**ORR CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**December 14, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City council was held Monday, December 14, 2015, at the Orr City Hall.

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 Lloyd Scott

Councilor Tom Kennebeck

Councilor Bruce Black

Absent: Councilor Ericka Cote

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Council meeting of November 9, 2015, and expenditures in the amount of $79,213.40. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve Resolution 2015-13 St. Louis County State Aid Highway 23 Improvement. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve Resolution 2015-14 Final Levy and 2016 Operating Budgets (General Fund, Airport, Fire, Liquor Store, Tourist Information Center, Water, Wastewater, Fire and Ambulance). All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve 2016 Cigarette Licenses for Pelican Bay Foods and Norman’s One Stop; and 3.2 License for Norman’s One Stop. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Fire Protection Agreement with St. Louis County for Unorganized Townships. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program for the Voyageur Trail Society, Inc. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve agreements with IRRRB for Development Infrastructure Grant and Commercial Redevelopment Grant. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve Amendment No. 3 to License #L152 between City of Orr and Minnesota DNR to place equipment at Orr Regional Airport. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve travel and training request for Jim Gray, Leesa Gray and Barbara Johnson to attend the Arrowhead EMS Conference in Duluth on January 21-24, 2016. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Fire Chief Dallas Johnson obtained two bids for a new pump on the fire boat. Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the low bid from Heiman Fire Equipment. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Two bids were received for the sale of the 1995 Dodge pickup truck. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to accept the high bid from Wally’s Auto Service. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the request from Holy Cross Catholic Church to conduct their Annual Bingo Bonanza on February 21, 2016, at the American Legion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Clerk Cheri Carter reported the Minnesota Department of Health has approved the plans submitted by Liquor Store Manager Charles Nieman for installation of the fryer.

Ambulance: No report.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Dallas Johnson reported they have been responding to more calls recently, mainly to assist at traffic accidents due to adverse weather conditions.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch reported they will have to do valve repair in the spring. There are also two hydrants which will need repairs as soon as weather permits.

Airport: Airport Manager Timothy Lilya was not present but submitted an inventory of 1,101 gallons of 100LL and 593 gallons of Jet A fuel. Glenn Erickson has finished brushing on the southerly approach of the runway.

Library: Tom Kennebeck reported the committee will be meeting after the holidays to discuss a winter schedule for hours of operation.

Comments from Council/Visitors: Wendy Purdy, President of the ORR Center, was present to update the council on their progress. Removal of the lead paint and asbestos in the basement has been completed. The remaining hazardous material will be removed in the spring. They have received a CERT grant in the amount of $3,000 to install new exit signs and LED security lights. Approximately $700 was raised through the “Give to the Max” day. Significant progress has been made in cleaning out the shop. They are planning a two-day expo in August. This event will host 80 workshops and have the potential to bring 5,000 visitors to the area. Wendy will have regular hours at the school: Mondays and Thursdays, Noon to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Comments from Mayor: Mayor Astleford asked Paul if he could see what the cost would be to add more outside lights at the City Hall/Tourist Information Center in the parking area.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second Bruce Black, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joel R. Astleford Cheri J. Carter

Mayor Clerk/Treasurer