**ORR CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**November 9, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, November 9, 2015, at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr, MN.

Mayor Joel Astleford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

 Present: Mayor Joel Astleford

 Councilor Ericka Cote

 Councilor Lloyd Scott

 Councilor Tom Kennebeck

 Councilor Bruce Black

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of October 13, 2015; and expenditures in the amount of $43,303.48. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve liquor licenses for Oveson’s Pelican Lake Resort and Inn, and the Orr American Legion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The Minnesota DNR is behind schedule with their grant-in-aid agreements for snowmobile trail maintenance for 2015-16 due to changes in personnel. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the 2015-16 Voyageur Trail Society grant with the Minnesota DNR on the condition the terms are the same as last year. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve health insurance for full-time employees with Blue Cross Blue Shield effective January 1, 2016. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the Renewal Application for Worker’s Compensation Coverage with the League of Minnesota Cities under the regular premium option; coverage declined for elected and appointed officials; and election of the volunteer accident coverage option with no medical. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Bruce Black, to approve the Liability Coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities for coverage limits of $500,000/$1,500,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ericka Cote, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve Linda Rissanen as an election judge. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch has requested the council sell the 1995 Dodge pickup. Maintenance costs to keep the pickup operable outweigh the value of the pickup. Motion by Ericka Cote, second by Tom Kennebeck, to sell the 1995 Dodge Pickup and two Boss plows “as is” by sealed bid with a minimum bid of $500.00. Bids will be opened at the Regular Council Meeting in December. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Two bids were received for the Fire Department’s 1992 Crestliner Boat. Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to accept the high bid from Christian Cavalier in the amount of $2,255.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Charles “Chet” Nieman reported sales this year-to-date compared to last year, show an increase of $1,400. He is planning an anniversary party for the Liquor Store for December 19th, and has hired Celestian for that evening. Mayor Astleford complimented him on maintaining a good average margin on sales.

Ambulance: Ericka Cote reported the ambulance personnel will be attending refresher trainings next month in Orr.

Fire Department: The Fire Department elected not to apply for the grant with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Turnout Gear Washer/Extractor.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch reported the building for the circulating pump has been completed. They have pulled the docks in for the winter. Paul thanked Tim Lilya and Joel Astleford for filling in for him while he took some time off. Timothy Lilya passed the test for his MRWA Water Operation Specialist Class D license.

Airport: Airport Manager Timothy Lilya reported an inventory of 262 gallons of 100LL and 641 gallons of Jet A fuel.

Library: Tom Kennebeck submitted a report that the library will be closed for October and possibly November in order for the City to conduct background checks on its volunteers. The WiFi will be placed in “vacation” status until the library reopens.

Comments from Council/Visitors: Kelsey Johnson was present to introduce herself as the Independent candidate for the legislative seat previously held by David Dill.

Comments from Mayor: Mayor Astleford expressed the council’s appreciation to Tom Rukavina and Chris Ismil for their help and assistance in obtaining the grant from the IRRRB for the ORR Center’s wood boilers. He reminded the council the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., on December 14th, followed by the Regular Council Meeting. The Council was brought up to date on the City’s street lights and the cost/savings the City would realize if the older mercury vapor lights were changed to LED lights.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Black, second Ericka Cote. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Clerk/Treasurer