

**ORTONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY OFFICE MEETING ROOM**  
**315 Madison Avenue, Ortonville, MN**  
**Monday, June 1, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Blair Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Ortonville City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call was taken with the following Present: Mayor Blair Johnson, Craig Randleman, Steve Berkner, Mike Dorry, Nick Anderson, and Bob Meyer. Staff Present: City Clerk-Administrator David Lang, Deputy Clerk Susan Lundell, Public Works Director Tim Scherer, Golf Course Superintendent Travis Strasser, Interim Police Chief Gary Dinnel, City Attorney Craig Ash. Media present: Sue Kaercher Blake (*Ortonville Independent*), Julie French (*KDIO*). Others present: David Dinnel, Susie Dinnel, David Tonn, Elsie Perrine, Mary Gustafson, Steve Barr, Ron Thomas, Penny Baybridge, and other interested citizens.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL:**

**9.i. EDA Appointment**

**11.b. Procedural Discussion and Request to do "New Business" first**

**12.b. Budget Committee**

**12.c. Referendum regarding Police Services**

**Motion by Randleman, second by Dorry to approve the Agenda as amended.**

**All in favor. 6-0. MCU. (Motion Carried Unanimously).**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

a.Update: Acquiring Easements-Sanitary Sewer Forcemain; Utility and Street Improvements-McCloud Street. Attorney Ash stated now that the project is not moving forward he will have more time to obtain the necessary easements. The forcemain project will be put on the next Utility Committee Meeting Agenda.

b.Update: Obtain Easement(s) for Utility Line Repairs Beneath Dusty Lane. This will be put on the next Utility Committee Meeting Agenda. The issue of whether or not the City will take responsibility for the lines will be addressed.

c.Fire Relief Association Board Composition. It was pointed out that two City Council Representatives need to be appointed to the Relief Association Board.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Berkner to appoint Mayor Blair Johnson and Council Member Mike Dorry as Council Representatives to the Ortonville Fire Relief Association Board.**

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

d.Aggregation of Retail Customers Ordinance. This item will be put on the next Utility Committee Meeting Agenda for consideration.

e.Infrastructure Committee Ordinance. Questions and discussion followed. This Ordinance would combine the Utility and Street Committees and would be called the Infrastructure Committee.

**Motion by Randleman, second by Anderson to approve the first reading of the**

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*Infrastructure Committee Ordinance.*

**5-1. Nay: Dorry. MC.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a.\*Approve Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting May 18, 2009**

**b.\*Approve Minutes of City Council OAHS Workshop Meeting May 18, 2009**

**c.\*Approve Minutes of City Council Audit Workshop Meeting May 18, 2009**

**d.\*Approve Minutes of City Council Special Meeting May 27, 2009**

**e.\*Accept Resignation of Angie Larson from the Library Board**

**f.\*Appoint Clyde Weros to Library Board to Complete Angie Larson Term**

**Motion by Berkner, second by Randleman to remove Item C from the Consent Agenda.**

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

Dorry asked Clerk-Administrator Lang to research the \$18,000.00 overage on the 2008 Mayor and Council Budget. Lang will report back to the Council.

**Motion by Berkner, second by Randleman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITIZEN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

**a.Golf Board Recommendation: Resolution Approving Purchase of 48” Toro Aerifier at State Bid Price - \$19,317.00**

Discussion and questions followed.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Randleman to adopt a Resolution Approving Purchase of 48” Toro Aerifier at State Bid Price - \$19,317.00.**

**Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: Johnson, Anderson, Randleman. Nay: Berkner, Meyer, Dorry. 3-3. Motion Failed.**

**Motion by Dorry, second by Berkner to refer the proposed purchase back to the Golf Board.**

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

**b.Utility Committee Recommendation: Approve That Curb Stops to Bauer’s Twin Home on Lot 18, Block 2 on Lundell Avenue be Placed on City Right of Way with 1 Main Shut Off and 2 Individual Shutoffs**

**Motion by Berkner, second by Randleman to follow the Ulteig Engineer’s recommendation of 2 Curbs stops on right of way and one sewer line to Bauer’s Twin Home on Lot 18, Block 2 on Lundell Avenue with appropriate covenants for the sale of each unit to be approved by the City.**

Discussion and questions followed. City policy requires that there be one curb stop per home. A developer wants to put a twin home on one lot on Lundell Avenue and wants one curb stop with a Y for the two twin home units. This plan would prevent the developer from having to dig up Lundell Avenue. Public Works Director Tim Scherer expressed concern that plans for the twin home will require curb stops be placed on privately owned driveways. He stated there could be City liability for replacement or

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITIZEN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS: (Cont.)**

repair of driveways should something go wrong with the curb stops.

