

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, April 11, 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 Pro-Tem Bradley; Council Members: Alexander, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Allie Allcorn, representatives in support of the "Fair Housing" Proclamation, and Amanda Cole. Mayor Phillips was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bradley opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. The Mayor Pro-Tem stated that agenda items one and two are standard items, and item three is to consider approving the minutes of the March 28, 2023 council meeting as written unless there are any comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that agenda four is to consider adopting the "Fair Housing" Proclamation to support their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mayor Pro-Tem mentioned Brandon Horton will read agenda five to consider adopting the Proclamation Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunications Week during the council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem explained item six is to consider setting a public hearing for April 25, 2023, at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of Pin Seekers, LLC. Brandon Horton mentioned that all inspections are finalized with the referenced location and that the applicant only applied for an on-premises beer and no liquor. Brandon stated the applicant understands that the location is not in the entertainment district and they will be serving food in order to be compliant. Alex Smith stated as long as Pin Seekers, LLC does not make a rear entry to their parking lot then they are following city code in reference to being adjacent to a church.

Mayor Pro-Tem stated Chief Clifton should be here to answer any questions regarding agenda item eight and the policy additions have been reviewed and approved by Alex Smith.

Mayor Pro-Tem explained agenda items nine through fifteen are regular items and will be discussed during the council meeting. The Mayor Pro-Tem closed the work session at 5:53 p.m.

Asst. Fire Chief Ivey, Police Chief Clifton, Investigator Latta, and representatives with Blount 911 entered the chambers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bradley opened the council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve March 28, 2023 council minutes as written. Councilwoman Underwood seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained due to prior absence, and the motion carried with ayes.

Mayor Pro-Tem read the "Fair Housing" Proclamation in its entirety, celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adopt the "Fair Housing" Proclamation. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Brandon Horton read the Proclamation Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunications Week in its entirety and praised the men and women for their hard work and dedication with Blount 911. Councilman Alexander made a motion to adopt the Proclamation Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Mayor Pro-Tem thanked the representatives with Blount 911 and expressed public safety is very near and dear to his heart.

Mayor Pro-Tem stated there was discussion for item six during the previous work session and entertained further questions. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to set a public hearing for April 25, 2023, at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the alcohol license application on behalf of Pin Seekers, LLC. Councilwoman Underwood seconded; Councilman McAlpine abstained due to his relation to the owner and the motion carried with all ayes.

Brandon Horton stated that he met with the APCO engineer requesting an easement for the property located at 723 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. Brandon explained APCO is wanting to relocate a power pole on the referenced property and APCO has agreed to relocate the power pole if required by developers at a later date. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the easement request on behalf of Alabama Power for the property located at 723 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Chief Clifton explained a lot of the recommended policy additions were required due to the body-worn cameras grant the police department was awarded. Chief stated there will be more additions coming but he wanted to get the referenced additions before the council for grant purposes. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the policy additions on behalf of the Oneonta Police Department. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Asst. Fire Chief Ivey gave a brief update for the month of March. He mentioned there was training throughout March, the brush truck is up and running, and the department applied for multiple grants.

Councilman McAlpine read the Library report for the month of March.

Mayor Pro-Tem read the Park and Recreation's most recent report and stated he has received multiple compliments on the new soccer fields.

Councilwoman Underwood read the Police Department report for the month of March.

Councilman Alexander read the Public Works Department report for the month of March.

Allie Allcorn stated the most recent CPI increase is not covering pricing that Republic Services is incurring, so there is a need to re-bid the solid waste contract. Allie stated she would be working with Alex Smith and Amanda Cole to get that ready hopefully around June of this year.

Mayor Pro-Tem stated the Depot renovations are now complete and open for the public to rent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bradley stated there is no further business and entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem

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City Clerk