

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Library Media Center
412 2nd Street NW, Ortonville, MN
Tuesday, September 5, 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, T. Dorry, Berger, Powell and Karels. Absent: None. Staff present: Deb Ellingson, Sam Berger and Scott Huizenga. Media: Mike Swenson. Other: Kristin Tillotson, Regina Wixon, Paul Radermacher, Sandi Weber, Nikki Evje, Monica Simonitch, Mark Brown, Kelsey Stock, Carmen Zupfer and Jonathan Kilmer.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: ADD: 4.c. Regina Wixon-Animal site and **4.d.** Regina Wixon-Hwy 12 site

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

4.a. Kristin Tillotson-Report on Dog

Big Stone Animal Rescue, Kristin Tillotson, gave a report from the Canine Behavior Specialist regarding a possible dangerous dog declaration.

Following the review and discussion of the report of the animal behaviorist, a motion was made by T. Dorry and seconded by J. Dorry and passed to rescind the motion previously made at the August 28, 2023 public hearing to declare the dog as a dangerous dog. The dog has been surrendered to the Big Stone Animal Rescue and will be fostered to a South Dakota facility for further training.

4.b. Kristin Tillotson-Pool Concerns

She feels the pool employees should be under the direction of an adult to solve the challenges that arise and for simple accountability. She was referred to address this issue with the park and rec board. The board will meet on September 13th at Wells Park at 5 PM.

4.c. Regina Wixon-Pet Store

Darin and Regina Wixon are considering on building a pet store in the Columbian Hotel location with some space utilized as a possible dog pound. Bill Powell from the Planning and Zoning board informed the council that a facility like that would be allowed in the B-1 Central Business section. She is also a grant writer and is asking for council support.

A motion was made by J. Dorry and seconded by T. Dorry and passed for a letter of recommendation of support for Regina to apply for grants for this new adventure.

4.d. Regina Wixon-Hwy 12 site

Regina also addressed the council on possibly doing a fenced in area for equipment that they rent out on a piece of property that they own on Hwy 12. It is in a floodplain area. They want

to build the site up to avoid it from flooding and put in a lift station. Mayor Hausauer asked for Kelsey Stock to check with Dave McLaughlin from past flooding areas.

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 T. Dorry and seconded by Karels and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.a.*Approve Minutes Regular Council Meeting 8/21/23

A motion was made by T. Dorry and seconded by Karels and passed to approve the council minutes of the 8/21/23 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.a.

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

8.a.*Street-Utility Meeting Minutes 8/21/23

8.b.*EDA Meeting Minutes 8/8/23

8.c.*OAHS Meeting Minutes 7/23/23

8.d.*OAHS Financial Summary-July 2023

STAFF REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

10.a.*Hangar/Tie Down Lease Agreement-Adam Koplin

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

RESOLUTION 23-89

RESOLUTION APPROVING HANGAR/TIE DOWN LEASE FOR ADAM KOPLIN

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ortonville to authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator to enter into a 1-year airport hangar/tie-down lease with Adam Koplin providing the year of the aircraft on the lease agreement match the year stated on the insurance certificate.

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

Resolution 23-89 passed this 5th day of September 2023.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Debra K. Ellingson
Deputy City Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11. *2nd Reading of Ordinance 23-07 (Lodging Tax)

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

**RESOLUTION 23-90
RESOLUTION APPROVING SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 23-07
IMPOSING A TAX ON LODGING**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ortonville to approve the reading and adoption of Ordinance 23-07 imposing a tax of three percent on gross receipts subject to the lodging tax under Minnesota Statutes, section 469.190. The purpose of this Ordinance is to raise revenue to fund a local tourism bureau for the purpose of marketing and promoting the City of Ortonville as a tourist center.

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

Resolution 23-90 passed this 5th day of September 2023.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Debra K. Ellingson
Deputy City Clerk

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:

12.a. Approve Expenditures-9/5/23

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

**RESOLUTION 23-91
RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURES OF 9/5/23**

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 \$662,162.16 to be paid.

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

Resolution 23-91 passed this 5th day of September 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Debra K. Ellingson
Deputy City Clerk

NEW ACTIONS:
13.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
14.

ADJOURNMENT:
15. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Gene Hausauer
Mayor

Debra K Ellingson
Deputy City Clerk