

**Monthly meeting of the Ostrander City Council**  
**January 6, 2015**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The monthly meeting of the Ostrander city Council was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Pat Nesler. ALL Council members were present.

**Visitors:** N/A

**The mayor Pat Nesler and council members DJ Start and Pam Kunert were sworn in. Council asked Pam to continue to be the deputy mayor, she accepted. Heidi made a motion to approve Pam Kunert as the Deputy Mayor, DJ approved and Erin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Pam to approve the agenda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidi motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Public works Director-** Council wanted to thank Pat and Tom for assisting with the snow removal.

**Fire chief-** Brian Miner is the new Fire chief, Derek Grabau and John Lechner are the new Assistant Fire Chiefs, Tim Lecy and Jason Rice are officers in training and Lucy Drinkall is the secretary.

**Police Chief –** Tom was not able to attend the last few months of meetings so he reviewed his October – December report with council. Tom reviewed the calls he went out on, the training classes he attended, transports he was involved with and some animal concerns in town!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Council reviewed their decision on the increases for the water/sewer base rates and the gallons used rate. Bolton & Menk confirmed that if council was out of line with the increase he would have said something at the last meeting.

-Scott Springer has written a resolution regarding the contribution of funds to the LeRoy pool to review. After much discussion Erin made a motion to contribute \$200.00 for 6 years beginning with 2014 and ending in 2020 for a total of \$1,200.00, DJ 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

-A resolution was needed to pass the coverage change to LMCIT's optional No-Fault sewer back up coverage 2015-02. Heidi made a motion, Pam 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

-A resolution was needed to pass 2015-01 regarding the restrictions on issuance of a liquor license ordinance # 112.31 (ii) Motion was made by Pam and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DJ, motion carried. It was brought to council's attention that Siskow's Deli still has their Beer signs up and had not renewed their liquor license, Christine Hyrkas will check with the MN Dept of Health regarding this. Siskow's did stop at the office to pay for their liquor license and start the renewal paper work on 1/08/2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Information was presented send Chris to the 2015 MCFOA conference in March and the 2015 MMCI MN Municipal Institute on May. This is for year 2 of 3 years clerk training. Chris did apply for grant money to help pay for part of the class but will not know until March if she was accepted. Erin made a motion to send Chris to both, Heidi 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

-What is the maximum amount of PTO aloud to bank? No one could remember what was agreed on. Chris will look some more in past minutes!

- SEMLM annual meeting for council in January, no one was interested in attending this year!

-Council Reviewed the LMCIT workers' compensation forms. Chris did contact them to inform them that Jimmie Dean was not longer an employee of the city. Heidi made a motion to approve the policy, Erin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

-Quotes from Bolton & Menk and People service for the waste water/drinking water were reviewed. There were still some questions for people services regarding the cost. Chris will ask them to attend the February meeting until then we will have Bolton & Menk cover the waste water/drinking water. DJ made a motion to have Bolton & Menk come for the next two months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam, motion carries.

-The job responsibilities advertised for public works director will change if we hire one of the firms to continue the waste water/drinking water responsibilities. At the next council meeting we will discuss the job opening and how the city wants to proceed. Chris will contact all the applicants to inform them of the change and we will keep their applications until we have had a chance to meet again!

A motion was made by Pam to hire Start Farms for snow removal for the season, Erin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**OTHER:**

-A city resident has asked if the brush dump has winter hours. No it will not open again until spring.

-Council reviewed the Insurance claim for the city truck. LMC insurance approved the lower of the two bids and has approved waiting to have the work done until spring when the sander/spreader can be removed.

-Chris has offered to take over all the responsibilities of the community center over.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Heidi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for February 3rd, at 6 P.M.

CHRISTINE HYRKAS  
CITY CLERK/TREASURE

PAT NESLER  
MAYOR