

**CITY OF ORONOCO  
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joy Bertsinger called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. This meeting is to discuss the utility crossings

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Joy Bertsinger, Tom Novak, Kevin McDermott, Clerk Cheryl Nymann, and Steve Voigt.

**III. UTILITY CROSSINGS**

Discussion: City is looking at the cost effectiveness of the crossings; Steve took SEH's layout and put it on a new map. Sewer on 112 and the other water main crossings at various points. City may utilize two main wells, one on the west side of Hwy 52, and one on the east. The crossings on the north side of the highway may wait long range.

*Keigley arrived at 5:40 pm.*

MNDOT wants answers by tomorrow. Discussion:

- Take advantage of an open trench system sewer line.
- Loop water system for fire protection, water quality, and reliability. You don't want to have dead end lines. Have two wells loop down the south side of town, keeping it in the road right of way.
- Clerk Nymann spoke to several engineers about the number and possible placement of crossings and costs for it. She stated that Rochester has a total of 7 utility crossings, and the cost of boring is twice the cost of open trench installment.
- Keigley raised a concern of putting \$30,000 in the ground and then never using it.
- Novak doesn't want to be cheap and that the city should do it now.
- Bertsinger stated that this is what the WAC & SAC fees are for.
- Maybe developers that come in to the area should pay for it.
- The community would want to be proactive. If it's not done it would send the message that the City doesn't want sewer and water. If not done now, the boring under Hwy. 52 would cost twice as much.
- Two water lines and one sewer, with nothing on the north side. Can they both be out of the same trench? Subsystems and pressures should also be looked at.
- Novak stated that if the south side is going to grow and the north side not grow, what Steve's opinion would be on placement of the utility.
- Keigley asked if the City could hook into Rochester on the west side Voigt stated that Rochester's main is on the east side of the highway.

- Boring on the north side is 800 feet. It would be quite costly and is not an option.
- Rochester may come up at some point with their system and the city will have other options (south of 12/112 interchange).
- There are no borings at this time. Keigley said that with technology maybe borings won't be as expensive in the future.
- Voigt stated that the City would want to use concrete, if there were water problems.
- Placement: The city can put under the west side of the frontage road. The city should do it now because it's the lowest possible cost presently.
- Keigley stated that it's hard spending the money and putting them in now, if the city doesn't do anything with it in the future.
- Elevation is crucial for sewer.
- Bertsinger stated that the city needs a plan.

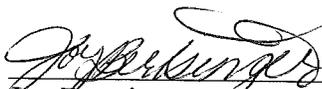
**Bertsinger motioned to approve the utility tunnels: two for water and one for sewer; because the city needs a plan, and the money should come out of WAC & SAC fees, Novak second;** Discussion: Novak stated that he hopes the city is not doing too few crossings. Bertsinger stated that Rochester has a total of seven crossings. The cost estimate for the tunnels would be under \$30,000 for materials and installation. Keigley stated that he doesn't want to throw away this money just like previously when SEH's cost of \$100,000 for a city wide system was wasted. Novak stated it will only be wasted if the information isn't used. **AYES: McDermott, Bertsinger, Novak, N, Hall**  
**NAYES: Keigley, Motion carried.**

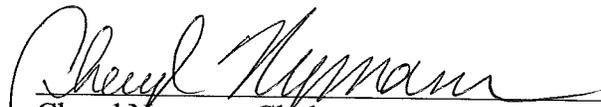
Bids need to be brought to Council.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

**Bertsinger motioned to adjourn at 6:25PM, McDermott second; all in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
 Joy Bertsinger, Mayor

  
 Cheryl Nymann, Clerk