

Ormsby City Council Meeting February 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Charles Waterbury

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Dawn Hanson, Karen Waterbury, and Laura Baarson. Council Member Mohlenbrock was unable to attend the meeting.

Others Present:

Approval of last month's minutes:

- Last month's financial reports and minutes were read and approved on Motion by Council Member Hanson and seconded by Council Member Baarson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Presentation of Claims:

- Claims were reviewed and signed by City Council Members. Approval to pay claims was made on Motion by Council Member Waterbury and seconded by Council Member Hanson. The Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Ron Fast:

- Ron Fast was not in attendance. It was decided to have Ron wait until spring to check on vehicle registrations and cleanup items. The Clerk will ask that when it gets a little warmer out that Ron takes the snowman decoration down and stores it away for the winter.

Water/Wastewater Items:

- The Clerk reported that there were no upcoming disconnections at this time. She was contacted by Deanna Ranniger regarding their outstanding bill and how much it would cost to have the water turned back on. The Clerk informed her that it would be whatever their outstanding bill was along with the \$100.00 fee for turning the water off and on.
- The Clerk contacted the League of Minnesota Cities regarding the issue of going on Doug Nibbe's property for the purpose of putting dye down the down spouts during a rain to see if anything shows up through the sewer system. The City is having issues with ground water entering the sewer system and they believe this is one of the trouble spots. The League recommended that a letter be sent to the property owner and receive his written consent. If this doesn't work, the League did say the City could pursue an administrative search warrant. The Council decided to try and write Mr. Nibbe regarding the situation in the hopes that he would allow the test to be done. The Clerk will talk with Steve Firchau, the City's wastewater operator, regarding the procedure and draft a letter to Mr. Nibbe for the next meeting.
- The City received a Pump Maintenance Agreement from Minnesota Pump Works regarding the pumps at the lift station. The Agreement was for two years but the City could elect for a three year Agreement. After a short discussion a Motion to opt for the three year Agreement was made by Council Member Hanson and seconded by Council Member Waterbury. The Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Fire Department:

- Fire Chief Swanson informed Mayor Waterbury and the Clerk that the new fire truck had received damage when it responded to the grain elevator fire in Northrop in December of 2017. The truck has been taken to Sioux Falls to be looked at by Rosenbauer, and a claim has been turned in with the League of Minnesota Cities. Prior to the meeting the Clerk spoke with Fire Chief Swanson and he stated that Rosenbauer would be removing the pump from the truck for inspection and repair. Hopefully he will hear this week as to the damage and the estimated repairs so that a bill can be sent to the League.
- A notice was sent out with the water billing stating the new policy of charging for First Responder calls at a cost of \$75.00 per call. The Council and the Clerk have not heard any comments from residents regarding the policy as of yet.

Old Business/Follow-up Items:

- The Clerk has put together a ledger book, as requested by the Mayor and Council, regarding the 2018 budget. Expenditures for each City Department will be broke down in the book so the Council can see what is remaining in the budget throughout the year. Hopefully this will help in the planning of the 2019 budget.

Mayor's/Council's Agenda Items:

Clerk's Agenda Items:

- The Clerk will be out of town from Tuesday, February 20, through Saturday, February 24, and will be unable to be reached.

Announcements:

- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

- A Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Hanson and seconded by Council Member Baarson and carried on a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Angela Sokolofsky, City of Ormsby-Clerk:
