**ORR CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**March 14, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, March 14, 2016, 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

 Councilor Ericka Cote

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Council meeting of February 8, 2016; and expenditures in the amount of $112,777.80. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Bruce Black, to approve building permit for Tom Kennebeck. All City zoning requirements have been met. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve gambling permit for the Orr Lion’s Club at Norman’s One Stop. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the 2016 advertising contract with Voyageur’s National Park in the Tourist Information Center. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The 2016 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on April 28, 2016, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Leiding Town Hall. St. Louis County will be conducting the hearing as an Open Book Meeting.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation-Aeronautics has scheduled a meeting to discuss the needs of the airport in depth including airport conditions, financial and technical support, community vision and 20 year future plans. They plan on holding one of these meetings at each airport in the state over the next three years. They are scheduled to be at the Orr Airport on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from S.E.H. will also be in attendance. All councilors or other interested community members are invited to attend and participate.

A draft ordinance regulating use of all terrain vehicles in the City of Orr was presented to the council for review and comment. The council will review and submit their comments and suggestions at the April meeting. They also want to gather feedback from the community.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Charles “Chet” Nieman informed the council sales have started to pick up. He has been told by the plumber a floor drain will need to be installed in his old office. He attended Food Safe Training in Grand Rapids on March 11th. It takes about three weeks to receive the test results. He is planning an “80’s Party” the end of the month. The council approved prizes of $100 and $50 for this event. He has been working on reducing the amount of inventory.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch reported things are going well. They are getting ready for spring and summer projects.

Airport: Airport Manager Timothy Lilya reported an inventory of 917 gallons of 100LL and 410 gallons of Jet A fuel on hand. He had to purchase a new radio for the airport. The new portable radio can be used in all pieces of equipment at the airport.

Ambulance: Finance Director Jim Gray reported they have had 34 runs to date; of those 60% are transfers. Rig #2 is back in service. He expressed a need for keeping Rig #2 in good operating condition due to the increase in transfers. If a new chassis is put in Rig #2, they will be able to get a loaner. Mayor Astleford will attend one of the Ambulance meetings to further discuss their options.

Fire Department: No report.

Library: Sherrie Lammi has returned from vacation and will be opening the library in mid-April. She will be posting the hours of operation in the city and surrounding area about two weeks prior to opening. They are rotating books for Carefree Living and the Kallio Apartments every six weeks.

Comments from Mayor: Mayor Astleford read a letter from Wendy Deatherage thanking the council for allowing her to attend the “Long Hot Summer” EMS training. She said it was very informative and inspiring. The Memorial Blood Center will be holding another blood drive on June 12, 2016.

Motion by Ericka Cote, second by Tom Kennebeck, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Clerk/Treasurer