

City of Ormsby

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Watsonwan/Martin County

Ormsby City Council Meeting **May 2, 2018 (Moved from May 7)**

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

Roll Call

- Members Present: Angie Mohlenbrock, Karen Waterbury and Laura Baarson. Council Member Hanson was not able to attend until the end of the meeting.
- Others Present: Ron Fast

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 4-0 vote.

Presentation of Claims:

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

Report from Ron Fast:

- Ron said that he will start cleaning up the street gutters in the near future and disposing it out at Baarson's farm like last year. The City would also like Ron to check on sump pumps to make sure they are running on the outside of homes and recheck vehicle registrations. He was also asked to clean up the front of the Fire Hall of leaves and dragging and spraying the ball field.

NuWay Prepay Contract:

- The Clerk contacted NuWay regarding the price on the upcoming LP contract but had not heard anything at the time of the meeting. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Land Use Permit:

- Council Member Hanson would like a permit for a 40 foot cedar fence which will be placed near her garage running east and west to obstruct the view from County Road 8 of the various snowmobiles and other items in her yard. The Council requested that the good side of the fence face the County road. There have been a couple of complaints regarding all the junk that has accumulated on the Hanson property. This initial fence should help but the Council will see if there might need to be an additional fence installed. A Motion was made by Council Member Baarson and seconded by Council Member Mohlenbrock to approve the Land Use Permit for Hansons. The Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Spring Items:

- A discussion was held regarding Trimont sweeping the streets this spring since snow removal put a huge dent in the City's budget. Ron said he would work on cleaning up the gutters and the Council will take a look at this again in a couple of months to see if the City can get by without sweeping this year.

- A new mowing bid for 2018 was received from Bakkens which now includes the tree line on the North side of the City behind Mike McMaster's and Hager's property. Bakken's increased their rate from \$4,000.00 to \$4,500.00 – it was noted that Bakken's had not increased their rate since they started mowing City property. A Motion to approve Bakken's bid was made by Council Member Waterbury and seconded by Council Member Baarson and was approved by 4-0 vote.
- Ten letters were sent to residents/businesses regarding unlicensed vehicles. There have been a couple of responses from people that the matter would be taken care of soon. According to the City's attorney, Steve Sunde, the City has the right to have those vehicles towed and the cost would be the owners of the vehicles. The Clerk will be in contact with Borntreger's in Trimont to make sure that if the City has vehicles towed, it will not be a cost to the City. This will be tabled until the June meeting. The Council feels that it's time for residents to realize that the City is serious about this problem and will follow through. Council Member Mohlenbrock informed the other Council members that her husband is in the process of getting collector plates for a pickup on their property and Lenny Geiger informed the Clerk that the owners of the two pickups at his business will be contacted to remove them. He also told the Clerk that the stack of tires will be removed from his property in the near future. This matter will be tabled for the June meeting.

Water/Wastewater Items:

- Todd and Theresa Deling are three months behind on their water bill, which they were sent a Disconnection Notice. The Clerk received a note from Theresa that her husband was having some medical issues and is unable to work at the present time. They are not sure how long he will be off work and are in the process of obtaining short-term disability and requested that their payments be deferred until he's back at work or receives disability payments. The Council decided that the Delings would need to pay \$117.50 to bring their account to two months past due and then continue to make payments every month until August, at which time the entire past due amount will need to be paid. The Council feels that by August Mr. Deling will be back to work or receiving disability payments.
- The Clerk contacted Steve Sunde regarding the dye test at Doug Nibbe's property in Ormsby and it was his feeling that the City would be responsible for any repairs that might be needed if his property was not connected to the new sewer system correctly.

Old Business:

- Bids on a new pitched, steel roof have been requested from a few companies but have not been received as of yet. This will be tabled for the June meeting.
- The Clerk contacted Farmers State Bank in Trimont regarding Rabbe Grain Elevator, since it was mentioned last year that there were plans on having it taken down since it's in such poor condition and poses a liability risk. She was told by Josh Ellanson from the Bank that there is still a plan to have the elevator taken down but he couldn't give her a definite time. The Clerk will check back next month.

Mayor's Agenda Items:

- Mayor Waterbury was concerned about the corner by Derek Baarson and Warren Nelson's properties. This was just repaired by Bargaen's last summer and it is already deteriorating. The Clerk will be in contact with Bargaen's to see what can be done. It was also noted that the City will be receiving some money from the State to be used specifically for road repairs – this was also received in 2017.

Council's Agenda Items:

- Council Member Mohlenbrock mentioned that there have been complaints regarding the employee at the Post Office parking too close to the stop sign on Railroad Ave. It was very difficult for vehicles, especially semi's, to navigate around the vehicle this winter when snow was piled high and see traffic coming on County Road 8. The Clerk will see what the law is regarding parking near stop signs and the Council would like Ron to paint that area yellow.

Clerk's Agenda Items:

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Announcements:

- The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned on a Motion by Council Member Mohlenbrock and seconded by Council Member Baarson. – Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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