

ORTONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OFFICE MEETING ROOM
315 Madison Avenue, Ortonville, MN
Monday, January 4, 2010
7:00 P.M.
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor David Dinnel called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call was taken with the following present: David Dinnel, Mike Dorry, Bob Meyer, Craig Randleman, Steve Berkner, Mel Reinke, Angela Doren. Staff Present: Clerk-Administrator David Lang, Deputy City Clerk Susan Lundell, Interim Ambulance Coordinator Kathy Korth, EMT Kim Muenchow, Pool Director Sarah Karels. Media Present: Mike Swenson (*Ortonville Independent*). Also Present: Rick Ash, Mary Gustafson, Becky Parker, Marcy Stotesbery, Alice Radermacher, Tom Scoblic, Mary Jo Thompson, Mel Ehlert, Mick Doren and other interested citizens.

Clerk Administrator David Lang administered the Oath of Office to new Mayor David Dinnel and Council Members Robert Meyer, Mel Reinke and Angela Doren.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Add: 12.c. Council Member Berkner asked that the appointments be made separately.

Add: 12.1. Southwest Initiative Fund Request

Motion by Randleman second by Reinke to approve the Agenda as amended.

All in favor. 7-0. Motion Carried Unanimously. (MCU).

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Resolution Approving Restrictive Covenant Keeping Lakeside Park a Public Park in Perpetuity – Grant Provision

Motion by Berkner second by Randleman to adopt Resolution 10-001 Approving Restrictive Covenant Keeping Lakeside Park a Public Park in Perpetuity

Discussion and questions followed.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dorry, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

City resident Mary Jo Thompson asked that the City present a half-day seminar on City finances for public information purposes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approve Minutes of City Regular Meeting December 21, 2009

Mayor Dinnel asked that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Dinnel expressed concern about on-going maintenance and operation costs required by Resolution 09-166 regarding the Minnesota River Headwaters Regional Trailhead Project. He asked where the money would come from to maintain the Trailhead for the design life of the project. Discussion and questions followed. Dinnel asked that this subject be discussed at a workshop.

Motion by Berkner second by Reinke to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 21, 2009.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITIZEN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

a. Fire Department Recommendation: Approve Appointment of 2010 Fire Department Officers

Motion by Dorry second by Meyer to approve the Appointment of 2010 Fire Department Officers as follows: Fire Chief Randy McClain, Assistant Chief Alan Arndt, Secretary Brent Nelson, Treasurer Ron Athey, Training Officer Dave Ellingson, Safety Officer Dallas Hanson.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

b. OAHS Health Care Board Recommendation: Approve Reappointment of Bill Thyne, Christopher Conroy, O. D. and Mike Dorry to Serve An Additional Term on OAHS Healthcare Board

Motion by Reinke second by Meyer to reappoint Bill Thyne, Christopher Conroy, O.D. and Mike Dorry to serve an additional term on the OAHS Healthcare Board.

6-0-1. Abstain: Dorry. MC.

c. Golf Board Recommendation: Resolution Approving Repainting Bridge on Hole 2-\$2,300.00 Plus the Cost of Paint and Supplies

Discussion and questions followed. The need for a written commitment from the Senior Tournament for funding a portion of this cost was discussed.

Motion by Doren second by Reinke to send back to the Golf Board for more information.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

d. Planning Commission Recommendation: Resolution Approving Structure Removal Policy

Discussion and questions followed. The consensus of the Council was to send this to the City Attorney for review.

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

e. Planning Commission Recommendation: Resolution Establishing Same House Plan Check Fee 2.5% of Building Permit Fee

Motion by Randleman second by Doren *to adopt Resolution 10-002 Establishing Same House Plan Check Fee 2.5% of Building Permit Fee.*

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: Dorry.

6-1. MC.

f. EDA Recommendation: EDA and City Council Concur to Re-Start Work Groups

Council Member Randleman asked that the Work Groups that were created in the second half of 2007 be reactivated. He stated we have excellent volunteerism in Ortonville and work groups could help bring new economic development ideas to the City Council.

Motion by Reinke second by Doren *to re-start the EDA Work Groups.*

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

g. EDA Recommendation: EDA Board Nominations-Burt Nypen, Blair Johnson, and a Representative from the Big Stone Lake Area Chamber

Motion by Randleman second by Reinke *to appoint Burt Nypen, Blair Johnson and a Representative from the Big Stone Lake Area Chamber to the EDA Board.* Discussion and questions followed regarding the nomination of Blair Johnson. Council Member Doren felt that Johnson did not support the things that the Community wants. She stated she did not care for Johnson's past comment that if it wasn't for the Golf Course, he would not be living in Ortonville. Randleman stated that he felt the City benefitted from Blair's perspectives and talents. Mayor Dinnel stated that he and Blair did not agree on the direction that the City should be taking. It was decided to vote on the EDA Board appointments separately. **Randleman and Reinke withdrew their motions for appointment.**

Motion by Randleman second by Reinke *to appoint Burt Nypen to the EDA Board.*

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

Motion by Dinnel second by Reinke *to appoint a Big Stone Chamber Representative to the EDA Board.*

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

Motion by Randleman second by Reinke *to appoint Blair Johnson to the EDA Board.*

Discussion and questions followed. There was a discussion as to whether or not it was a conflict of interest for Johnson to serve on the EDA Board since he does the bookkeeping for Fairway View.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Randleman, Reinke, Berkner. Nay: Dinnel, Dorry, Doren, Meyer.

