

**Monthly meeting of the Ostrander City Council**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The council started with the dedication of the Lund park bench at 6:00p.m. at the park. Many family members were able to attend the dedication. Some of the family had asked for approval to plant a tree in memory of Vina Lund and possibly a plaque also.

The monthly meeting of the Ostrander city Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pat Nesler.

Council members Heidi Jones, DJ Start, Pam Kunert and Pat Nesler were present.

Council member Erin Volkart was absent.

**Visitors:** Ginger Holm from the Leroy independent and Rich Wicks from the Fillmore Co. Journal.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Public works Director-** Peopleservices Jimmie Dean found a 3<sup>rd</sup> mop head at the lift station Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. McCarthy well still wants to pull the well for inspection. It is not pumping the gallons per minute that it should be. They are thinking the casing needs to be replaced. Options for water supply while the Well pump is down is to fill the water tower ahead of time or have the water tested from well # 1 by the MN Dept. of Health. Jimmie will check into the options with Mc Carthy.

Bed # 1 at the sewer plant needs to be repaired, there is water leaking from or around the pipes. Jimmie will get a quote from Ellison and Hodson's for the work!

**Assistant Fire Chief , Jimmie Dean – Nothing to report**

**Police Chief, Tom Mosher** – Tom has a bill for unpaid taxes from his Taszer from 2010. Chris and Tom will look into the tax exemption for this! Tom had to deal with a few bad calls at the office, worked with the city attorney on an ongoing harassment issue; assisting city residents prepare for the city wide clean up and worked a few hours during the cleanup also! A third AED was giving to the City so Tom and Jimmie placed it at the ONH in the entry way for public use also! Tom would like the city to purchase 4 Plastic barricades for use during Uff Da Days due to the extra traffic going through town during the detour. A motion was made to purchase 4 barricades from BARCO Inc. for \$49.50 each.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The residents had a 30 day comment period to bring any concerns or comments forward regarding future of the current water tower. Should the city keep it and registering it with the State Historic Preservation Office or demolish it. All the concerns by the residents were verbal and recorded by the city clerk to be reviewed by the councils. A motion was made by Heidi to sign the resolution proposing the demolition of the existing water tower; motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam K. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There have been issues with getting paperwork turned in to the state for the Ostrander's Fire Relief Association on time. Emails and calls have been coming in to the office regarding this. Christine Hyrkas continually forward them on it Brian Miner the Treasure of the Fire Relief Assoc. with no progress. Is there anything that Christine Hyrkas can do to help the situation forward? Christine Hyrkas concerns were that her signature is required on the paperwork when turned in to the state and she has no clue what is happening with the account. The questions was also mentioned during the reviewing of the

Liability insurance with the LMC if the clerk see's the check book of the statements, Jimmie will speak with Brian on this matter.

The policy regarding the Liability insurance for volunteers was also mentioned, Jimmie needs to be at the direction of the city when helping around the city for coverage reasons.

Pat asked the council if they would consider having a fuel tank delivered from Boden's to save on trips to Spring Valley. This would be for the mowers and snow blowers. Pam and Heidi felt this would be a great idea!

Chris asked how the cost would be divided between the accounts for billing purposes. Nothing further was discussed on this matter!

The Dept. of Health is offering a variance of the required amount of fluoride in the city water. Jimmie will start the paperwork for the variance for Ostrander.

With the information giving Christine Hyrkas Will need to contact the MN Dept of Health regarding the Wellhead protection plan, for most small towns the costs are covered!

**OTHER:**

Pat had the ally between Prairie View Manor, Start's shed, Suzie's and the Wolf's Den sprayed for dust control, He asked if the city would consider paying for it. Pam made a motion to for the city to pay for the spraying of the ally, D.J. second the motion!

City residents have asked if they could continue to use the community center for coffee hour due to Amanda's Deli closing, if there would be any cost, should it be city residents only and would there be a limit of days they could use it?. Council was fine with everything as long as there is always a city resident at the hall, if they wanted to make a donation to the hall that would be great!

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Pam to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and was seconded by DJ Start

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JULY 7TH AT 6:00 P.M.**

CHRISTINE HYRKAS  
CITY CLERK/TREASURE

PAT NESLER  
MAYOR