

State of Alabama)

City of Oneonta, September 21, 2021

County of Blount)

The Mayor and City Council met during the rescheduled council meeting on September 21, 2021 with a regularly 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 Allie Allcorn, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Fire Chief Booth, Fire Lt. Ivey, Cory Glasscock, Barbara Andersen, Ricky Statham, Carl Frey, Dixie Dailey, Pat Clanton, Bill Hendrickson, and Amanda Cole.

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. The Mayor mentioned item number three is regarding the September 14, 2021 council meeting minutes with an edited sentence on page four, paragraph two and item number four is regarding minutes as written for the September 14, 2021 work session unless someone has anything to state regarding those minutes.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item number five is to consider setting a public hearing on October 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the rezoning of property located on Park Avenue filed by Quality-of-Life Health Service from R-1 zoning to O-1 zoning. Brandon Horton explained the Planning Commission has recommended the referenced rezoning request to the city council for approval. He mentioned the property used to house a doctor's office that was eventually removed from the location, yet the lot has always been zoned R-1 zoning due to the adjacent lots.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item number six is to consider setting a public hearing on October 12, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the rezoning of property located on 201 and 203 Shirley Street filed by Real Estate Holding Venture from B-1 zoning to B-2 zoning. Brandon Horton explained the Planning Commission has recommended the referenced rezoning request to the city council for approval. He stated both properties are in front of the old hospital location and the owner intends on keeping the structure but renovating to house climate control storage units and retail space. Brandon stated if the rezoning is approved then at the point the owner will have to present the business model and plan to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a special exception.

Mayor Phillips explained agenda item number seven is to consider setting a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the alcohol license on behalf of Southern Smokes, LLC. Amanda Cole explained the individual is opening a cigar lounge at 105-B 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North and he is applying for retail beer on and off premise and retail wine on and off premise. She stated according to the city code the language for the term lounge allows for an individual to apply for retail beer on and off premise and retail wine on and off premise or retail beer on premise and retail wine on premise. Amanda stated the business has passed both electrical and plumbing inspections and

will have a final inspection later this week and the state is waiting on the city's approval or denial letter to proceed.

Mayor Phillips stated Councilwoman Pierce will read agenda items eight and nine during the council meeting.

Mayor Phillips explained Councilman McAlpine will handle agenda items ten and eleven during the council meeting.

The Mayor mentioned agenda item twelve will be handled during the council meeting by Councilman Bradley.

Mayor Phillips stated agenda item thirteen is the consideration to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget. The Mayor entertained any discussion regarding the drafted 2022 budget and there were no comments.

The Mayor mentioned agenda items fourteen through eighteen 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 nineteen.

Mayor Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The work session closed at 5:55 p.m.

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

Councilwoman Underwood gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021 council meeting with the amendment to page four, paragraph two discussed in the work session. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021 work session on the fiscal year 2022 budget as written. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Phillips stated he was going to move agenda items thirteen and seventeen forward, due to Allie Allcorn being under the weather so she can make an early exit. Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

## Budget Summary

Local Taxes & Services:	\$7,261,600.00
Advalorem Taxes:	\$452,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenue:	\$1,989,000.00
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$9,702,600.00</b>

General Government:	\$1,255,500.00
Building Inspection:	\$333,000.00
Library:	\$370,500.00
Municipal Court:	\$445,000.00
Robbins Field Airport:	\$116,000.00
Police Department:	\$1,900,000.00
Fire Department:	\$1,513,500.00
Public Works:	\$970,500.00
Sanitation:	\$392,000.00
Park & Recreation:	\$755,000.00
Community Development:	\$105,000.00
Oneonta City School:	\$309,000.00
Allocations:	\$162,250.00
Debt Service:	\$918,500.00
Aging (Senior Center):	\$157,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$9,702,750.00</b>

Revenues in Excess of Expense:       -\$150.00

Allie Allcorn gave a summary on the financials for the month of August. She stated the month of August was one of the lowest in local taxes and services for this fiscal year, but it was still about \$40,000 higher than the previous August. She mentioned the total revenue for this period was \$21,000.00 less than projected and the municipal court fines were over the projected amount by \$26,000.00. Allie explained \$36,365.57 was paid out of the 7-cent gas tax account to pay for the Armory Drive project. She stated an estimated \$65,000.00 was taken from the bond money to pay for park projects, such as surveying, equipment rental and engineering fees. Allie explained all the departments stayed within budget other than unexpected expensed with the ongoing projects and the increase cost of gas.

Mayor Phillips stated Brandon Horton reviewed item agenda five on the council meeting and entertained for any questions. There was no public comment. Councilman Bradley made a motion to set a public hearing on October 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the rezoning of property located on Park Avenue filed by Quality-of-Life Health Service from R-1 zoning to O-1 zoning. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

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Mayor Phillips mentioned Amanda Cole reviewed item agenda seven in the council meeting and entertained for any questions. There was no public comment. Councilwoman Underwood made a motion to set a public hearing on October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the alcohol license application on behalf of Southern Smokes, LLC. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read the "2021 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation" in its entirety and made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilwoman Pierce read resolution number 0921-02, concerning entering into Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Consortium Agreement. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to approve resolution number 0921-02 in support of entering into Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Consortium Agreement. Councilman Bradley seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine stated a couple of board members from the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees will be resigning so there is need in appointing new members. Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Aleyda Villegas to the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees. Councilman Alexander seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman McAlpine made a motion to appoint Diane Lee to the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ricky Statham presented Dixie Dailey a plaque for sixteen years of dedicated service to the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees. Dixie thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to serve and stated it has been such a pleasure. Ricky presented Carl Frey with a plaque for twenty-four years of dedicated service to the Oneonta Public Library Board of Trustees. Ricky stated both members have done a wonderful job and were such an asset to the board.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to hire the following individuals as part-time; temporary park and recreational concession employees: Abby Brown, Misty Campos, Becky Kaa, Brooklyn Kaa, Pecos Romero, Caitlin Smith and Marie Walden. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Barbara Andersen gave a brief update of behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She thanked the city for the budget allocation to the Chamber and gave everyone a copy of all the events for the

Covered Bridge Festival. She stated there will be a ribbon cutting on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. for the Party Company for anyone interested in attending.

Pat Clanton gave a brief update on behalf of the Oneonta Business Association. She thanked the city for the budget allocation to the OBA. Pat announced the OBA will be updating the lighting to LED over the next weeks. She invited everyone to attend the last Cruise and Croon of the season on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pat mentioned the OBA will be joining forces with the city to host Spook and Show Event on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Phillips stated this week is Restaurant Week and everyone is allowed to participate simply by getting their bingo card stamped by five participating restaurants and turn the card into the Chamber or City Hall. The Mayor reiterated the city will be hosting the Spook and Show event on October 19<sup>th</sup> with OBA where everyone is able to paint a pumpkin then watch the movie Hocus Pocus. The Mayor reminded everyone that this Saturday is the last City Market of the season and invites everyone to attend.

The Mayor stated there is a need to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase and/or sale of property and there will be no further business discussed. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase and/or sell of property at 6:25 p.m. Councilwoman Underwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor and Council Members: Alexander, Bradley, McAlpine, Pierce and Underwood entered the executive session at 6:28 p.m. Also attending were Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, and Amanda Cole. Councilman Alexander made a motion to exit the executive session to return to council meeting at 6:52 p.m. Councilwoman Pierce seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilwoman Pierce made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:52 p.m. Councilman McAlpine seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The council meeting ended at 6:52 p.m.

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City Clerk