

ORR CITY COUNCIL
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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Orr City Hall.

Mayor Joel Astleford opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Joel Astleford
Councilperson Lloyd Scott
Councilperson Ericka Cote
Councilperson Bruce Black
Councilman Tom Kennebeck

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Minutes of Council Meeting February 10, 2014 and Expenditures in the amount of \$108,599.23. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Mark Windom presented a computer image of a label made by a new labeling machine that would be used for pricing and tracking the inventory in the Orr Liquor Store. The cost of the printer would be \$400.00. Mr. Windom would also like to create and sell the software for the new labeling system at a cost of \$600.00 which would include a lifetime warrantee and one year of upgrades for free.

Council stated that Liquor Store Manager Bobbi Malecha will be allowed to make the decision once another quote is obtained.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott to accept the donation for the Orr Library from the Pelican Lake and Orr Resort Association in the amount of \$250.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held on creating a formal policy that will address background checks for City employees and volunteers and for yearly license checks for drivers of City vehicles. The City Clerk will consult with the League of Minnesota Cities and present a proposed policy to the City Council based on the League's recommendations.

The City Council was asked by Tourist Information Staff if they had any opposition to selling kiosk ads at the TIC for resorts in Canada. The City Council stated they do not.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck second by Bruce Black to approve hiring Roni Carr on May 9th to staff the Orr City Hall and Tourist Information Center at her current rate of pay. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch inquired about the Council's wishes concerning the stubbed off light poles at the Tourist Information Center. There are currently junction wires underground and the breakers are locked and tagged. Paul was instructed by Council to have the breakers and wires removed from the electrical circuit box and the stubs can stay where they currently are.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote to approve Resolution 2014-3 Grant to MN DNR for a new dock and kiosk located behind the Orr Pelican Bay Foods. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Dallas Johnson reported that all was going good with the fire department. The fire department is looking to purchase a used brush truck. The 2014 fire department budget will need to be amended. Dallas will provide pictures and specifications at the next regularly scheduled Orr City Council meeting in April.

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Ambulance Department: Ericka Cote reported that the ambulance has received the new 12 lead Life pak and that it has already been used on a call. The investment dollars from the Orr Ambulance Levy funds will be split equally between 6 month and 12 month certificates of deposits.

Maintenance: Supervisor Paul Koch reported that there were five frozen service lines. Two of the residents have been hooked up to a temporary water source. Two of the lines have been thawed and the fifth service line remains frozen.

There was a freezing in the water tower on the 10th of March and a circulating pump was installed on the 14th of March. Tony Vukelich has been hired to move some of the snow in town and Tom Long was hired to wing out the roadways.

Airport: Manager Tim Lilya reported that there were issues with the furnace in the administration building. Parts have been ordered for the small tractor snow blower. Tim stated that he is looking at purchasing screens for the side panels. The cost for both sides is approximately \$150.00.

Library: Committee Member Judy Koch reported that the Library is doing quite well. The numbers have been increasing. 225 new books have been donated. As soon as the weather is warmer Councilman Tom Kennebeck will be hanging new shelving for the paperback books.

Syvilla Shermer would like to donate the balance of the funds from the old Orr Pine Town Players for purchase of books on Minnesota history. Syvilla would also like to donate the posters of the history of Orr that are currently in the library with the request that the City would have them framed and displayed.

There will be a summer reading program at the Library twice a month on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM during the months of June, July and August. On August 19, there will be art and prizes also. The library is looking to purchase a laptop. Judy will be applying for a grant from the Elks Club.

Tourist Information Center: More people are visiting the Information Center. A meeting will be scheduled with Voyageurs National Park and the TIC Committee Members regarding VNP participation in the TIC building.

Comments from Visitors: No comments

Comments from Council Members: No comments.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED Meeting adjourned at 8:05P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Redmond
Clerk/Treasurer

Joel R. Astleford
Mayor