

STATE OF ALABAMA )

CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA, DECEMBER 31, 2015

COUNTY OF BLOUNT )

The Mayor and Council met in a special called meeting on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 A.M. for the sole purpose discussing a real estate proposal.

Present were Mayor Norris, Council: Gargus, Blackwood, McNair and Robinson. Councilwoman Rogers was not present at the meeting. Also present were Ed Lowe, Alex Smith, Brandon Horton, Jim Kilgore, Arthur Willis and Tammie Noland.

Mayor Norris called meeting to order. .

Brandon Horton explained the need for a Resolution of Natural Disaster:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-31**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneonta has been severely affected by a natural disaster as a result of certain weather events of December 25 and 26, causing extensive damage to both public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, time is of the essence and it is incumbent on the Mayor and Council to act quickly and without delay to repair the conditions that have caused dangerous situations which threaten public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage from the disaster has caused undue burden and continuing threat to citizens and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the existing damage and continuing threat to the public's general health and safety, the Mayor and Council consider it prudent and necessary to act and declare a State of Local Emergency in the City of Oneonta.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA, ALABAMA**, in a special called meeting, as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct and are included herein as in fully set forth.
2. Based on the information at hand, an emergency exists and that unusual measures must be taken in order to safeguard life and property.
3. That the emergency that exists is causing irreparable harm to the City's budget and financial resources.
4. That being made aware of the subject emergency and dangerous situation affecting the various areas and citizens of Oneonta, the Mayor and Council hereby declares a state of local emergency pursuant to, without limitation, Title 39 and Title 41 of the Code of Alabama.
5. That the actions taken by Municipal officials and staff thus far to protect the public and City from further harm are hereby ratified.

6. Staff is authorized and shall be able to make any necessary application for State and/or Federal disaster assistance and aid in relief available in relation to the subject emergency and disaster.
7. A copy of this Resolution and Declaration be forwarded to, Blount County Commission, the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the provisions of the Resolution are severable. If any part of the Resolution is determined by a court of law to be invalid, unenforceable to unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect any other part or the Resolution.

Councilman McNair made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-12-31. Councilman Robinson seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Norris made everyone aware of a real estate proposal that has been under consideration for about a year. He stated the property joins Heritage Golf Course. Alex Smith expounded on the parcel of land; stating it is located northwest side of Highway 75 with approximately 100 acres. Alex Smith explained the deal on financing the property and much discussion was had regarding payment of the land. Mayor Norris stated that this property would pay for its self and that the utilities are quick and easy accessible.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to purchase the property. Councilman Blackwood seconded and the motion carried with all ayes.

There being no further business, Mayor Norris entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman McNair made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gargus seconded and the motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR