

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, September 14, 2021

County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during regularly scheduled council meeting on September 14, 2021, with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss agenda items. There was a public hearing scheduled for 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. Present were Mayor Phillips, Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Andy Alexander, Fire Chief Booth, Barbara Andersen, Pat Clanton, Treva Oakley, Zac Marsh, Kay Butts, Tevin Payne, Deb Talley, Aleyda and Erica Villegas and Amanda Cole.

Amanda Cole was not present for the public hearing. Tanya Blakely, Assistant City Clerk, attended the public hearing and wrote the following public hearing minutes only.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing rezoning of property located at 640 Sand Valley Road from R-1 zoning to AG zoning. Andy Alexander explained the request and stated at the pervious Planning Commission meeting, there was no opposition regarding this request from neither the public nor the city. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Councilman Alpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The public hearing ended at 5:33 p.m.

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 mentioned agenda items three through five all pertain to minutes up for approval for the two work sessions and council meeting held on August 24, 2021, as written unless someone has anything to state regarding the minutes.

The Mayor explained regarding agenda item six there was a public hearing held the same date at 5:30 p.m. with Andy Alexander explaining the reason and location for the rezoning. Mayor Phillips asked if anyone has any questions before moving forward.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item seven is to consider rescheduling September 28, 2021 council meeting to September 21, 2021 due to conflict of dates.

Mayor Phillips explained the Hometown Market Demolition and Rehabilitation Project bids were opened publicly yesterday at 1:00 p.m. The Mayor mentioned there were three sealed bids received by the appropriate time and all three bidders were present for the meeting. Brandon Horton stated the lowest bidder was Ingle Demolition and Salvage, Inc. in the amount of \$139,550.00. Brandon explained if the bid is approved tonight, then there will be a post bid meeting and then the project should last approximately sixty (60) to ninety (90) days. He stated that all bidders knew of all addendums and were communicated on any updates throughout the process.

Allie Allcorn explained agenda item nine is regarding resolution number 0921-01, which the city applies for annually to receive federal grant money for airport improvements. She stated if the city receives money for next year those funds will go towards clearing runway 24 and grading the terrain.

Mayor Phillips stated the city council approved to advertise to hire full-time revenue officer a couple of meetings ago. The Mayor explained agenda item ten is to consider hiring Aleyda Villegas to fill the revenue officer position.

The Mayor mentioned agenda items eleven through seventeen are all regular business items that will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated there will be a need to enter executive session to discuss agenda item eighteen. The Mayor explained at the conclusion of the executive session there will be business to vote on regarding agenda items nineteen and twenty. Mayor Phillips stated at the end of the council meeting there will be budget work session.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilman Alexander 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 Bradley gave the invocation.

Councilman Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 work session on downtown garbage options as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 council meeting as written. Councilman McAlpine seconded; Councilwoman Pierce abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 work session on departmental budget for the 2022 fiscal year. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated Andy Alexander explained the purpose of rezoning property located at 640 Sand Valley Road during the public hearing. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the rezoning of 640 Sand Valley Road from R-1 zoning to AG zoning. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to reschedule September 28, 2021 council meeting to September 21, 2021 due to conflict of dates. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Brandon Horton stated there was a total of three sealed bids received by the city for the Hometown Market Demolition and Rehabilitation Project and the lowest bidder was Ingle Demolition and Salvage, Inc. in the amount of \$139,550.00. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to award the Hometown Market Demolition and Rehabilitation Project bid to Ingle Demo in the amount of \$139,550.00. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Allie Allcorn read resolution number 0921-01, concerning Robbins Field Airport grant money for fiscal year 2022 in its entirety. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve resolution number 0921-01, concerning Robbins Field Airport grant money for fiscal year 2022. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated Aleyda Villegas was one out of four candidates that interviewed for the full-time revenue officer position. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to hire Aleyda Villegas as full-time revenue officer. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read the August report on behalf of the Police Department.

Councilwoman Pierce read the August report on behalf of the Fire Department. Councilwoman Pierce congratulated the fire department on receiving a stove-top suppression grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. Fire Chief Booth commended Assistant Fire Chief Ivey and Training Officer Ledbetter for their work on this grant.

