

State of Alabama)
City of Oneonta, May 17, 2023
County of Blount)

Council Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met during the 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, Bill Hendrickson, Bradley Harvey, Tara Murphree, Pamela Casey, David King, Leanne McAlpine, Ricky Statham, Allie Allcorn, Brandon Horton, Don Mitchell, David Langham, Randy Underwood, Police Lt. Egan, Police Chief Clifton, and Amanda Cole.

Mayor Phillips opened the scheduled 5:45 p.m. work session. The Mayor stated items one and two as standard items and item three is to consider approving the May 17, 2023 council meeting minutes. There was no comment.

The Mayor explained agenda item four is to consider approving the hiring of temporary; part-time lifeguards. Mayor Phillips mentioned the addition will create a full staff of seventeen lifeguards.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item five is to consider approving the hiring of Lily Wilson as a temporary; concession employee to help with daily activities at the pool.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item six is to recognize the Oneonta Business Association and agenda item seven is to recognize resident Pamela Casey. Mayor Phillips stated that agenda items eight and nine are regular items that will be discussed during the council meeting. The Mayor explained that agenda item ten is to consider entering into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of property. The Mayor closed the work session at 5:47 p.m. and the council meeting will reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Lt. Ivey entered the council chambers.

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

Councilman Bradley gave the invocation.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 council meeting as written. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire the following individuals as temporary; part-time lifeguards: Mary Brewer, Addison Cole, Reynaldo Gonzalez, and Hannah Sanderson. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire Lily Wilson as a temporary; concession employee. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Bill Hendrickson gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. He mentioned the OBA is still in the process of replacing shatterproof bulbs for the "Light the Town" project. Bill reminded everyone of June Fling on June 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Phillips called resident Pamela Casey to the floor. Mrs. Casey commended the Public Works Department and Brandon Horton on the pipe replacement at Pine Brook. She followed up with her concerns about the bowling center project that was presented to the council at the previous meeting. She stated that she is not against the bowling center or progress for the city, she was simply looking for information about the owner. She stated that she could not find the LLC name on the Secretary of State's website while searching for the owner's name. Mrs. Casey stated she requested public records and only received twelve (12) pages of documents, there was no feasibility study, no plan provided. Mrs. Casey mentioned the LLC provided does not match the LLC name in the May 9, 2023 council minutes as written. She stated it is concerning the city is transferring prime real estate into an LLC that does not exist. She ended by asking the council to look into all the things presented to them tonight.

Allie Allcorn stated the Oneonta Library Director received a resignation letter from full-time employee, Jordan Duncan and needed to put the item before the council since the employee has a lot of responsibilities and wants to be able to train the new hire. Allie Allcorn read the resignation letter for full-time library programs coordinator, Jordan Duncan. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the resignation of full-time library programs coordinator, Jordan Duncan. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Allie requested a motion to advertise for hiring a full-time library programs coordinator. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the advertisement for a full-time library programs coordinator. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips reminded everyone that the city pool opens the Saturday before Memorial Day and stated the first city market was a success with five vendors selling out within the first hour.

Mayor Phillips stated there is a need to enter executive session and there will be no further business once exiting. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose to discuss the sale of property at 6:20 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Present in the executive session were Mayor Phillips; Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce, and Underwood. Also, present were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, David Langham, Allie Allcorn, and Amanda Cole. The executive session began at 6:25 p.m.

Councilman McAlpine motioned to exit the executive session at 7:14 p.m. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk