

ORTONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OFFICE MEETING ROOM
315 Madison Avenue, Ortonville, MN
Monday, August 10, 2009
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blair Johnson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Blair Johnson, Mike Dorry, Bob Meyer, Bill Powell, Craig Randleman, Steve Berkner, Nick Anderson. Staff Present: City Clerk Administrator David Lang, Interim Police Chief Gary Dinnel, Police Officer Jason Mork, Public Works Director Tim Scherer, Public Works Employees Wade Swezey, Matt Hipple, and Scott Huisenga. Media Present: Mike Swenson (*Ortonville Independent*). Also Present: City Engineer Bob Schlieman of Ulteig Engineers, Penny Baybridge, David Reupke, Gary Voegth and other interested citizens.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SANITARY SEWER FORCEMAIN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG BIG STONE LAKE & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON MCCLOUD STREET:

Bob Schlieman of Ulteig Engineers proceeded to discuss his outline in detail. \$40,000 in federal stimulus grant-money is still available from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. The outline shows a \$500 difference in total special assessments for the owner of a 100-foot lot between the two options. The completion date is tentatively set for October 9, 2009. The assessments would be a 20-year term at one to two percent higher than the bond rate that the City pays. Discussion and questions followed. Actual bids came in approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 less than the engineer's estimate.

Motion by Anderson second by Randleman to adopt a Resolution Approving Accepting Bid for Sanitary Sewer Forcemain Improvements Along Big Stone Lake & Utility Improvements including a 32' wide street with Curb and Gutter on McCloud Street.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted Aye: Johnson, Anderson, Berkner, Randleman. Nay: Powell, Meyer and Dorry.

4-3. 4/5ths vote required. Motion failed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2010 BUDGET:

The Council held a brief discussion and then opened up the discussion for comments from City employees. The process has been that the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase from the previous whole year is used in the current year. For example, the 2009 budget COLA was from the 2007 COLA. The 2008 COLA for the 2010 budget would be 5.8%. It was noted in the private sector increases in productivity are what drive the economy and wage increases. This means holding people accountable for their jobs. Discussion and questions followed. Tabled by consensus

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN THE MEDICAL INSURANCE ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2010 BUDGET:

The Personnel Committee recommendation was to increase the medical insurance allowance by \$75.00 from \$580.00/year to \$655.00/year.

Tabled by consensus.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING A BIG STONE LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFER TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF AN ELECTRICAL BOARD FOR CORNFEST & SPECIAL EVENTS:

Motion by Anderson second by Berkner to provide the labor and balance of materials over \$300.00. Discussion and questions followed.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING A BIG STONE LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFER TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS TO TRANSPORT TWO ELECTRICAL GENERATORS FOR CORNFEST 2009:

Died for lack of motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting by consensus at 6:41 PM.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Blair Johnson
Mayor

David A. Lang
Clerk-Administrator