

State of Alabama)  
City of Oneonta, May 9, 2023  
County of Blount)

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

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled public hearing at 5:30 p.m. with a regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. and a council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Tim Moore, Allie Allcorn, Don Mitchell, David King, Mitch Latta, Police Chief Clifton, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose to discuss the partial transfer of land located at the McPherson Property. The Mayor stated that David King approached the city wanting to build an entertainment venue on the McPherson Property. Mayor Phillips opened the floor to David King on behalf of Kingpins Bowling and Family Fun Center.

Mr. King explained he wants to build a 12-lane bowling alley that includes an arcade, kitchen, bar, ax-throwing, laser tag, and a pro shop. He stated his idea is to provide a fun family space where everyone, no matter what their age or capabilities can attend. Mayor Phillips asked Mr. King about the possible revenue that would come from the project. Mr. King stated the first year is estimated at 2.49 million dollars and the second–fifth year is estimated at 3.5 million dollars. Councilman Alexander asked for the projected timeline for completion. Mr. King explained he is aiming for 120 days to break ground and then ten to fifteen months to complete. Councilman McAlpine asked Mr. King if he had completed a feasibility study on the project. Mr. King stated the feasibility study he had done is where the 2.4 million figures originate. Councilman McAlpine stated it's a great layout and a wonderful business plan. Allie Allcorn asked Mr. King what his total capital investment was for the project. Mr. King stated his total investment would be approximately 5.5 to 6 million dollars.

Mayor Phillips stated if the transfer of property is approved tonight, Noon Realty will look at the renderings of Kingpins Bowling and Family Fun Center, LLC, and find placement adjacent to their potential retail development. Once the location is identified, then the parcel number will be available and transferred to Kingpins Bowling and Family Fun Center, LLC. Mayor Phillips thanked David King for all his hard work and for wanting to bring something great to Oneonta and Blount County.

Bill Hendrickson and Fire Chief Seehusen entered the council chambers.

Mayor Phillips closed the public hearing at 5:57 p.m. and went straight into the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated items one and two are standard items, and item three is to consider approving the minutes of the April 25, 2023 council meeting. Councilman Bradley stated the appraised amount of parcel no. 1609313003039.000 needs to be \$69,000.00 instead of \$65,000.00 as written.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item four is to consider authorizing him to enter into an agreement of the transfer of approximately four acres located on the McPherson Property to Kingpins Bowling and Family Fun Center, LLC which was the purpose of the previously held public hearing.

Mayor Phillips stated Councilman Alexander will review agenda item five to consider approving resolution no. 0523-01; concerning public works department surplus. The Mayor mentioned Councilman Bradley will review agenda item six to consider approving resolution no. 0523-02; concerning park and recreation department surplus.

The Mayor stated the Zoning Board of Adjustments has an open alternate position to serve in case there is not a quorum. Mayor Phillips mentioned agenda item seven is to consider appointing Manual Villegas to the Zoning Board of Adjustments as an alternate.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item eight to is consider hiring Scott Payne as a part-time firefighter.

The Mayor mentioned items nine through fourteen are all departmental updates. Mayor Phillips stated agenda items fifteen and sixteen are regular items that will be discussed during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips reminded everyone the next council meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the regular time. The Mayor closed the work session at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Phillips went straight into the council meeting after closing the work session.

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 council meeting with the amendment referenced in the work session. Councilman McAlpine seconded; Councilwoman Pierce abstained and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to authorize Mayor Richard Phillips to enter into an agreement of the transfer of approximately four acres located on the McPherson Property to Kingpins Bowling and Family Fun Center, LLC. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander read resolution no. 0523-01; concerning public works department surplus and made a motion to approve resolution no. 0523-01. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley read resolution no. 0523-02; concerning park and recreation department surplus and made a motion to approve resolution no. 0523-02. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Manuel Villegas to the Zoning Board of Adjustments an alternate. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to hire Scott Payne as part-time firefighter. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Chamber of Commerce was not present for the meeting.

Fire Chief Seehusen gave the April 2023 report on behalf of the fire department. He mentioned the department applied for a \$1,500.00 grant through Wal-Mart. Chief stated the department is reviewing job descriptions to hopefully have ready to present to the Mayor and Council in June. Chief stated over the weekend while not on duty, Sgt. Crow ran into a burning home and was able to retrieve a man out of the home. Chief stated he is very grateful for his crew and their work ethic.

Councilman McAlpine gave the April 2023 report on behalf of the library.

Councilman Bradley gave the April 2023 report on behalf of the park and recreation department.

Police Chief Clifton gave the April 2023 report on behalf of the police department. Chief thanked Sgt. Crow for his bravery and stated Oneonta is so blessed to have the public servants in the community. Chief thanked the Mayor and Allie Allcorn for approving the flock cameras purchase to help protect the city.

Councilman Alexander gave the April 2023 report on behalf of the public works department.

Allie Allcorn commended the public works department for how efficient they were replacing the pipe at Twin Oaks Drive.

The Mayor commended Sgt. Crow for his act of bravery and reiterated how lucky the city is to have servants like him. Mayor Phillips stated the city pool will open on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and the first city market will be this Saturday.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

