

**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, March 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, Hannah Manick, John Jirik.

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Fabish; Public Works Maintenance Jeff Wiedemer, Veolia North America; Cook News Herald, Amy Shuster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition: Agenda F. Approve Signs for Orr City Park

Deletion: **OLD BUSINESS:** Prevention of and Frozen Water & Sewer Lines Policy-Postponed until can be discussed with Zach Meyer, Veolia North America

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Manick, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025, and expenditures in the amount of \$383,238.19. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA:

A. Approve/Deny Resolution 2025-07 to Apply to Blandin Foundation

Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Wright, to approve Resolution No. 2025-07 authorizing the City of Orr to make application to and accept funds from the Blandin Foundation fishing pier cribbing and Orr City Park enhancements. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Review Matured CD

Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Jirik, authorizing Clerk Fabish to reinvest \$200,000 matured CD for 3 months at 4.25%. MOTION CARRIED. All in favor.

C. Approval of 2025 Cigarette Licenses for Pelican Bay Foods and Norman's One Stop

Motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Jirik, to renew Cigarette licenses for Pelican Bay Foods and Norman's One Stop. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Approve/Deny Pelican Lake Resort Association Donation Request

Motion by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Manick, to approve request for donation Pelican Lake Resort Association Associate Membership of \$50.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Review Voyager's National Park Service Contract Update

Motion by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Manick, to table Voyager's National Park Service regarding pause on federal contract and alternative cooperation agreement until more information can be provided for review. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

F. Review Sign Proposals for Orr City Park

Motion by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Manick, to approve MnDOT proposed signage from Orr City Park signage to State approved sign of "Orr Wayside Park" in brown and the rock wall signage to "Scenic Overlook" in blue on the east side of the highway. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Manager Nicole VanOs was not present.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer was not present.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright advised 7 calls last month. John Barto has retired from the Orr Fire Department after 38 years of service. Clerk Fabish will look into ways to recognize John's dedication in service to the City. The Fire Department elected Hank Halverson as Assistant Fire Chief to fill the remaining term through December.

Public Works: Veolia North America, Jeff Wiedemer advised that Zig's Main Line has temporary water placed for fire hall and church this week. Waiting for frost to leave the ground to fix other. Water plant numbers have been good with no chlorine complaint issues recently. Orr

Community Center hot water heater needs replacement quoted at \$1862 by Gibson Plumbing. Motion by Councilor Manick, second by Councilor Black, to go forward with replacement of hot water heater. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Complaint regarding refrigerator has new thermometer

Service call made to O'Day for problem with grounding cable tangling in fuel system. It has been fixed under warranty and signage will be put up advising walking the cable back to the system. Signs updated with maintenance on call numbers.

Tourist Information Center: Clerk/Treasurer Angela Fabish advised Tourist Information is still slow. City Hall and TIC will be closed March 24th-28th with signage to be added around town.

Comments from Public: None

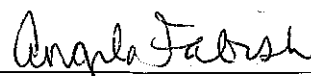
Comments from Mayor/Council: Councilor Wright asked about the progress of the website. The website has information from prior site that is not current. Councilor Wright is having the Ambulance and Fire Departments take pictures of their rigs to add to site. She will become the lead with TechBytes to continue progress. Councilor Jirik questioned removal of Christmas decorations and was advised it is done by the Lions Club.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, motion by Councilor Black, second by Councilor Manick, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Robert Antikainen

Attest: 

Angela Fabish, Clerk/Treasurer