



CITY OF ONEIDA COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date:	January 6, 2026	Presiding:	Rick Rossi, Mayor
Time:	6:30pm	Clerk:	Sandy LaPera, City Clerk
Location:	Common Council Chambers	Meeting Type:	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/>

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Rossi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Attendees

	Present	Absent	Arrived Late
Mayor Rossi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
City Manager Lovell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Cimpi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Pagano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Simchik	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____

Also Present

City Attorney Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Chief Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Chief Lowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selection of Deputy Mayor:

The Council will nominate one of its members for consideration and, following nominations, conduct a majority vote to designate a Deputy Mayor.

PROCLAMATION: Dave Jones Day

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PROCLAMATION-DAVE JONES DAY

WHEREAS, Dave Jones has served the City of Oneida with distinction as Public Safety Commissioner, providing steady leadership, thoughtful guidance, and objective insight to the Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to public service strengthened Oneida's public safety operations and reflected the highest ideals of civic responsibility through his dedication, experience, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Dave Jones consistently placed the needs of the City first, including his decision to step down at the end of December in recognition of fiscal realities and the importance of responsible governance; and

WHEREAS, while no longer serving in an official capacity, Dave Jones remains a strong supporter of the City and a continued advocate for the men and women of the Police and Fire Departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2026, as "Dave Jones Day" in the City of Oneida; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this day shall serve as an expression of the City's sincere gratitude for Dave Jones's exemplary service, leadership, and lasting contributions, and as a reminder of the impact that dedicated public servants have on the strength and success of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneida to be affixed this 6th day of January 2026.

RICK ROSSI, MAYOR

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORTS

- Mayor
- City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Special Meeting (Year-end Closeout) held on December 31, 2025, are approved as presented.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 1, including checks and ACH payments totaling \$_____, as audited by the Voucher Committee, is hereby approved for payment.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

1. ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Resolution for 2026 consisting of the following is hereby approved:

1. Regular meetings for the City of Oneida for the year 2026 shall be held in Common Council Chambers, Oneida Municipal Building, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida, New York at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and if any of said Tuesdays shall fall on a holiday, then in such event, the Common Council shall agree on a date to reschedule.
2. The Rome Sentinel is hereby designated as the official newspaper in the City of Oneida.
3. The City of Oneida funds for year 2026 shall be kept and retained in the following banks:
 - NBT Bank, Oneida, NY-special capital accounts and other current accounts
 - Community Bank, Oneida, NY-special reserve accounts and other current accounts
4. There shall be a Crime Protection Policy for Public Entities, which includes a "Blanket Employee Dishonesty Per Loss", with a per occurrence limit of \$500,000 and a \$500 per occurrence deductible.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

2. VOUCHER COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 5.22B of the City Charter, Voucher Committees shall be as follows:

FIRST COUNCIL MEETING:	Councilor Pagano and Councilor McHugh
SECOND COUNCIL MEETING:	Councilor Simchik and Councilor Jones

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

3. SCRAP METAL SALE

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to authorize the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Department, Fire Department, Police Department and Recreation Department to sell scrap metal at a fair market price, as accumulated, for the remainder of 2026.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

4. BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers and amendments as outlined by the Comptroller or a third party duly retained to perform such services.

		<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
2025 Budget Adjustments			
\$	3,450.62	001.1220.0101.0000 City Manager Salary	001.1364.0400.0000 Expenses on Property Acquired
\$	5,760.00	001.1410.0101.0000 City Clerk Salary	001.1364.0400.0000 Expenses on Property Acquired
\$	6,000.00	001.1620.0101.0000 Buildings Salary	001.1620.0401.0000 Electric & Gas
\$	800.00	001.1620.0102.0000 Buildings Overtime	001.1620.0401.0000 Electric & Gas
\$	135.00	001.3010.0101.0000 Commissioner Salary	001.1620.0401.0000 Electric & Gas
\$	3,300.00	001.3310.0101.0000 Traffic Salary	001.1620.0401.0000 Electric & Gas
\$	300.00	001.3310.0102.0000 Traffic Overtime	001.1620.0401.0000 Electric & Gas
\$	51,800.00	001.3410.0101.0000 Fire Salary	001.1620.0401.0000 Electric & Gas
\$	7,200.00	001.5132.0101.0000 Central Garage Salary	001.4068.0101.0000 Mosquito Salary
\$	24,500.00	001.7140.0101.0000 Parks & Rec Admin Salary	001.4068.0101.0000 Mosquito Salary

