

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the twenty-ninth day of November, 2016 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in Council Chambers, Oneida Municipal Building, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida, NY.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Leo Matzke

PRESENT: Councilors Alan Cohen, Michael Bowe, Erwin Smith,
Helen Acker (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), James Chamberlain
and Thomas Simchik

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk

BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 16-214

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to approve the following budget transfers:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
\$10,000.00	001.7140.0103 Maintenance Salaries	001.7140.0207 Ferris Mower	\$3,900.00
		001.7140.0211 Chain Link Fence	\$6,100.00
			\$10,000.00 total

(to fund the purchase of the Ferris Mower and chain link fence for Rec)

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
\$105.75	001.9010.0806	001.9011.0807	\$105.75

(to allocate funds from ERS Retirement to Police & Fire Retirement for 12/15/16 invoice)

\$17,827.99	001.1900.0400 Contingency	001.1315.0404 Fiscal Bonding	\$17,827.99
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(to allocate funds for bonds secured on 11/2/16)

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Acker)

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Smith inquired as to what bonds were secured, and the Mayor said a five-year Bond Anticipation Note was changed to a Bond, but he wasn't sure what the Bond Anticipation Note was for.

CIVIL SERVICE/PERSONNEL OFFICER

RESOLUTION 16-215

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Smith

WHEREAS, the month of December is a traditionally high volume activity level for the Civil Service office, **and**

WHEREAS, the Civil Service/Personnel Officer is inundated with a multitude of tasks that must be completed prior to the end of the year 2016, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that effective December 1, 2016, the Civil Service/Personnel Officer shall be appointed as a full-time hourly employee at the current base rate of \$18.25 per hour, plus benefits, for 35 hours per week.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Acker)

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor said the additional cost to make this happen now would be \$775.65. Mayor Matzke said that the Civil Service Officer is worth her weight in gold.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 16-216

Moved by Councilor Cohen
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

RESOLVED that the meeting is hereby adjourned to Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues in the Police Department.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Acker)

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENT: Mayor, Councilors, City Clerk, City Attorney

1. Discussion relating to personnel issues.

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

RESOLVED, that Executive Session is hereby adjourned to the special meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Matzke said that no decisions were made in Executive Session.

Mayor Matzke said that he would like to contract with Operation Wildcats, as the City has a large stray cat population. The Mayor provided information on their website and contact information, so the Council could familiarize themselves with this organization, noting that it is all volunteer based. He said that there is an outbreak of feline leukemia currently in Canastota, and if it comes to Oneida, it will be because of the feral cat population. The Mayor said that he contacted the County Health Department and they said the chances are good that rabies is passed through feral cats. The Mayor said that for \$1,000, it would be well worth it to protect our own. He said that the funding provided will be used only for the City of Oneida feral cat population to vaccinate, neuter and occasionally relocate the cats. Mayor Matzke said this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilor Bowe thanked the Council for their work on the budget. He said there was some displeasure over one position not being made full-time. Councilor Bowe used the example of what was done last year with part-time positions that are now being made full-time. He said the Council also did this to stay under the 2%. He said the department will have a person for 29 additional hours per week, and then the position can be evaluated next year. The Mayor concurred.

Mayor Matzke said the City will be working towards getting a \$100K energy grant. Councilor Cohen said there are two different grant opportunities with two different sets of rules.

The Mayor said there are several companies out there who are volume electricity suppliers, one of which is Good Energy, who stated they guarantee an 8% to 12% decrease in residential and small business electric bills for those who join.

Mayor Matzke said that Honeywell is working on showcasing all of the lighting downtown, which the Mayor said we will be able to use to market the City.

The Mayor said the new sign codes that he has been working on should be forthcoming in approximately 60 days, as there is a process to go through with the Sign Review Board and the Planning Commission.

The City Clerk reminded the Council that they will be officially voting to adopt the 2017 Budget at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Bowe

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:11p.m.

City of Oneida

Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk