

ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at the Orr City Hall.

Mayor Robert Antikainen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at roll call:

Present:	Mayor	Robert Antikainen
	Councilperson	Bruce Black
	Councilperson	Melissa Wright
	Councilperson	Hannah Manick
	Councilperson	John Jirik

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Fabish; Maintenance Assistant/Airport Manager, Ethan Olson; Ambulance Director, Donna Hoffer; Amy Shuster, *Cook News Herald*; Assistant Ambulance director Patrick Hoffer and Dave Colburn, *Timberjay* arrived after roll call.

Deletions to the Agenda: none

Additions to the Agenda: Agenda Item J Pay Credit Request 1 to Fahrner \$79,913.68.

Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024, and expenditures in the amount of \$87,550.19. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Richardson, President of Pelican Lake Resort Association spoke to the council regarding Lodging Tax Collections, the Orr Bay Channel and transforming Tennis Courts into Pickleball courts. He stated he had been advised by Clerk Fabish that Lodging Tax collections were being followed up on by the City and didn't need to discuss that. He advised the council that the Pelican Lake Resort Association and Leiding Township have had the trench cut at the Orr Bay Channel and placed buoys with good success. He asked the City to make a donation for a directional, permanent kiosk. Motion by John Jirik, second by Hannah Manick, to pay for 2 directional signs at no more than \$300.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Tom Richardson further spoke about pickleball courts and asked for help to find someone to lead a fundraising drive and to look for grants to convert the tennis courts. John Jirik asked that nearby residents be asked of their thoughts prior to going forward with this project. Melissa Wright advised that she could be the main contact for the City and will look into grants.

Motion by John Jirik, second by Hannah Manick, to approve Resolution 2024-22 Grant Agreement between MnDOT-Aeronautics and Orr Regional Airport for Pavement Crack Seal and Replace PAPI/REILS- Survey and Design. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Hannah Manick, second by John Jirik, to approve Halloween Costume contest in the amount of \$375 for the Municipal Liquor Store as previous years: First place winner-\$150.00

cash, Second place winner- \$100.00 gift certificate, Third place winner-\$75.00 gift certificate. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by John Jirik, second by Hannah Manick, to approve contract with Tech Bytes, LLC for Website Work and Maintenance for \$2,100.00 for the first year for set up and then an annual fee of \$200 per year after that This will be used from General Fund 101-41000-240 Small Tools/Minor Equipment. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Hannah Manick, second by John Jirik, to add the maintenance plan if needed for \$19.50/month. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve change of regularly scheduled Council meeting to Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00pm with the Board of Canvass to meet prior at 5:30pm to certify the election results. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Melissa Wright, second by Hannah Manick, to approve the following invoices: \$893.33 -Viita's Excavating- Biosolid removal; \$1,106.52-Larson Elevator Company for dumbwaiter for 3 Trips-Adjusted platform and shimmed bottom; \$3,539.07 – Stryker for repair of Power Load/Control Board Kit/Labor; \$700.00- Froe Bros for Main Well Labor/Pump Hoist/ Back Up well test for payment. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by John Jirik, to approve Orr Ambulance to secure discounted pricing of \$104,045.38 for the purchase quote for cot and monitor from Stryker to be paid for with only the one-time funding \$160,000 from State of Minnesota MSRB special emergency. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve wage increases to call rates by \$0.50/hr, Transfer rates will be \$2.00 a loaded mile for Orr Ambulance personnel and \$400.00 annually for the Ambulance Director, Assistant Ambulance Director and Training Officer as advised by the Ambulance Director that it fits into the budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Melissa Wright, second by Hannah Manick, to approve a donation of \$300.00 to the Orr Lions Club for the painting of Billy the Bluegill, as it is a community icon and promotes tourism. Funds will be transferred from General Fund 101-41000-240 Small Tools/Minor Equipment. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by John Jirik, second by Melissa Wright, to approve payment crack seal to Farhner after Resolution 2024-22 Grant Agreement between MnDOT-Aeronautics and Orr Regional Airport for Pavement Crack Seal and Replace PAPI/REILS– Survey and Design. In favor: Hannah Manick, John Jirik, and Melissa Wright. Opposed: Bruce Black. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Liquor Store: Manager Nicole VanOs was unable to attend but submitted documents for daily profit and hours of sales for the last 13 days. She would like to open off-sale at 10am. She is looking at changing hours for on-sale to close at midnight. Shannon's Plumbing advised they

can proceed with the placement of the Ice Machine in November (hopefully). Quote of "no more than \$3000" to install.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer advised she was awarded the \$40,000.00 Armer Equipment grant. Rig 1 is back up and running and Rig 2 had the cot issue. Had to turn down transfer requests due to only 1 ambulance running. Quiet September with 7 Ambulance runs. Future request to come for replacement of end of service equipment using the State of Minnesota MSRB special emergency funding. Assistant Ambulance Director Patrick Hoffer advised that the reason for requesting replacement equipment prior to 2025 is not only for locking in the discounted price but also to get maximum trade in value. Erik Wedge from DGSW did send an apology email with an invoice for work that has not been completed. John Jirik asked that the contract be reviewed by the attorney to see if we can null and void it.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright was not present.

Public Works: Maintenance Assistant/ Airport Supervisor Ethan Olson advised that Froe Bros put 2 check valves on the drop pipe going down into the well. Floats showed up for the lift station and awaiting Jeff Purdy for hook up. Fuel inventory of 1501 gallons of Jet A and 2000 gallons of 100 LL was delivered adding to the 100 LL which was at 484 gallons.

Tourist Information Center: Clerk/Treasurer Angela Fabish advised still seeing a large amount of tourists coming through the center. Council advised Clerk Fabish to choose winter hours.

Comments from Public: None

Comments from Mayor/Council: Melissa Wright gave a thank you to City staff for doing awesome with all the changes and hanging in there. John Jirik thanked Donna Hoffer for her hard work to secure grant money. Bruce Black thanked the Lion's Club and Lynn Reid for the wonderful renovation of the fish.

There being no further business before the Council, motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Robert Antikainen

Attest: 
Angela Fabish, Clerk/Treasurer