than December of 2020 by just over \$100,000.00. Allie mentioned most other types of revenue were standard for December. Municipal court fines were lower again due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. She stated that the city paid the annual municipal workers comp invoice of \$80,557.00, paid out of the capital expense account. Allie explained a \$446,973.72 invoice for the pool project was paid out of the bond account. She stated there was also a hefty \$44,781.00 invoice paid out of the community development construction fund for the McPherson property.

Mayor Phillips had nothing to report in his report.

The Mayor stated there is no further business to discuss, but a work session will be conducted after exiting the executive session. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss the potential sale of city-owned property at 6:24 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded. The motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood were present in the executive session. Also present were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, and Amanda Cole. The executive session started at 6:24 p.m. Councilman Bradley made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:54 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley seconded, and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk