

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, November 9, 2021

County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during the regular scheduled council meeting on November 9, 2021 with a regular 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 were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Roland McCoy, Allie Allcorn, Dalton Farmer, Danna and David Standridge, Barbara Andersen, Randa Ashley, Pat Clanton, Tara Murphree, Christy and Dan Buckner, Vernell Phillips, Kenny Gilliland, Officer Hall, Officer Heard, Officer Buchanan, Officer Dempsey, Fire Chief Booth, Fire Lt. Ivey and Amanda Cole.

The Mayor opened the work session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the council meeting. Mayor Phillips stated agenda items one and two are standard agenda items. The Mayor mentioned item number three is regarding October 26, 2021 council meeting minutes and item number four is regarding October 26, 2021 work session minutes as written unless anyone has anything to state regarding those items.

Mayor Phillips referred to Amanda Cole for agenda item five, which she deferred to the council meeting to read the surplus resolution. Councilwoman Pierce stated agenda item six is regarding appointing Dan Buckner to the Oneonta Utility Board to replace Mark Gargus.

Councilwoman Underwood stated agenda item seven is concerning approving the resignation of part-time, police investigator Matthew Sims. Councilman Alexander mentioned agenda item eight is regarding hiring a full-time employee for the public works department to help with all the upcoming projects. Councilman McAlpine stated agenda item nine is the library requesting to hire a full-time employee.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item ten will be removed from the agenda due to David Dobson not being present. The Mayor mentioned agenda items eleven through seventeen are all regular business items that will be discussed during the council meeting. Mayor Phillips closed the work session at 5:50 p.m.

The Mayor opened the regular scheduled council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine gave the invocation.

Councilman Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve minutes of October 26, 2021 council meeting as written. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve minutes of October 26, 2021 work session as written. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Amanda Cole read resolution number 1121-01, concerning city hall surplus property. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve resolution number 1121-01, concerning city hall surplus property. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read a letter on behalf of the Oneonta Utility Board requesting the city to appoint Dan Buckner to the board in the place of Mark Gargus due to his resignation. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to appoint Dan Buckner to the Oneonta Utility Board to finish out Mark Gargus term. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Underwood read resignation letter on behalf of part-time police investigator Matthew Sims. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to approve the resignation of Matthew Sims. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Alexander read a letter from Roland McCoy on behalf of the public works department requesting to hire Jesse Tidwell as a full-time employee to help with the increased workload. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Jesse Tidwell as full-time public works employee and stated the position has been budgeted and approved. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine read a letter from Ricky Statham on behalf of the public library requesting to hire Jordan Duncan as a full-time employee. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve Jordan Duncan as full-time public library employee and stated the position has been budgeted and approved. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Agenda item ten was removed from the agenda.

Councilwoman Pierce congratulated Josh Gibson on receiving 2021 Firefighter of the Year. Councilwoman Pierce read a letter congratulating the fire department for being awarded a grant for new radios and she reviewed the October report for the department.

Councilwoman Underwood read the October report for the police department.

Barbara Andersen gave a brief update on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She stated Lester Memorial Christmas Breakfast will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> and will update everyone of the time later. She mentioned the Christmas Parade will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and tickets will be on sale soon for the New Year's Eve Dinner. Barbara announced she will be retiring in 2022 and the Chamber is currently taking applications for the position and she will train the new hire for the first year.

Police Chief Clifton entered the council meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Pat Clanton gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. She stated the OBA has received \$2,000.00 from the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association for the mural

projects. She thanked Fire Chief Booth and Mary Phillips for their assistance with the Cruise and Croon. She thanked Hicks Florist for volunteering to decorate the new welcome sign with Christmas décor.

Brandon Horton thanked Representative Standridge for his help with the fire department grant mentioned earlier in the meeting. He updated everyone on the substandard property list and asked everyone to be patient throughout the process because some of the properties are caught up in court. Brandon mentioned the demolition of Hometown Market will begin this week and is asking the public to avoid driving through the parking lot for safety reasons. He stated the Armory Drive Project is 98% complete but there were paving issues that are having to be reconstructed, so the completion will be extended a few more days. Brandon explained the county has completed a bid for paving within the city, where the city may be able to fall under emergency paving and forego bidding for the projects, such as Armory Drive and Shuff Mountain. He mentioned the city is currently waiting on the striping crew to stripe the roads at Eastwood and Azalea Hills. Brandon stated the McDaniel Gym parking lot will soon be resurfaced and striped, hopefully within the next week and ready for basketball season. He thanked Roland McCoy and his crew for completing the High School Street project. Lastly, he stated the lighting throughout the city is getting complete by Alabama Power.

Allie Allcorn stated the city has been awarded \$2,500.00 Gateway grant from Alabama Power that will go towards the purchase of another welcome sign. The Mayor stated one sign cost approximately \$8,000 and the next one purchased will be on 231 near Palisades Park. Allie mentioned the city has applied of the 2022 airport grant in the amount of \$332,381.00 at a 90% with a 5% state and 5% local match.

Mayor Phillips recognized Ricky Statham and Representative Standridge to the floor. Representative Standridge stated he is pleased with everything happening in Oneonta and that Oneonta is truly a jewel in his eyes. Representative Standridge presented Ricky Statham with a \$1,000 check for the public library.

Mayor Phillips had nothing to report.

Councilman Bradley reminded everyone that Wednesday is Marine Corp Birthday and that Thursday is Veteran's Day.

Mayor Phillips entertained for a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting ended at 6:41 p.m.

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City Clerk