\$	3,800.00	001.7140.0102.0000 Parks & Rec Overtime	001.4068.0101.0000 Mosquito Salary
\$	2,900.00	001.7140.0103.0000 Parks & Res Maint Salary	001.4068.0101.0000 Mosquito Salary
\$	76.00	001.8020.0101.000 Planning Salary	001.4068.0101.0000 Mosquito Salary
\$	10,000.00	001.9030.0801.0000 Social Security	001.9011.0807.0000 Police Retirement
\$	2,500.00	001.9035.0802.0000 Medicare	001.9011.0807.0000 Police Retirement

To re-allocate appropriations to cover personnel expenses that occurred in 2025 due to a 27th payroll in 2025 and the required payroll accrual for time worked in 2025 for hourly employees

\$	150,000.00	003.8110.0401.0000 Sewer Utilities	003.0003.0912.0000 Sewer Fund Balance
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To allocate funds to cover expected 2025 utility expenses

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

5. STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION FOR STATE COMPTROLLER

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, New York State Rules and Regulations require the reporting of time worked for members of the New York State Local Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Comptroller has requested that the City of Oneida adopt a resolution establishing the Standard Workday for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Retirement System; **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby establishes the attached as a Standard Workday for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

Title	Standard Workday
Account Clerk	7
Administrative Aid	7
Assessor	8
Assessor's Aide	7
Assistant City Engineer	8
Assistant Code Enforcement Officer	8
Assistant Water Maintenance Supervisor	8
Auto Repair Worker	8
Billing/Account Clerk	7
Building Maintenance Mechanic	8
Building Maintenance Mechanic II	8
Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator	8
City Clerk	8
City Engineer	8
Civil Engineering Technician	8
Codes Enforcement Officer	8
Community Development Assistant	8
Community Service Officer	8
Comptroller	8
Custodian	8
Deputy City Clerk	8
Deputy City Comptroller	8
Deputy Fire Chief	8
Director of Parks and Recreation	8
Director of Planning	8
Fire Chief	8
Fire Lieutenant	8
Firefighter	8
Housing Codes Inspector	8
Human Resources Manager	8
Laborer	8
Laborer with CDL	8
Mason	8
Mosquito Control Technician	8
Motor Equipment Maintenance Assistant	8
Motor Equipment Maintenance Supervisor	8
Motor Equipment Operator	8

Non-Safety Sensitive Laborer	8
Police Chief	8
Police Lieutenant	8
Police Officer	8
Police Sergeant	8
Public Works Supervisor	8
Records Clerk	7
Recreation Coordinator	8
Recreation Maintenance Worker	8
Senior Account Clerk	7
Senior Motor Equipment Operator	8
Senior Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	8
Senior Water Maintenance Worker	8
Senior Water Maintenance Worker	8
Sewer Maintenance Worker II	8
Telephone Operator	7
Traffic Control Systems Specialist	8
Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator	8
Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Mechanic	8
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	8
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee	8
Water Maintenance Supervisor	8
Water Maintenance Worker	8
Water Maintenance Worker Assistant	8
Water Meter Reader & Service Worker	8
Water Superintendent	8
Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee	8
Water Treatment Plant Operator Type A Plant	8
Water Treatment Plant Operator Type B Plant	8

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

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Sandra LaPera, City Clerk