

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA, NOVEMBER 24, 2015

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The Mayor and Council met in regular session on November 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Norris, Council members: Blackwood, Gargus, McNair and Robinson. Council member Rogers entered the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Also, present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Andy Alexander, Matt Scott, Steve Anderton, Kevin Foust, Jim Kilgore, Joan Epps, Larry Zanders, William Anton, Winston Scott, April Aniton, Brice M. Hutchings, Jr., Gracie Hutchings, Rebekah Wood, Gracie Starks, Herbert T. Starks, Millar Graves, Barbara Andersen, Carl Frey, June Kyle, James Chapman, Arthur Willis and Tammie Noland.

Councilman Robinson gave the invocation.

Councilman McNair made a motion to amend the minutes of November 10, 2015, to show that the language in item #15 in the Depot Rental Agreement be changed for non-profit organization limiting the use per month to one usage before depot fees become applicable. Councilman Gargus made a motion that language be changed in the depot rental agreement for non-profit organization limiting the use per month to one usage before depot fees become applicable. Councilman McNair made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015 as amended. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Ed Lowe informed everyone that the city solicited and received a standard AIA document contract for the Wallace State project. He stated that Alex Smith has reviewed the contract. Ed recommended that the mayor and council sign this contract for future services for the Wallace State project. The contract is with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood Engineering firm. Councilman Gargus made a motion to enter into the architect contract for the Wallace State Project. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

The Beautification Board was not present at the meeting.

Shelia Sorrow of the Oneonta Business Association gave an update on some upcoming events.

Mayor Norris recognized Herbert Sparks who spoke on behalf of the Sand Valley Community. The community voiced their concerns regarding a trailer being placed at 830 Sand Valley Road. They noted that this is an eyesore and questioned the zoning. Mayor Norris asked Ed Lowe to address this issue. Lowe stated that in 2001 a Housing Urban Development Federal law was passed. Lowe read statements from the law. Lowe asked Alex Smith to render his opinion. Alex stated that in 1976 HUD certification stickers on mobile homes came into existence and he expounded on the Federal Law. After further discussion, it was determined to set up a meeting with Elwyn Thomas, state representative over mobile homes and a representative from HUD.

Ed Lowe reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade to be held on Tuesday, December 8th. He invited everyone to visit the "Little Brick Church."

Councilman Gargus reported on the renovations of the bathrooms at Woodland Park and he extended appreciation to everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Blackwood made a motion to reschedule the December 22nd council meeting to Thursday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. due to the Christmas Holidays. Councilman McNair seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. Councilman Blackwood wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

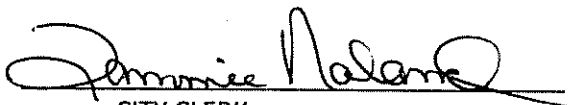
Councilman McNair expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. He stated that this is the way government is supposed to work, with people coming together and voicing their concerns. He asked that people take time to think about the meaning of Thanksgiving and what we have to be thankful for and about the meaning of Christmas.

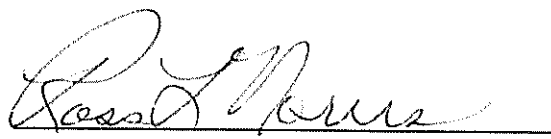
Councilman Robinson recognized Rebekah Wood, Library Director. Rebekah announced that last year they had a very successful Polar Express event and this year they are looking in to having this event at a larger location to accommodate more people. Councilman Robinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Rogers expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting and to the Sand Valley Community for coming before the council to work together to try to come up with a resolution to rectify the problem with the mobile home. Councilwoman Rogers stated that she has spoken with Chief Willis and Chief Chapman addressing a problem with traffic traveling at a high rate of speed coming down HWY. 231 toward the intersection of City Hall and the newly renovated "Little Brick Church." She noted there is also a Day Care in this vicinity and that there is a lot of people walking in this area. Councilwoman Rogers stated some possible options to help this situation would include installing a flashing caution light or a 4 way stop.

Mayor Norris extended appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Sand Valley Community for their concern for their community. He stated that we all will learn something from this issue and that a meeting to get more information will be set up sometime after Christmas. Mayor Norris announced that he and the council have set a work session to be held Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the school board.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gargus made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.


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MAYOR