

ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, August 12, 2024, at the Orr City Hall.

Mayor Robert Antikainen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present at roll call:

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

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Fabish; Ambulance member Bill Hoffer; *Cook News Herald* Amy Schuster; Dave Colburn, *Timberjay*; Bobbi Malecha and Kathryn Hetra of the Dam Supper Club

Deletions to the Agenda: none

Additions to the Agenda: Agenda H Bobbi Malecha Liquor license for the Dam; Agenda I DGSW Architect invoice

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 8, 2024, and expenditures in the amount of \$135,363.54. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to deny participation in National Flood Insurance Program due to cost and flood risk is low. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to accept the low propane bid for the 2024-25 season from Lakes Gas in the amount of 1.199/ gallon with no delivery charge and maintenance charges at \$100/hour. One other bid was received from Rainy Lake in the amount of \$1.249 per gallon. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to approve payment of invoices for 2 EZ Inc dba Jola and Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$5,700.00 for water main repair; M&M Auto Body in the amount of \$2,230.00 for Mega Fi Router installation in Ambulances, used from donations; Hawkins invoices in the amount of \$3,309.34 and \$1,218.75 for the water plant; and O'Day Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$202,559.34 as the final payment for the Airport Fuel System, paid after reimbursement from IRRRB and State of Minnesota. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, to approve See Tracks? Think Train Week Proclamation for September 23-29, 2024. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Bruce Black, second by Melissa Wright, approve new tire estimate through Taconite Tire for 4 New Tires for the 2012 Chevy Silverado at the quote of \$935.48 to be done before winter. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to recognize Senator Grant Hauschild and Representative Roger Skraba as League of Minnesota Cities Legislators of Distinction. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

John Jirik of the Liquor Store Committee explained the current state of the Liquor Store with the resignation of Liquor Store Manager Laura Manai. He explained reducing hours, going to hourly positions, and having the ability to hire additional support staff. The hiring options are either to add liquor store manager to the duties of the Orr City Clerk/Administrator and go with two full time bartender positions to fill the new hours and days or to hire a liquor store manager with a business manager background. Bobbi Malecha added that off-sale hours should not be reduced on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, to allow customers to buy their supplies prior to getting to getting out for the day. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Hannah Manick, to post for Liquor Store manager and table the decision until applications are received. All current staff will remain in place. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Bobbi Malecha asked for the City to release the restriction for The Dam to sell off-sale. She explained that Minnesota State Law states she cannot qualify because they are within a mile of the Municipal Liquor Store. Kathryn Hetra advised that selling off-sale would help Motion by Bruce Black, second by John Jirik, to table the motion to look into legalities of releasing the off-sale restriction. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. The council thanked Bobbi Malecha and Kathryn Hetra for coming in to discuss this option.

Motion by Hannah Manick, second by Bruce Black, to table payment of DGSW invoice until discussed with Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Liquor Store: Quote presented from Biss Lock in the amount of \$2,311.00 for repairing lock for the Off-Sale door. Clerk Angela Fabish advised that Jason Voeltz will prepare an estimate for the Liquor Store ramp when back in town. Nick Gibson is awaiting the manual to review prior to setting up the ice machine. Permission to contact electrician to review electrical outlets and for hooking up the ice machine. Will look at switching kitchen freezer and fridge from Community Center to help save costs at this time.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer was not present advised that they had 12 runs this month, 14 in July, 33 mutual aid with Nett Lake and Cook, and 18 transport runs.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright not present but did submit information for possible loan for extraction tools. Committee member Melissa Wright advised that the Fire Department had 4 calls and they are looking at getting quotes for a simple sign for above the Fire Hall.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch was not present but report was read.

Airport: Assistant Maintenance/Airport Supervisor Ethan Olson was not present but did submit his inventory report of 1109 gallons of 100LL and 1501 gallons of Jet A.

Tourist Information Center: Clerk/Treasurer Angela Fabish advised that Michelle Whitcomb has been a tremendous help, especially with cleaning. Higher rate of people coming through the Center. Advised that people are looking for extended hours with weekends and are asking lots of questions.


Comments from Public: None

Comments from Mayor/Council: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Robert Antikainen

Attest: 

Angela Fabish, Clerk/Treasurer