

# **City of Ormsby**

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Watsonwan/Martin County

## **Ormsby City Council Meeting** **January 6, 2020**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mayor, Charles Waterbury.**

### **Roll Call:**

- Members Present: Angela Mohlenbrock, Karen Waterbury, Lonny Watson and Laura Baarson.

### **Others Present:**

- Nick Hager

### **Approval of last month's minutes:**

- Last month's financial reports and minutes were read and approved on Motion by Council Member Mohlenbrock and seconded by Council Member Baarson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **Presentation of Claims:**

- Claims were reviewed and signed by City Council Members. Approval to pay claims was made on Motion by Council Member Baarson and seconded by Council Member Mohlenbrock. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **Maintenance Update:**

- Council member Watson brought up that the old hall could really use a paint job. If Mike is not interested in painting then will check around to see what it would cost to be painted.

### **Annual Review:**

- Depository of Funds – Ormsby State Bank
- Legal Consultants – Sunde, Olson, Kircher and Zender
- Health Officials – City Council
- Weed Inspector – Mike MacMaster
- Deputy Mayor – Lonny Watson
- Deputy Clerk – Angie Mohlenbrock
- Clerk-Lindsey Kuehl @14.00/hr
- Utility Billing- Angie Sokofslosky @14.00/hr
- City Maintenance-Mike MacMaster @11.00/hr
- Election Judges @ \$11 per hour.
- Custodian/Caretaker –All Council Members and will be volunteered. Motion made by council member Baarson and seconded by council member Mohlenbrock. Motion carried on 5-0 vote
- City Hall and Fire Hall Rent –\$100.00
- Authorized to sign checks – All Council members, Mayor and Clerk – need the signatures of 1 Council member, the Mayor and the Clerk on each check.
- Animal Enforcement – Sheriff
- Water/Wastewater Contact – Steve Firchau

- Water Shutoff and Locate Contacts – Charlie Waterbury and motion by council member Baarson and seconded by council member Mohlenbrock to ask Mike MacMaster if he would take this position. Motion carried on 5-0 vote.
- Snow Removal Contact – Mike Poulson from the City of Trimont
- Contact Sheet will be updated by the Clerk and given to Council Members at the February meeting.

#### **Joint Powers Review:**

- Council Members Baarson and Mohlenbrock, as well as Mayor Waterbury attended the Joint Powers meeting in December and updated the rest of the Council. Steve Firchau, the City's operator from St. James was also able to attend. It was discussed at the meeting that the generator should be tested and there was question if any additive needs to be added this time of year. Clerk Kuehl will contact NuWay about testing the generator and will inquire about additive.
- A follow up meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020 to discuss reports and give response as there is a 30 day deadline.

#### **Fire Department:**

- The Relief Association of the Ormsby Fire Dept sent a letter informing of the Annual Meeting that will be held at the Ormsby Fire Hall on Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @7pm. Council members Watson and C. Waterbury plan on attending.

#### **Water/Wastewater Items:**

- The Clerk informed the Council that there are no shutoffs for January. Angie Sokoflosky will be out of town January 13-16. She plans on reading meters on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business Update:**

- No motion was made regarding snow removal decision as there hasn't been enough snow yet this year to see if decision to plow side streets to the side versus in the middle has been working better.
- Council Member Mohlenbrock expressed concern with service road not being plowed. There have been multiple storms where the grater was out to plow and the service road has not been plowed on any of those instances. Mayor Waterbury will speak to Monk regarding this.
- Letters from the League of MN were presented to the council informing the city of 6 residents that have filed a claim for storm water damage to their property. The claims adjustor, DeeAnn Miller, contacted Mayor Waterbury and is currently reviewing the claims.
- Letter from Robert Cunningham to Mayor Waterbury requesting a special meeting to discuss tile issue was forwarded to Steve Sunde. Steve did email to inform the city that his office represents Mr. Cunningham on several matters and could potentially be a conflict of interest. After discussion, it was decided to look into other presentation on this matter. Clerk Kuehl will contact the League of MN for any suggestions of counsel to assist with this matter.

#### **Mayor's/Council's Items:**

- Mayor Waterbury was approached by a council member from Lewisville regarding possibly merging together when it's time to look for street repair bids in hopes of getting a better bid if surrounding towns will have jobs for the company as well. Mayor Waterbury would like to check with Mayor Dougherty to see if Odin has any interest as well.

- Mayor Waterbury was approached by George Hanson who requested that we put his phone number in the next newsletter that he is willing to pick up any unwanted appliances, scrap, etc. Clerk will add to newsletter.
- Resident Nick Hager requested a reminder to be put in the next newsletter regarding the leash ordinance as there have been dogs running loose in the city. Clerk will add to newsletter.

**Council's Agenda Items:**

- Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by council member Baarson that the council members will volunteer for the custodial duties at the Hall. Motion carried on 5-0 vote.
- Council member Mohlenbrook requested an updated phone list. Clerk will update and disperse at next council meeting.

**Clerk's Agenda Items:**

- The door on the building owned by Trimont Bank by the elevator is coming off the hinges and becoming a hazard. Clerk will contact the Bank to inform them of this.
- Christmas lights will be taken down this week by Paul Kolden and Tony Sokolofsky. The Council decided to give Paul \$50.00 as a Thank You and Tony \$50.00. The Council appreciates Paul and Tony's help in putting up and taking down the decorations.
- The council decided to give Angie Sokoflosky a \$100 Visa gift card as a thank you for her 6 years of service as City Clerk for Ormsby. The council appreciates her years of service to the city.

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is Monday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Baarson and seconded by Council Member Watson. The Motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Lindsey Kuehl, City of Ormsby-Clerk:

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