

**ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Orr City Hall.

Mayor Robert Antikainen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present at roll call:

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

Absent: None

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Lindgren; Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch; Ambulance Director, Donna Hoffer; Fire Chief, Jeremy Wright; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering; Dave Colburn, *Timberjay*; Amy Shuster, Cook News Herald; Brandon Schuh, North Country Inn; members of the public.

Deletions to the Agenda: None

Additions to the Agenda: Agenda Item K. Bollig Task Order No. 5

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024; expenditures in the amount of \$224,113.79. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve building permit for Curt and Nancy Glass at 4554 Lake Street. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve building permit for Peter and Caroline Coggan at 4695 Bay Point Drive. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve road use for Viita's Excavating for work at Bay Point Drive beginning April 1st. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Brandon Schuh, owner of North Country Inn spoke to the council requesting approval of changing the motel into apartments. They would have 12 studio apartment rentals for rent at \$750 and a 3-bedroom rental at \$1400, which follows the guidelines for the State. They also plan to accept Section 8 housing. City Engineer, Alan Johnson, advised this would be a zoning change from General Business to R-2 Family zoning. He believes a conditional use permit may be provided but would require a special hearing. Bruce Black made motion, second by John Jirik, to table the request until advice is gathered from the City Attorney. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by John Jirik, second by Melissa Wright to approve Orr Engineering Agreement Task Order No. 4 to Replace REILs/PAPIs. In favor: Melissa Wight, John Jirik, Hannah Manick. Opposed: Bruce Black. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by John Jirik, to approve request from Fire Chief Jeremy Wright to obtain 2 sets of turnout gear from MacQueen Emergency Group in the amount of \$8,144.14. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Melissa Wright, second by Hannah Manick, to approve sponsorship in the amount of \$250 for the Easter Community Celebration by the Orr Fire Department. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by John Jirik, to approve Resolution 2024-04 Accepting Donations to the Orr Fire Department for the Easter Drive -Thru totaling \$1000.00.

Motion by Bruce Black, second John Jirik, to approve. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Melissa Wright, second by Hannah Manick, to approve Orr Engineering Agreement Task Order No. 5 to Replace REILs/PAPIs survey and perform LSCS and OCS surveys. The FAA decided they didn't need the 18B Safety Critical Survey and advised that Bollig is authorized to complete the LSCS and OCS surveys which reduces this project by \$87,000. In favor: Melissa Wight, John Jirik, Hannah Manick. Opposed Bruce Black. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Laura Manai was not present but committee member Hannah Manick advised that things are going okay and Laura is getting excited for the summer. Burnt out light bulbs replaced by maintenance.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer advised that there were 12 runs in February and 27 for the year. She reported that the Ambulance staff consists of 1 Emergency Medical Responder, 11 EMTs, 6 drivers and a couple of students. 4 drivers are currently taking the EMR course hosted by Orr Ambulance and training done by The Public Safety Group. MN Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board licenses the services. Our licenses will expire on 12/31/2024. Sierra Hoffer has taken leave of absence and Oneka Wilkerson had advised that she will take on the role which expires January 2024. Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Oneka Wilkerson as Ambulance Training Officer. Donna added that the ambulance is in need of radios and pagers.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright advised that they had 2 calls last month. He thanks everyone for the Easter donations. Paul Koch advised he fixed the sink faucet at the Fire Hall.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch cleaned and adjusted the pressure tank at Moose Lake Hill and will be good for another 6 months. Sent water meter for calibration and replaced generator tank. Will need to chlorinate at the end of the month.

Parks & Rec: Paul Koch thawed the ice buildup against the bridge twice as it was running water through the beach.

Airport: Inventory of 1,193 gallons of 100LL and 1,740 gallons of Jet A. Repaired the lobby faucet. 5 carports rented and updated carport information with Clerk/Treasurer. Ethan has been repairing runway lights, 3 at a time, and has 96 fixed. Fixed trigger on brush saw.

Comments from Public: Alan Johnson spoke regarding the corroded pipe at the wastewater plant. He advised that Paul Koch had estimated \$5000 for replacement, and this would be a good project to get done in the Spring. Motion made by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to create Resolution 2024-05 which will authorize the City Of Orr to make application to and accept funds from the Iron Range Resources And Rehabilitation Board for sanitary sewer repairs at the Wastewater Plant.

Comments from Mayor/Council:

Melissa Wright asked when Christmas decorations would be removed and was advised that the Lion's Club/Bob Patrick is in charge of those decorations. Hannah Manick thanked donators to the Easter Celebration.

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 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Robert Antikainen

Attest: 

Angela Lindgren, Clerk/Treasurer