Barbara Andersen gave an update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She mentioned to anyone interested in enrolling in the JSU classes mentioned at the last meeting are welcome to visit the chamber website for more information on pricing and classes available. She reminded everyone of the vaccine clinic on Saturday located at Tyson Foods. Barbara mentioned the Covered Bridge Festival will be on October 9, 2021, and unfortunately there will not be a Pancake Breakfast this year due to COVID.

Zac Marsh gave an update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. He mentioned the OBA will have a booth set up at the Covered Bridge Festival. He stated the BBQ Bravo will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and tickets are on sale for anyone interested. Zac reminded everyone of the last Cruise and Croon for the year on October 30, 2021, right in time for Halloween.

There was not a representative present on behalf of the Beautification Board.

Allie Allcorn stated she would defer all comments to the work session.

Roland McCoy gave a brief update on street projects. He mentioned the city has completed all work on Dogwood Drive except for paving which is coming along with the paving of Mountain Drive. He stated the city also has plans on paving the following roads: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue through 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Shady Crest Ln, Sycamore Drive, and Wood Meadow Drive. Roland mentioned Armory Drive is approximately sixty-percent complete waiting on contractor to complete his portion before paving can begin. Mayor Phillips commended Roland and the street department for all they do daily, not only are they responsible for moving the dirt in front of DHR and demolition to the pool but they also clear culverts and ditches and maintain the right of way.

Councilwoman Pierce gave an update on the ADECA meeting held last week. She stated Director Kenneth Boswell was speaking about different grant opportunities for municipalities. He mentioned the main concern with Alabama is the broadband issue and the lack of availability to the rural areas. She stated that Mr. Boswell is working with Governor Ivey on creating a map that will show the true need of broadband in different areas throughout Alabama. Councilwoman Pierce stated that the project will approximately cost four to six billion dollars altogether with twenty-seven million already put into resolving the broadband issues. Councilwoman Pierce mentioned the best thing for Oneonta to do is to stay update to date with projects and changes pertaining to broadband.

Mayor Phillips reminded everyone of the Homecoming Parade this Friday at 3:00 p.m. The Mayor mentioned Restaurant Week is September 20<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> and there will be bingo cards provided for those that want to participate. He stated the bingo cards can be picked up at city hall, 110 building and participating restaurants. The Mayor stated the Woodland playground equipment will be delivered this week but will take approximately two weeks to install equipment and the city to complete their part. The Mayor mentioned there is a tentative opening date for October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. depending on the weather. Mayor Phillips invited anyone interested to attend a meeting with Chambless King Architects to discuss the park and recreation projects. He stated the meeting will be Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Oneonta Council Chambers.

Mayor Phillips explained that he does his very best to inform and include everyone on what is taking place but if there is anything any of the council want to be apart of, please reach out to him and ask. The Mayor stated he wants everyone to feel included and apart of the team. He stated the last thing he wants to do is to leave anyone out and if he has done so it was not intentional. Councilman McAlpine requested the Mayor revisit each council member being a liaison for each individual city department like in previous administration. Councilwoman Pierce stated that she is thankful for the Mayor and how they can always work through any issues that may arise.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, contract negotiation and discussing purchase and sell of property at 6:39 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood entered the executive session at 6:39 p.m. Also attending were Alex Smith, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton and Amanda Cole. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to exit the executive session to return to council meeting at 7:12 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

After exiting the executive session, the council meeting started at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Phillips stated the city council was presented with a contract to sell property located at 405 Second Street South in the amount of \$12,000.00 on behalf of TLP Home, LLC. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the contract to sell property located at 405 Second Street South in the amount of \$12,000 on behalf of TLP Home, LLC. Councilman Alexander seconded; Councilman McAlpine nay and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips explained there is a need to temporarily suspend a local business owner's license due to a public safety matter and then conduct a hearing in which the business owner has the right to present evidence to the Mayor and City Council. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to temporarily suspend business license number 2021-896 due to public safety issues. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to set a hearing on the suspension of business license number 2021-896 on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to suspend the rules for the city council to vote Mayor Phillips authorization to sign settlement documents on recent litigation. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to suspend the rules to add agenda item. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve Mayor Phillips authorization to sign settlement documents on recent litigation. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated there will be a brief break before the work session is opened. The Mayor entertained for a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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