

**City of Oronoco  
Special City Council Meeting  
December 1, 2008  
7:00 pm**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Councilor Brian Breider, Councilor Kevin McDermott, Councilor Tom Novak, Councilor Jackie Hall, and City Clerk Sandy Jessen.

Absent: Mayor Scott Keigley

**C. PUBLIC FORUM**

Dale Wittlief: He had Olmsted County out last spring to look at his land and thought it had been taken care of, but when he got his notice an unbuildable lot had an increased land value of 300%. City Council recommended that he re-contact Olmsted County and have them take another look at the land.

Public Forum was closed at 7:15pm after 3 calls to come forward.

**D. BUDGET**

Discussion: Public Safety shows a 17% increase, payroll for First Responder's, Fire Department contract, Olmsted County Sheriff's contract. WAC & SAC is not allocated to expense accounts in General Fund. Bonestroo bill is approximately \$50000, not put in the budget, should add WAC & SAC to budget to show allocation, bills are brought to council for approval and surveys are preapproved from the WAC & SAC Fund. Water and sewer; the actual cost isn't showing in the general fund, it's not showing as an expense, it's coming out of WAC and SAC, should get a report on the WAC & SAC Fund, show report detailing what is taken out of WAC and SAC.

Councilor Tom Novak; he is leaving and thinks council should budget more money for council and mayor, put a lot of time in, increase would be a show of appreciation of the work put in, you put in a lot of time. Councilor Kevin McDermott; think all know the time it takes, but it's not in for the money. Councilor Tom Novak; help open up the door to have others get involved, other may think it's not worth the time. Can look at in the future; look at the league website for what other cities pay.

**Councilor Kevin McDermott motioned to approve the 2009 budget, Councilor Jackie Hall second; all in favor, motion carried.**

**E. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**1. COLA**

**2. Health Care - benefit**

Councilor Brian Breider; it was discussed at personnel meeting to provide a COLA (cost of living adjustment) at the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year instead of doing an annual review this year. No percentages were discussed. Also, was brought up was either doing a health care increase or looking at insurance. Councilor Tom Novak; keep employees happy all for giving a raise at the beginning of the year or cola increase, Councilor Kevin McDermott request that the personnel committee work on this and set up so have something in play for next year also discuss health care – vs. increase the benefit pay amount.

**F. SET FINAL TAX LEVY: by resolution**

**Councilor Kevin McDermott read resolution 08-09 approving the tax levy 2009: BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Oronoco, County of Olmsted, Minnesota, that the following sums of money **\$458,459.00** be levied for the current year, collectible in 2009, upon the taxable property in the City of Oronoco:

General Fund Levy	\$ 355,000.00
GO Bonds 2004A	\$ 42,475.00
Overpass w/ MnDOT	\$ 11,708.00
Overpass Tax Abatement Project	\$ 32,119.00
GO Bonds 2007A	\$ 17,157.00
<b>Total Levy:</b>	<b><u>\$458,459.00</u></b>

The City Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Olmsted County, Minnesota. Motion for adopting this Resolution by Councilor Kevin McDermott, seconded by Councilor Jackie Hall.

Upon Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilor Jackie Hall, Councilor Kevin McDermott, Councilor Brian Breider, and Councilor Tom Novak

NAYES:

ABSENT: Mayor Scott Keigley,

All in favor, resolution adopted on December 1, 2008.

G. **WATER & SEWER** – set work meeting date December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm Thursday.

**H. UNPAID BILLS DETAIL – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Discussion: There are some accounts receivable that are far overdue, difficult times, finance charges are accruing, could put restrictions on building permits on the developers that are overdue, continue to send out statements. **Councilor Brian Breider motion to pay the unpaid bills; Councilor Kevin McDermott second; all in favor, motion carried.** Council pay – **Councilor Kevin McDermott motion to pay the mayor and council; Councilor Jackie Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, motion carried.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Kevin McDermott motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm, Councilor Brian Breider second; all in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Clerk

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Mayor