3-4. Motion failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Resolution Approving Job Evaluation System Proposal-Springsted, Inc.-\$3,250.00 plus Expenses (Option 1) or \$1,650.00 (Option 2)

Discussion and questions followed regarding both Options. Mayor Dinnel asked where the money would come from to pay for this study. Clerk-Administrator Lang stated there was money in the Miscellaneous Fund to pay for the evaluation. This matter will be discussed at a future workshop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approve Expenditures

Motion by Dorry second by Randleman to approve the expenditures as presented.

6-0-1. Abstain: Berkner.

b. Resolution Approving Appointed Officials/Committees/Commissions & Boards

Motion by Berkner second by Reinke to adopt Resolution 10-003 Approving Appointed Officials/Committees/Commissions & Boards.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke, Dorry. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

c. Resolution Approving Official Depository

Motion by Berkner second by Reinke to adopt Resolution 10-004 Resolution Approving Official Depository.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dorry, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

c. 2. Resolution Approving Official Newspaper

Motion by Randleman second by Doren to approve Resolution 10-005 Resolution Approving Official Newspaper.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dorry, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

c.3. Resolution Approving Appointment of City Attorney

Motion by Dinnel second by Dorry to Adopt Resolution Approving Appointment of David McLaughlin as City Attorney. Discussion and questions followed. Council Member Berkner stated he would prefer to interview candidates for the City Attorney position. Dorry preferred appointing David McLaughlin because he resides in Ortonville and has a business in Ortonville.

Motion and second to appoint David McLaughlin were withdrawn.

Motion by Reinke second by Doren to call for interviews for the position of City Attorney. Berkner stated the Council needs to define the scope of the City Attorney's duties.

Motion and second withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS: (Cont.)

Motion by Reinke second by Randleman to have Clerk-Administrator Lang contact the League of Minnesota Cities for guidance in putting together a request for proposal (RFP) for the City Attorney position. Dorry objected to the RFP process. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion and second withdrawn.

Motion by Doren second by Berkner to interview local City Attorney applicants at the next regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

Motion by Berkner second by Reinke to adopt Resolution 10-006 Approving Maintaining the Current City Attorney Contract.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dorry, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

c.4. Motion by Randleman second by Berkner to adopt Resolution 10-007 Approving KDIO as the Official Radio Station.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dorry, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

d. Reschedule Next Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 P. M. by Consensus of the Council

e. Consideration of Remodel of Police Building for Municipal Building Purposes

A workshop will be scheduled to discuss this project.

f. 2010 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization/Open Book Meeting-Monday, April 5, 2010 at 5:00 P. M. – County Commissioner Room-Courthouse

Motion by Berkner second by Reinke to set the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting for April 5, 2010 at 5:00 P. M.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

g. Discussion of Resolution 09-023 & Ordinance No. 09-07 Combining Street Committee and Utility Committee to Form Infrastructure Committee

Discussion and questions followed. A workshop will be scheduled to discuss this matter.

h. Discussion of Resolution 09-024 Restructuring Personnel Committee and Creating an Employee Advisory Committee

This will be a workshop item.

i. Newly Elected Officials Leadership Conference-January 29-30

Mayor Dinnel recommended attendance.

j. Ambulance Service

Mayor Dinnel would like to see a progress report on the correction of reported deficiencies and would like to move ahead on the hiring of a permanent director. One-year of service requirement to be a director was called into question. The process for hiring a full-time director needs to be more clearly defined. Some Council Members would like to see OAHS get more involved.

NEW BUSINESS: (Cont.)

k. Schedule City Council Workshop (Bring Calendars)

The Mayor called for a City Council Workshop on Wednesday, January 13th at 1:00 P.M.

l. SW Initiative Fund Allocation Request.

Motion by Berkner second by Doren to adopt Resolution 10-008 approving the donation of \$500.00 to the Southwest Initiative Fund.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Doren, Berkner, Dorry, Dinnel, Meyer, Randleman, Reinke. Nay: None.

All in favor. 7-0. MCU.

Mayor Dinnel recognized Marcy Stotesbery and Alice Radermacher for their work and dedication to the improvement of Central Park.

CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Update: Small Cities Development Grant (SCDG) Program
- b. TIF Update
- c. Bright Energy Solutions-Breakdown of Energy Purchases by Source
- d. Coalition of Greater MN Cities Legislative Action Day-February 17, 2010
- e. League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Property/Casualty Dividend-\$16,649.00
- f. Commercial Recycling Subsidy-Big Stone County

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Randleman second by Dinnel to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P. M.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Blair Johnson
Mayor

David A. Lang
Clerk-Administrator