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

**4-2. Motion carried.**

**c.Utility Committee Recommendation: Refer to Budget Committee for 2010 Budget the Purchase of Backup Generators for the Water Plant and Wells.**

Backup generators would keep the city wells and the water treatment plant in operation in the case of a power outage.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Randleman to refer to the Budget Committee for the 2010 Budget the Purchase of Backup Generators for the Water Plant and Wells.**

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

**d.Utility Committee Recommendation: Resolution Approving 30-Day Pilot Study to Improve Iron Floc and Settling be done at Water Plant using Aqua Hawk 2987 - \$5,150.00.**

**Resolution 09-079, Approving 30-Day Pilot Study to Improve Iron Floc and Settling be done at Water Plant using Aqua Hawk 2987 - \$5,150.00.**

**Motion by Randleman, second by Dorry to adopt Resolution 09-079 Approving 30-Day Pilot Study to Improve Iron Floc and Settling be done at Water Plant using Aqua Hawk 2987-\$5,150.00.**

**Discussion and questions followed.**

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

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

**e.Utility Committee Recommendation: Approve the Billing of Highland Recreation Pool for 4 Years of Water at \$184.00 per Year**

A meter will be installed on the hydrant for future billing purposes.

**Motion by Randleman, second by Anderson to approve the billing of Highland Recreation Pool for 4 years of water usage at \$184.00 per year.**

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

**f.Street Committee Recommendation: Resolution Hiring Ulteig Engineers for Design Work on Maintenance Building Not to Exceed \$10,000.00**

The proposed design work would be done for an addition to the north side of the maintenance building. The estimated cost for the shell of the building is \$80,000 to \$100,000 not including insulation. Public Works Director Tim Scherer stated the maintenance department needs more heated storage room for city vehicles and that the money for the project was in the budget. Discussion and questions followed.

**Motion by Berkner, second by Randleman to refer to the Budget Committee.**

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

**g.Police Commission Recommendation: Resolution Regarding Recruitment of New Permanent Police Chief**

**Resolution 09-080, Regarding Recruitment of New Permanent Police Chief**

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**Motion by Dorry, second by Meyer to adopt Resolution 09-080, Regarding Recruitment of New Permanent Police Chief.**

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

**5-1. MC.**

**h. Police Commission Recommendation: Resolution Setting Pay Scale for Interim Police Chief Gary Dinnel at Step 8**

**Resolution 09-081, Setting Pay Scale for Interim Police Chief Gary Dinnel at Step 8**

**Motion by Meyer, second by Dorry to adopt Resolution 09-081, Setting Pay Scale for Interim Police Chief Gary Dinnel at Step 8.**

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

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

**i. Appointment of Becky Parker to the Economic Development Authority Board**

**Motion by Berkner, second by Meyer to approve the appointment of Becky Parker to the Economic Development Authority Board.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Approve Expenditures**

**Motion by Anderson, second by Randleman to approve the expenditures as submitted.**

**5-0-1. Abstain: Berkner. MC.**

**b. Budget Committee Appointment**

**Motion by Meyer, second by Randleman to appoint Council Member Steve Berkner to the Budget Committee.**

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

**c. Referendum Regarding Police Services**

Discussion and questions ensued regarding the City continuing its Police Department or hiring Big Stone County for Police Services. Interim Police Chief Gary Dinnel suggested the Council make a final decision on whether or not the City would hire the County to provide police services. He stated the City has lost good police officers due to the uncertainty of the security of the job. Mayor Johnson referred the issue to the Budget Committee by consensus.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. City Assessment Policy Revision**

Discussion and questions followed. Tabled until the first Council meeting in July 2009.

**b. Resolution Appointing Council Member to Fill the Vacancy on the Ortonville City Council**

**Resolution 09-082, Appointing William Powell as Council Member to Fill the Vacancy on the Ortonville City Council**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Cont.)**

Mayor Blair Johnson read a letter from Dan Oakes who withdrew from consideration. Discussion and questions followed regarding whether or not the vacant Council seat should be filled at this time, or whether it should be deferred until the next election. The City Attorney indicated that the Charter indicates that the vacancy should be filled forthwith. Dave Dinnel and Mary Gustafson withdrew their names from consideration. Berkner stated that the Council should continue with 6 members and wait for the election. Mayor Johnson stated all councils should have an odd number of members in case of a tie.

**Motion by Randleman, second by Anderson to adopt a Resolution 09-082, Appointing William Powell as Council Member to Fill the Vacancy on the Ortonville City Council.**

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

**5-1. MC.**

**CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 13.a.Update: Small Cities Development Grant Program
- 13.b.Update: Columbian Hotel-Roof is on and Lease Deal complete with first tenant
- 13.c.Ortonville TIF District Creation and Potential TIF Bond Issue-Workshop June 15
- 13.d.Library Steps Grant Update-Handrails coming
- 13.e.2009-2010 Local Government Aid Update
- 13.f.MRES Bright Energy Solutions Update-Incentives
- 13.g.ITA Meeting to Discuss T-1 Implications-Meeting in Alexandria
- 13.h.Update: 2009 Taxiway and Apron Project-Ortonville Airport-Entitlement Transfer-\$50,000 from the City of Tracy
- 13.i.Update: Airport Window Replacement-Engineer reviewing

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting by consensus at 8:48 PM.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Blair Johnson  
Mayor

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David A. Lang  
Clerk-Administrator