

**ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, July 8, 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

Absent:	Councilperson	John Jirik
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Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Fabish; Assistant Ambulance Director, Patrick Hoffer; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering; Dave Colburn, *Timberjay*; Amy Shuster, *Cook News Herald*

Deletions to the Agenda: Agenda Item B and Agenda Item C were merged as Resolution 2024-17

Additions to the Agenda: Agenda Item L. Comments from Alan Johnson from Benchmark Engineering regarding wastewater treatment plant. Agenda Item M. Approval of payment of Invoice from Overhead Door.

Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 10, 2024 and Special Meeting July 2, 2024; expenditures in the amount of \$500,675.46. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, approving Resolution 2024-16 accepting donations to Orr Fire Relief Association Drive for picnic tables for the Orr Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent. Thank you expressed to donators from Melissa Wright and Hannah Manick. Melissa Wright advised that 15 picnic tables were purchased with the donations and were well used during 3rd of July celebrations.

Motion by Melissa Wright, second by Hannah Manick, to approve Resolution 2024-17 authorizing the City of Orr to Make Application to and Accept Funds from IRRRB for the Orr Municipal Airport Crack and Seal Pavement Project and PAPI/REIL Project. Bruce Black abstained. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Melissa Wright, second by Hannah Manick, to approve 2023 City Audit and to conduct Actuarial Survey once and to use unallocated funds carried over from last year. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Resolution 2024-19 to include Marilyn Grilley on the list of Election Judges as approved on Resolution 2024-03. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve building permit application for Greg & Ellen Little for addition to home at 10627 King Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve payment of invoices to Armstrong Consultants, Bollig and QT Pod. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Discussion regarding Orr Lion's Club request for a donation for painting Billy the Bluegill signage. Billy the Bluegill is a community attraction that promotes local businesses and tourism. Bruce Black advised that the City has maintained the signage prior to the Lion's Club. Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Bruce Black, to table donation until budget is reviewed for . All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve new hire Michelle Whitcomb as City Office Assistant/ Visitor Information Specialist effective June 16, 2024. Official start date was July 2, 2024 and will term on August 30, 2024. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve City Data Practices Policy and appoint Angela Fabish as Responsible Authority and Data Compliance Official/Data Practices Designee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Review of resident complaint regarding blight of 4720 Pine Drive with submitted pictures. Hannah Manick advised that it was not an issue. Melissa Wright advised that she understood that its been an ongoing problem but the property looks the best that it has been and she did not like the tone of the complaint. Advised that other city lots have tall grass as well. Bruce Black advised that he will talk to Paul regarding taking care of it. Motion was made by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to dismiss complaint. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Alan Johnson advised that he talked to Chris Ismil at the IRRRB a couple of times. First issue was taken care of by Paul regarding the chlorine and sulfur dioxide system. Paul received estimates around \$100,000 to replace chemical systems but had advised that he was able to get parts to maintain the current system. Second issue is the corroded tank pipe at the wastewater plant. Alan reported back in the spring regarding slip lining versus replacing the pipe. Both will cost approximately the same amount at \$50,000. The City can look for grant funds that has been done in the past. Alan has an estimate of \$46,000 if the City is interested in proceeding. The pipe inside the tank will be the highest cost and he hopes that quotes will come in lower. Chris Ismil has advised that the City will have a 1 to 1 match and we can try to match with other grants. The CDBG grant will be available later this fall. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to pursue funding for the wastewater pipe replacement. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to approve invoice for Overhead Door in the amount \$787.50 for nonworking ambulance garage door. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
One (1) absent.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Laura Manai unable to attend but submitted the following that was read by Mayor Antikainen:

Things have been good. The 3rd was a good day. Steph has been working Sundays and Teresa on Monday nights. Still looking for someone on Saturdays. Lack of staffing has Laura working 6 days a week. Waiting for the ice machine to get hooked up.

Ambulance: Ambulance Assistant Director Patrick Hoffer reported 14 runs, 3 mutual aid, 5 medical transports. They have been busy. Lions Club donation list previously provided. Ambulances are in getting the MegaFi units installed. Bid proposals from Braun Northwest and North Central Emergency Services. Braun Northwest bid at \$295,362 and meets all specifications. It is the current Rig 1 truck on North Central Emergency Services total unit price \$340,195 with difference in dimension and losing storage. Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright, to approve Braun Northwest bid

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright was not present.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch was not present. Maintenance report was submitted and read by Mayor Antikainen.

Airport: Airport Manager Ethan Olson was unable to attend but submitted report of fuel levels of 1568 gallons of LL and 1501 gallons of Jet A.

TIC: Clerk/Treasurer Angela Fabish advised that new hire Michelle has been very helpful in the TIC. TIC traffic has increased, more use of dump station.

Comments from Public:

Comments from Mayor/Council:

Melissa Wright asked on progress for bids on the Liquor Store ramp. Clerk/Treasurer Fabish advised that the request for bids had not been advertised. Jason Voeltz has been contacted and will provide an estimate for concrete ramp. Per City Auditor, \$0 to \$25,000 are open negotiation or quoting, \$25,000-\$175,000 require quotes, and contracts exceeding \$175,000 must be publicly bid. Ask for estimates for LS ramp and ice machine.

Melissa Wright asked about the potholes between the Post Office and General Store. Paul had advised that the City has maintained them and there may be a paper indicating an arrangement. He advised that cold patching will not hold anymore and to contact contractors for estimates to

do a cutout and hot patch to seal the surface. Hannah Manick advised that it may be a parking lot soon.

Hannah Manick thanked everyone for all their hard work. Looked like a good turnout and everything went swell. Thank you to Paul, Ethan and Laura and crew and all others that stepped up and helped out.

There being no further business before the Council, motion by Hannah Manick, second by Melissa Wright to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Robert Antikainen

Attest: 

Angela Fabish, Clerk/Treasurer