

**ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

TIME AND PLACE: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held at 6pm on Monday, February 10, 2025, at the Orr City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Robert Antikainen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present at roll call: Mayor Robert Antikainen, City Councilors Bruce Black, Melissa Wright, John Jirik. Absent: City Councilor Hannah Manick
Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Fabish; Public Works Maintenance Jeff Wiedemer and Project Manager Zach Meyers of Veolia North America; Cook News Herald, Amy Shuster; The Timberjay, David Colburn, Tim Lilya

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition: Agenda G. Additions to New Ambulance

OLD BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Wright, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025, Minutes of Special Meeting February 3, 2025, and expenditures in the amount of \$212,219.25. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

AGENDA:

- A. Consider Request for Airport PAPI/REIL Project To Go Out for Bid
Motion by Councilor Jirik, second by Councilor Wright, to allow airport PAPI/REIL project be put out to bid. For: Councilor Jirik, Councilor Wright. Against: None. Abstain: Councilor Black. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.
- B. Approve/Deny Resolution 2025-03 to Apply to IRRRB for 4-Unit Hangar
Motion by Councilor Jirik, second by Councilor Wright, authorizing the City of Orr to make application to and accept funds from the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board for construction of 4-Unit T-Hangar. For: Councilor Jirik, Councilor Wright. Against: None. Abstain: Councilor Black. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.
- C. Approve/Deny Resolution 2025-04 to Apply to IRRRB for Fishing Pier/Park Upgrades
Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Wright, Resolution No. 2025-04 authorizing the City of Orr to make application to and accept funds from the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board for fishing pier cribbing and Orr City Park enhancements. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.
- D. Approve/Deny Resolution 2025-05 to Apply to IRRRB Pickleball Court
Motion by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Black, to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 authorizing the City of Orr to make application to and accept funds from the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board for improvements to convert tennis court to pickleball court with matching funds from donations. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.
- E. Approve/Deny Resolution 2025-06 to Apply to CEDA Revolving Loan Fund

Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Wright, to approve Resolution 2025-06 to partner with Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) to provide revolving loan funding for exterior improvements to local businesses through the Business Facade Improvement Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

F. Appointment of Wellhead Protection Team bruce black appointed

Motion by Councilor Jirik, second by Councilor Wright, to appoint Councilor Black along with Ethan Olson, Clerk Fabish and Veolia Representative to the Wellhead Protection team. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

G. Ambulance

Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Wright, to approve changes to new ambulance design. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Manager Nicole VanOs advised she will be changing the opening time to 8 or 9am soon. Would like to update computer system that is from 2017. Requesting Orr Muni signage to be added to snowmobile and ATV trails. Reminded that there is dance this weekend

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer was not present.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright was not present.

Public Works: Veolia North America Project Manager Zach Meyers discussed the chlorine taste and odor advising it has been historically low and takes a while to stabilize. It is being monitored with a goal of 2 and should stabilize soon. Notice of frozen line 4689 Bay Point drive. Questioned previous policy for frozen service lines and provided MRWA policy for council review.

Discussed 4540 Lake Street water main break. C&C Winger & Zig's Main Line have each provided quotes from \$30,000- 80,000 to fix due to fiber optic lines. Zach advised that Zigs Main line can have temp water placed for fire hall and church this week at quote of \$5000-\$7000 and recommends to go forward with temp water. Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Jirik, to go forward with temporary water estimate with a cap at \$10,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Boiler at old city hall Nels Gabrielson fixed under warranty. No applicants for position.

Tourist Information Center: Clerk/Treasurer Angela Fabish advised Tourist Information is still slow.

Comments from Public: None

Comments from Mayor/Council: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Wright, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Robert Antikainen

Attest: 
Angela Fabish, Clerk/Treasurer