

**ORTONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**CITY OFFICE MEETING ROOM**  
**315 Madison Avenue, Ortonville, MN**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Blair Johnson called the Special Meeting of the Ortonville City Council to order at 5:00 P. M. Roll Call was taken with the following Present: Mayor Blair Johnson, Nick Anderson, Steve Berkner, Mike Dorry, Craig Randleman, Bob Meyer. Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk Susan Lundell, Public Works Director Tim Scherer. Media Present: Sue Kaercher Blake (*Ortonville Independent*). Also present: Bob Schliemann, Ulteig Engineers, Penny Baybridge, Ron Frauenshuh, David Tonn, Judy Nissen, Don Nissen, Julie Treinen, Paul Treinen, Roman Taffe, Carol Taffe, Laverne Kaye, Tom Kaye, Larry Amundson, Gary Voegtli, Pat Sester, Jim Sester, Lana Sand, Paul Sand, David Reupke, Janet Smith, Marion Johnson, Roy Haugen, Roger Oehler, Marlise Gronholz, Rob Gronholz, William Lund, Sr., William Lund Jr. and other interested citizens.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2009 UNDERGROUND UTILITY & STREET IMPROVEMENTS – MC CLOUD STREET AND THE FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT WEST OF LAKE SHORE DRIVE:**

Bob Schliemann of Ulteig Engineering gave an overview of the proposed project. He stated that the forcemain has had to be repaired 3 times in the last few years and needs replacement. As a result of the replacement, sections of the road will have to be removed and rebuilt. Mayor Johnson stated that this is the optimum time to replace substandard roads in the Peninsula area because low interest loans and a possible 20% stimulus grant are available. He also stated that property owners would only be responsible for 30% of the cost of the project with the City paying 70%.

Schliemann stated the assessments for the project would most likely appear on the tax statements in 2011 if the City proceeds this year. He reported that the application for the stimulus money needs to be submitted as soon as possible as the grant money is dispersed on a first come-first serve basis. He urged the Council to ask for bids now to find out what the cost of the project would be. He said that bids were coming in low with the downturn in the economy. If the Council wants to back out at that time, they are not obligated to award a bid.

Berkner stated there were viable arguments against curb and gutter and the extra width of the road because of the costs. Meyer asked that the project be put on the back burner and wait for a couple of years for the economy to improve. He would like to see the sewer repaired but wanted to postpone the curb and gutter and street portion.

Randleman stated that the 32' wide street with curb and gutter should be installed at the time of the forcemain repair as the project fits in with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Anderson agreed that the 32' wide street with curb and gutter should be the standard for the City.

**Motion by Randleman, second by Anderson to adopt Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids-McCloud Street Forecemain and Street and Utility Improvement Project.**

Discussion and questions followed.

Berkner asked if the Council would consider bidding the project both ways, namely with a 22' wide street and a 32' wide street. Schliemann said there would be additional engineering time involved but said he could get another set of bid documents ready in a week. Randleman asked that they act on the motion to include a 32' wide street section.

**Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Randleman, Anderson, Johnson, Berkner. Nay: Meyer, Dorry.**

**4-2. Motion failed. (4/5 vote needed)**

**Motion by Berkner to proceed with the project with a 22' street section with curb and gutter.**

**There being no second, the motion failed.**

Bob Schliemann, Engineer with Ulteig, stated he would keep the engineering work on file for the City's use should the Council decide to proceed.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HIRING AND APPOINTMENT DECISIONS:**

**Resolution Approving hiring Gary Dinnel as interim Police Chief**

**Motion by Dorry, second by Berkner to adopt Resolution 09-078 Approving Hiring Gary Dinnel as Interim Police Chief.**

**Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Johnson, Anderson, Dorry, Meyer, Randleman, Berkner. Nay: None.**

**All in favor. 6-0. MCU.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting by consensus at 5:30 P. M.**

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Blair Johnson  
Mayor

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David A. Lang  
Clerk-Administrator