



CITY OF ONEIDA
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
109 N. MAIN ST., ONEIDA, NY 13421

AGENDA

Date:	October 7, 2025	Presiding:	Rick Rossi, Mayor
Time:	6:30 p.m.	Clerk:	Sandy LaPera, City Clerk
Location:	Common Council Chambers	Meeting Type:	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to 3 minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Approval of the Minutes: September 16, 2025

Approval of Warrant: 19

Item	Title	Facilitator
1.	CLIMATE LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT: approve a resolution in support of the Energy Choice Act and in Opposition to Government-Mandated Natural Gas Bans	CITY MANAGER
2.	BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS: approve the Budget transfers and amendments as outlined by the Comptroller or a third party duly retained by the City of Oneida to perform such services	WELLS
3.	AGREEMENT: authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Stephanie Gwilt of the band Funky Butter for services to be provided at Fall Fest on October 4, 2025 (\$500)	GRIFF

NEW BUSINESS:

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2025

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the seventh day of October 2025 at 6:30 pm at the City of Oneida Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida NY 13421.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Rossi.

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Arrived Late</u>
Mayor Rossi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Kyle Lovell, CM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Szczerba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Laureti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Hitchings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Winchell	<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 Nadine Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Safety Comm. Dave Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk Sandy LaPera	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Chief Scott Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Chief Steve Lowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

- Mayor's Report
- City Manager's Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2025, are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes:

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED/FAILED

1. **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

RESOLUTION 25-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Oneida strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oneida urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Ayes:

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED/FAILED

2. BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 25-

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 by the City of Oneida to perform such services.

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
2025 Budget Adjustments		

\$65.01	001.1410.0300.0000	001.1410.0200.0000
	Clerk Supplies	Clerk Equipment

To re-allocate funds for the Clerk's office to purchase supplies

Ayes:

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED/FAILED

3. AGREEMENT-STEPHANIE GWILT (FUNKY BUTTER BAND)

RESOLUTION 25-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Stephanie Gwilt, of Funky Butter Band, for services rendered in connection with Fall Fest on October 4, 2025, for the sum of \$500.

Ayes:

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED/FAILED

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement made the 16th day of September, 2025, between the City of Oneida, a municipal corporation, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida, New York, (herein- After referred to as the "City") and, Stephanie Gwilt, of the band Funky Butter, New York, (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to pay the Contractor the sum of \$500.00 for performing the services described below, and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that said services shall be provided on the date specified below and payment by the City shall be made unless inclement weather or some other unavoidable circumstance causes the cancellation of the Contractor's performance and both parties agree to make a reasonable effort to reschedule such performance in the event of a cancellation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreement set forth herein, and other good and valuable considerations, the parties do agree and covenant as follows:

1. The Contractor will provide the following described service on the 4th day of October 2025, between the hours of 1 P.M. and 4 P.M.:
Performance concert at The Oneida Fall Fest 2025, Oneida NY 13421

2. The City will pay the Contractor the sum of \$500.00 for the services described above unless such performance is canceled due to inclement weather or other unavoidable circumstance which is beyond the control of either party.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Dated: _____

By: _____

CONTRACTOR

Dated: Sept 30, 2025

By: Stephanie Gwilt

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

STATE OF NEW YORK)
Ss:
COUNTY OF MADISON)

On the ____ day of _____, 2025, before me came _____
to me know, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in
_____, New York; that he/she is an employee and agent of the City
of Oneida, the municipal corporation described in the foregoing instrument, and
that he/she is the individual whose name is subscribed to within the instrument and
he/she acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity and
that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon
behalf of which the individual acted, and executed the same.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
Ss:
COUNTY OF MADISON)

On the 30th day of Sept, 2025 before me the subscriber, personally
appeared Stephanie Gwilt, to me personally known and known to me to
be the same person described in and who executed the within Instrument, and he/
she acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

SANDRA L LAPERA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01LA6035468
Qualified in Oneida County
Commission Expires Jan. 3, 2026

Sandra L Lopera
Notary Public

I certify that the services agreed upon pursuant to this contract were satisfactorily
performed by the Contractor on _____, 2025.

Date

Departmental Approval

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

Ayes:

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED/FAILED

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at _____ p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Sandra LaPera, City Clerk