

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2020**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the nineteenth day of May, 2020 at 6:30 o'clock P.M. via ZOOM Video Voice Conferencing livestreamed through ZOOM via the link on the City website www.oneidacity.com.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Helen Acker

PRESENT: Councilors Carrie Earl, Michael Bowe, James Coulthart,
Michelle Kinville, Brandee DuBois and Thomas Simchik

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Nadine Bell
City Clerk Susan Pulverenti
City Engineer Eric Schuler
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells
Fire Chief Dennis Fields
Police Chief Paul Thompson

Mayor Acker said that this meeting is in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.11. She said that this meeting is on a ZOOM Application with public access through our City website, and a transcript would be available to the public at a later date. The Mayor said that she would like to confirm that we have a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS - None

SUPERVISORS REPORT - None

Moved by Councilor Bowe

Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting regular meeting of May 5, 2020, special meeting of May 12, 2020, and the verbatim transcript of the May 5, 2020 are hereby approved as presented.

Councilor Earl – yes

Councilor Bowe – yes

Councilor Coulthart – yes

Councilor Kinville – yes

Councilor DuBois – yes

Councilor Simchik – yes

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Earl

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 10, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$844,202.30 as audited by the Voucher Committee is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Councilor Earl – yes

Councilor Bowe – yes
Councilor Coulthart – yes
Councilor Kinville – yes
Councilor DuBois – yes
Councilor Simchik – yes

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor DuBois

RESOLVED, that checks in the amount of \$11,379.75 (City Attorney) as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Councilor Earl – yes
Councilor Bowe – abstain
Councilor Coulthart – yes
Councilor Kinville – yes
Councilor DuBois – yes
Councilor Simchik – yes

MOTION CARRIED

MONTHLY REPORTS

RESOLUTION 20-80

Moved by Councilor Earl
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

RESOLVED, that Monthly Reports from the Chamberlain, City Clerk, City Engineer, Comptroller, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Recreation Director be hereby received and placed on file.

Councilor Earl – yes
Councilor Bowe – yes
Councilor Coulthart – yes
Councilor Kinville – yes
Councilor DuBois – yes
Councilor Simchik – yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Coulthart said the Recreation Department report was thin, and he had hoped they would be working on their policies and procedures, along with other items of discussion in the past. He said that this was also the perfect time for dealing with Kallet use and rental issues, as well. The Mayor said that she has been talking about policies with the Director, and he is working on it.

Councilor Coulthart said that in the Chamberlains report, it states that 90.27% of City/County taxes were collected by the end of April and asked if there was a plan to deal with the remaining 10%. Mayor Acker said that the Chamberlain gets in touch with those who are late, adding that some of these go back many years. The Mayor said that she is meeting with the Chamberlain and will get back to the Council. City Attorney Nadine Bell said that she received an email from the City Chamberlain indicating that she has

materials ready for her to acquire properties for the City to take for back taxes, which may constitute some of that percentage. Mayor Acker said the City will be taking five properties this year, and she will be having meetings with the City Attorney on the legal way to get those properties sold and back on the tax rolls.

Councilor Coulthart said that he was glad to see the open-creek aspects of the Higinbotham Creek Project making it to the narrative, and he looks forward to hearing more. He thanked the City Engineer.

Councilor Earl said that she was glad to see that between the Fire and Police Departments, eight birthday parties were given drive-byes, which was fun. She said to the City Engineer that she was excited about the sidewalk project coming around.

Councilor Earl said that the Recreation Report doesn't give the Director any justice in his department and questioned if he could do another. The Mayor said that for the past three months it has been just the Director and Recreation Coordinator working each day, adding they are getting a lot done.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT 19-14
GLENMORE DAM REHABILITATION

RESOLUTION 20-81

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign an Amendment with O'Brien & Gere Engineers Inc/Ramboll, 333 West Washington Street, Syracuse NY 13202 for Construction Phase Engineering and Inspection Services for Capital Project 19-14 Glenmore Dam Rehabilitation in the amount of \$592,800.

Councilor Earl – yes
Councilor Bowe – yes
Councilor Coulthart – yes
Councilor Kinville – yes
Councilor DuBois – yes
Councilor Simchik – yes
MOTION CARRIED

CAPITAL PROJECT 19-6 – WEST ELM STREET INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

RESOLUTION 20-82

Moved by Councilor Earl
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 with Manfred Construction, Inc., 5094 NYS Route 9N, Westport NY 12993 for Capital Project 19-6 West Elm Street Infrastructure Project.

Councilor Earl – yes
Councilor Bowe – yes
Councilor Coulthart – yes

Councilor Kinville – yes
Councilor DuBois – yes
Councilor Simchik – yes
MOTION CARRIED

The City Engineer said that this Change Order is to extend the time frame of the contract; there are no changes in funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Condolences to former City Engineer W. Robert Mayer

Councilor Mike Bove said that two weeks ago, we lost a longtime member of the City and City Engineer, Bob Mayor. He said that he wanted to extend his (our) condolences to the family of W. Robert Mayer. He said that Bob was the City Engineer from July of 1969 to his retirement in July of 1991, and he had the pleasure of working with him for 18 years. He said that under Bob's administration, the Engineering Department was formed and under his direction, the DPW grew with talent. Councilor Bove said that Bob was a direct and fair boss. He said that if you google, use Wikipedia, or old school by using the dictionary to look up the definition of professionalism you would see a reference to W. Robert Mayer. Please rest in peace and enjoy your reunion with your wife Jessie. The Mayor complimented and thanked Councilor Bove for sharing such a beautiful tribute.

Councilor Earl said she is excited that things are starting to lift, and said thanks again to the Police and Fire Departments for some birthday party fun.

Councilor Coulthart asked if the City could give recognition to the seniors of Oneida High School by scrolling the names of all the 2020 seniors on the sign in front of City Hall. He suggested that possibly the Oneida Healthcare could do so as well, and Councilor DuBois said she would ask. Mayor Acker said that the names will be going up on the Kallet marquee, and the Municipal Building sign starting tomorrow.

Councilor Simchik gave his compliments to the DPW for grating the gravel and tearing down the barricade on his road. He said that they did a nice job. City Engineer Eric Schuler said that this is National Public Works Week, adding that if you see any of the guys around, give them a thank you for what they do. Mayor Acker said that she was down at the DPW/Water garage on Monday morning to thank them for their service. She said that the guys are all happy to be back to work and take care of Oneida in the good way that they do.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Kinville

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Susan Pulverenti
City Clerk