

A junior hockey franchise is coming to Onalaska. The city has been negotiating for about five years with a team in Iowa trying to get them to relocate to the Omni Center. Mayor Mike Giese says an agreement was reached with the team after the Omni Center agreed to keep their ice available for a longer period of time to accommodate the hockey schedule. The Mayor expects the Omni Center to break even if they can attract over 800 fans per game. Junior hockey is a stepping stone for young players looking to catch on with college hockey programs. The Onalaska franchise will begin their first season in September.