

ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2023

Mayor Robert Antikainen called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited:

Present:	Mayor	Robert Antikainen
	Councilor	Lloyd Scott
	Councilor	Bruce Black
	Councilor	Melissa Wright
Absent:	Councilor	Hannah Manick

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Cheri Carter; David Colburn, *Timberjay*; and Amy Shuster, *Cook News Herald*, and other members of the public.

Agenda Item A was deleted as Jerry Stanke was not able to be present. Agenda Item M was added to the agenda: Approval of Resolution 2023-05 Authorizing the City of Orr to Make Application to the IRRRB for Dock Improvements.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Council meeting of January 9, 2023; and expenditures in the amount of \$124,959.07. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve St. Louis County Rural Ambulance Service Assistance contract. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to approve grant writing contract with Dan Mackey and the Orr Volunteer Fire Department for \$1,500. Mr. Mackey will submit a grant to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for a new brush truck. The cost of a new truck is estimated to be \$300,000 and if the grant is approved, the fire department would be responsible for 5% of the cost. Grant writing costs can be included in the grant request. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Resolution 2023-02 Authorizing the City of Orr to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Establishment of an Executive Committee and appointees was tabled until the responsibilities of such a committee and operating parameters can be more clearly defined.

Liquor Store Manager Charles Nieman submitted his resignation effective February 18, 2023. Motion by Melissa Wright, second by Lloyd Scott, to accept his resignation and approve the following hires:

Assistant Maintenance – Christopher Kelley with a start date of February 13, 2023. This is an hourly full time position with a starting hourly wage of \$16.47. He will be eligible for full-time benefits after successfully completing a 90-day probation period.

Liquor Store Manager - Deputy Clerk Laura Manai will take over management of the liquor store. Laura will maintain her current city benefits and salary but will be required to successfully

complete a 90 day probation period in this position. This position would be effective as of February 9, 2023.

Bartender – Andrew Francke was hired as a full-time bartender effective February 13, 2023. This will be a salaried position with an annual salary of \$26,000. Andrew will be subject to a 90 day probation period before being eligible for full-time benefits.

Bruce Black raised the concern that the city will have four full-time employees at the liquor store while Tyae is out on extended medical leave. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to remove Charles Nieman from the ATM Account at Park State Bank and to add Bruce Black to the account. Cheri Carter and Laura Manai will remain on the ATM account. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Option #1 as the location for the new fueling system at the Orr Regional Airport. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Resolution No. 2023-03 Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB for the sanitary sewer repairs to the King Road Lift Station and Force Main. This is in addition to grant funds already committed due to project cost overruns. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

FEMA has provided the City of Orr with updated flood insurance maps which show parts of the city along Pelican Lake are in a flood hazard area. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to decline participation in the National Flood Insurance Program at this time. This decision is based on the knowledge that the ordinances required for participation would create a burden on city staff and a sizeable burden on property owners wishing to construct in the flood hazard area. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Resolution 2023-04 for the Purchase of Snowmobile Grooming Equipment for the VTSL. The City of Orr is the Local Government Unit for the VTSL. There is no cost to the City. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve travel and training request for Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch to attend the Annual MRWA Conference. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Resolution 2023-05 Authorizing the City of Orr to Make Application to the IRRRB for Dock Improvements. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Neither Liquor Store Manager Charles “Chet” Nieman or Laura Manai were present.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch was not able to be present but provided the council with a report.

Airport: Paul Koch reported an inventory of 1,390 gallons of 100LL and 2,303 gallons of Jet A.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright was not present.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer was not present.

Tourist Information Center/City Hall: The City has received notification of compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act.

Comments from Council/Visitors: Bruce Black thanked Chet for being a valued employee over the years and for all his work in making the liquor store profitable.

Comments from Mayor: None.

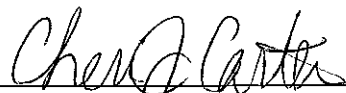
There being no further business before the Council, motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Antikainen, Mayor



Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/Treasurer