

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, September 27, 2022
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during a scheduled work session for the purpose of discussing the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget on September 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. with the regularly scheduled work session at 5:45 p.m. to review the agenda items. Present were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present in the meeting were Alex Smith, Megan Kelly, Nicole Tolbert, Brandon Horton, Andy Alexander, Fire Chief Booth, Fire Lt. Ivey, Police Chief Clifton, Keith Mardis, Redonia Davis, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole.

The Mayor opened the regularly scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session to review the agenda items for the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated items one and two are standard items. The Mayor mentioned item three is to consider approving the minutes of the September 13, 2022, public hearing to discuss the downtown revitalization proposal on behalf of Hometown Bank of Alabama. Mayor Phillips mentioned item four is to consider approving the minutes of the September 13, 2022, council meeting as written, and item five is to consider approving the minutes of the September 13, 2022, work session for the 2023 fiscal year allocation budget unless anyone has any comments.

Mayor Phillips stated that Councilman Alexander will review item six during the council meeting, but it is an annual agreement between the city and county.

The Mayor mentioned Councilman McAlpine will review item seven during the council meeting to fill the full-time public works employee.

Brandon Horton stated that Roland McCoy provided him with a list of the roads that needed repaving. He mentioned on that list were Azure Street and Androse Drive and the city is able to use the same contractor the county is using and the city will not have to bid the project out. He stated the cost to pave Azure Street would total \$30,931.00 and the cost to pave Androse Drive would total \$32,054.00. The total project will cost \$62,985.00 and will be paid out of the road funds. Councilman Alexander requested a priority list of the roads be posted for the public to review.

Councilwoman Pierce entered the council chambers at 5:49 p.m.

Mayor Phillips stated that the council just conducted a work session to review the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget and it will be up for approval during the council meeting. The Mayor mentioned agenda items ten and eleven are standard items that will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:51 p.m.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, public hearing to discuss the downtown revitalization proposal on behalf of Hometown Bank of Alabama as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, council meeting as written. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, work session for the 2023 fiscal year allocation budget. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander read a letter on behalf of Judge Chris Green pertaining to an annual MOU for debris removal and monitoring services from November 1, 2022, until November 1, 2023. Mayor Phillips stated the MOU is very necessary to coordinate during those times of events. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the MOU for debris removal and monitoring services between the city and county. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine read a recommendation letter on behalf of Roland McCoy to hire Drake Williams as a full-time public works employee. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to hire Drake Williams as a full-time public works employee. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated Brandon Horton discussed repaving Androse Drive and Azure Street during the work session and he supports the recommendation. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve Whitaker Construction to pave Androse Drive and Azure Street in the amount of \$62,985.00. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated the council held a work session at 5:00 p.m. for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget making that three work sessions in total. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Budget Summary

Local Taxes & Services:	\$7,784,600.00
Advalorem Taxes:	\$450,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenue:	\$2,412,500.00
Total Revenues:	\$10,647,100.00
General Government:	\$1,399,000.00
Building Inspection:	\$357,500.00
Library:	\$395,000.00
Municipal Court:	\$444,000.00
Robbins Field Airport:	\$20,000.00
Police Department:	\$2,127,000.00
Fire Department:	\$1,619,000.00

Public Works:	\$1,307,500.00
Sanitation:	\$390,000.00
Park & Recreation:	\$891,500.00
Community Development:	\$119,500.00
Oneonta City Schools:	\$314,500.00
Allocations:	\$180,000.00
Debt Service:	\$918,500.00
Aging (Senior Center):	\$164,000.00
Total Expenditures:	\$10,647,000.00

Revenues in Excess of Expense: \$100.00

Allie Allcorn reviewed the August 2022 financial summary. She stated August was the city's fifth lowest in local taxes and services for the fiscal year, coming in at \$698,081.00. The city collected almost \$70,000.00 worth of business license fees in August, making the total for the year \$1,040,290.00. She mentioned so far, the city has collected around \$70,000.00 more than last year in business license fees. Allie stated the city has received \$444,002.00 in financial excise taxes and back in July we received the second disbursement from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$782,576.00. She mentioned to this date the city has collected \$80,719.00 in total from the Aquatics Center. Allie stated the total revenue came in at \$733,453.00. She mentioned the expenditures were good for August and all departments stayed within their budget. She stated the city remitted \$58,765.00 to ALDOT for new Park and Recreation and Public Works vehicles. The city remitted \$138,588.00 to Russo for the Dogwood Drive project which \$71,588.00 was reimbursed from ADECA from the Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Phillips showed the council a certificate presented to the city on behalf of the Blount County Education Foundation to show their appreciation for the city's support for the Annual Radiothon. The Mayor also commended the Chamber of Commerce on another successful Downtown Dinner. The Mayor informed everyone the park and recreational project bid opening will be delayed until October 27th.

Amanda Cole congratulated Manual Villegas on receiving his CDL certification.

There being no further business, Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting ended at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk