

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Library Media Center
412 2nd Street NW, Ortonville, MN
Monday, March 6, 2023
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Mayor Hausauer called the meeting to order at 5:00 P. M. Roll call was taken with the following present: J. Dorry, Sykora, Berger, Powell and Karels. Absent: T. Dorry. Staff present: Char Grossman, Deb Ellingson, Jesse Roscoe. Media: Mike Swenson. Other: Chuck Henningson and David McLaughlin.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

4.a. Bernice Robinson-Upper Minnesota Valley RDC

Bernice came before the council requesting the support of a mutual understanding concerning the services to be rendered to the city by the UMRDC. They will act as the Administrating Agent on behalf of the city for the Minnesota Small Cities Development Program for the “City of Ortonville Comprehensive Rehabilitation Project”.

Berger moved and Powell seconded that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION 23-23

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
UPPER MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ortonville to enter into a contract for professional services with Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission. Compensation for services and unit goals with the city attorney approval of the maximum amount the city will pay is \$36,750, including all fees and any other claims for compensation or reimbursement by UMRDC due under the contract.

Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: J. Dorry, Sykora, Hausauer, Berger, Powell and Karels. Nay: None.

Resolution 23-23 passed this 6th day of March 2023.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Charleen Grossman
City Clerk-Administrator

4.b. Chuck Henningson-Fire Chief-Fire Contracts

Fire Chief Chuck attended the meeting to discuss township fire contracts with the council. He would like to propose a change of fees on fire calls. Some of the changes include: false alarms (no charge), 0-1 hour (no charge), 1-4 hour (\$850), 4 and more (hour rate) with a suggested equipment standards as with the Division of Forestry MN/DNR.

A motion was made by J. Dorry and seconded by Karels and passed with city attorney approval the hourly rate change proposals for the township contracts and that the city will bill both the Town and party served for wage and equipment expense incurred in the fire call. In the event of the failure of either the Town or the party served to pay the amount billed for a period of 6 months, the city shall be entitled to any remedy allowed at law or equity including but not limited to termination of the agreement. All rights and remedies are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Chuck also informed the council that the fire relief association purchased a 2000 International pumper truck. They will need to sell the 1989 Ford F800 pumper that they currently have as surplus property.

A motion was made by Sykora and seconded by J. Dorry and passed to accept the donation of a 2000 International pumper truck from the Fire Relief Association.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Hausauer asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to be made to the Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Karels and seconded by Berger and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.a.*Approve Minutes Regular Council Meeting 2/21/23

A motion was made by Karels and seconded by Berger and passed to approve the council minutes of the 2/21/23 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.a.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES AND, WHERE NECESSARY, COUNCIL ACTION ON THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS:

8.a.*OAHS Meeting Minutes 12/14/22

8.b.*OAHS Meeting Minutes 1/25/23

STAFF REPORTS:

9.a. Gene reported that there is an interested couple for the clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

10.a.*Appoint Shelby Schoon to Park Board

10.b.*Gambling permit-St. John's-June 18, 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11.a. Bids of Surplus Property Items

A motion was made by Karels and seconded by Powell and passed to accept the bids of the surplus property items:

Vermeer Boring Machine-Jim Nelson-\$6,885.00
Snowplow-John Boots-\$129.00
2007 GMC Pickup-Brent Nelson-\$3,574.00
Jet A Fuel-Jason Moberg-\$351.00

11.b. Easement

Due to a lack of right of ways in certain locations the city is requesting permission from a number of property owners to construct and maintain surface and utility infrastructure on private property. Several attempts have been made to a homeowner that has not returned the easement documents. City attorney David McLaughlin informed the city that we may have to condemn the property. Another attempt will be made by Apex Engineering Group, Inc. and hoping for cooperation and that they will be able to complete the project this summer.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:

12.a. Approve Expenditures-3/6/23

J. Dorry moved and Karels seconded that the following Resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION 23-24
RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES OF 3/6/23**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the expenditures as listed in the Council report and on file at the City Clerk's Office in the amount of \$63,376.81 to be paid.

Upon roll call vote the following voted Aye: J. Dorry, Sykora, Hausauer, Berger, Powell and Karels. Nay: None:

Resolution 23-24 passed this 6th day of March 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Charleen Grossman
City Clerk Administrator

NEW ACTIONS:

13.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14.

ADJOURNMENT:

15. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Charleen Grossman
City Clerk Administrator