

**CITY OF ORONOCO**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
July 12, 2005

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joy Bertsinger called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. This meeting is to discuss Interim Residential Ordinance, Board of Adjustment Recommendation, and the Park Committee Recommendation.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Joy Bertsinger, Tom Novak, Kevin McDermott, Assistant Clerk Sandy Jessen, Scott Keigley, Jackie Hall, Joe Lonzo, and Steve Jech.

**III. INTERIM RESIDENTIAL ORDINANCE**

Bertsinger discussed the situation with the permit for John O'Reilly and RWH IV. Dan Fitzpatrick is swapping lots in RWH I that are not being used for one's in RWH IV that are ready to build because the septic system for both developments is not complete. There are two Ordinances one dated April 2001 and Ordinance 01-04 dated August 2001, at this time it is unknown which one was reviewed by Thomas Canan to decide whether the systems need to be shared or allow individual systems. There is a concern of whether to allow individual systems in developments and if the Ordinance should be amended. Joe Lonzo discussed the fact that the MPCA is pushing for microbic tanks like in Rochester only smaller. This system is very expensive and smaller developers may be pushed out. The MPCA doesn't want to allow smaller systems. Bertsinger said the cost to switch to city water and sewer with large lots is so expensive so the developments should have one hook-up. Need to wait until it is known which Ordinance was reviewed. Also discussed MPCA wanting to phase out holding tanks and drainfields and going to the microbic tanks.

**IV. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

The Board of Adjustments decision of the Stolp property was that the building was on two sides of the lot with a six foot setback which is the required side lot setback, so there is no need for a variance. **Scott Keigley motion to approve the Board of Adjustments decision that Mr. Stolp doesn't need a variance, Kevin McDermott second: All in favor, aye, motion carried.** The Board of Adjustment recommends to allow Mr. Tupper to replace his old garage with a new one and allow a sixteen foot setback. **Scott Keigley motion to approve Board of Adjustments recommendation, Jackie Hall second; all in favor, aye, motion carries.**

## V. PARKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Introductions: Adam Brase, Joy Bertsinger, Jackie Hall, Kevin McDermott, Colleen Justin, Charlie Fried, Kent Nymann, Tom Novak, Scott Keigley, Sandy Jessen. Also present Steve Jech and Joe Lonzo.

The Parks Committee is looking for feed back and approval from the City Council. The topics to be discussed are River Park, park equipment and it's cost, future development, and what has been accomplished.

River Park: Jech will work together with the city to develop River Park area by the river. Cement pad for the shelter, basketball court, road, labor, and parking lot will be put in by Jech and the city will need to buy the materials for the shelter and basketball court at a cost of about \$6000. There was a concern with security until the neighborhood is more developed and the possibility of parties and traffic. Lighting and posting park hours were discussed as a deterrent to vandalism. Joe Lonzo needs to know soon about the park because they would need to lay a water line.

Adam Brase presented designs from two different companies ( Earl F Anderson and Little Tykes) for the RWH Park, River Park, and the Ball field.

Little Tykes: RWH and River Park prepackaged plastic equipment there were three options with a cost between just over \$16,000 to just under \$19,000. The Ball field had two options with a cost of just under \$10,000.

Both companies come highly recommended, are commercial quality, but the bright colors will fade.

Earl F Anderson: RWH two play areas for older and younger children with a total cost of just under \$24000. The Ball field bid for a fire truck play group was \$12195 with the possibility of subtracting some things. River Park bid was just under \$20,000 with teeter totter and swing set with climbing rings.

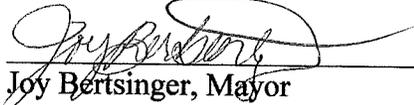
Discussion: The sets can be purchased separately, but there is a bigger discount if all three are purchased, but it's not in the budget. Brase would like to see a steady flow of money to the Parks and Trails. There is \$38,000 in the budget, because of the purchase from MN Dot. The Parks Committee would like to do RWH this year at \$23,000 or less and \$6000 at River Park and the Ball Diamond next year. Would like to see a city budget increase to parks and trails for the ongoing expenses, maintenance, and future development. Council discussed talking with Gold Rush and volunteering to sell ice, pop, and chips, or putting a donation can at the Fire Department for the Fire Truck play equipment, and also doing a fundraising event to increase the parks budget. The Parks Committee would like to do RWH and Ball Field at the same time to combine the both neighborhoods. Joe Lonzo talked about offering to do the River Park for their benefit as well, lots will sell faster with what he was told would be at the park. **Scott Keigley motion to reserve \$6000 for the**

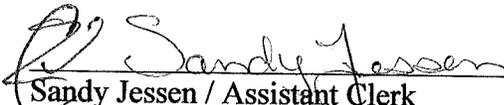
**structure at River Park, Jackie Hall second : discussion: show Jech commitment for the park. Bertsinger call for vote for \$6000 for River Park; all in favor, aye, motion carries. Discussed borrowing from investment fund, guarantee funding, and fund raising. Joy Bertsinger motion to authorize up to \$35,000 for parks at RWH and Ball Field using \$32,000 from budget and balance out of investment fund, Jackie Hall second; discussion of safety at ball field park, Joy Bertsinger reiterate motion, discussion Joy Bertsinger take back motion, Joy Bertsinger motion to authorize \$30,000 for RWH and Ball Field play ground equipment, Jackie Hall second; All in favor, ayes Hall, Keigley, McDermott, and Bertsinger, nays, Novak, motion carried. Discussion of trails and putting up flags, a canoe landing, and looking for grants and donations.**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Keigley motioned to adjourn at 9:05PM, McDermott second; all in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Joy Bertsinger, Mayor

  
Sandy Jessen / Assistant Clerk