

CITY OF ONAMIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes – December 10th, 2025

Council members present: Randy Anderson, Sandy Nelson, Joe Boeringa, Bill Hill. Marge Agnew/Mayor.

Council members absent: None.

Other staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer/Michelle Peterson. Public Works Supervisor/Gene Falconer. Josh True/Public Works. Police Chief/Amy Paschelke. Fire Chief/Bruce Peterson.

At 6:00pm the regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. A **motion** was made by Joe Boeringa to **approve** October 8th, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written, motion seconded by Sandy Nelson, AIF, motion carried.

Public Hearings:

- A. At 6:02pm Bill Hill made a **motion** to **open** the *Truth and Taxation public hearing*, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - a. Marge Agnew stated that the purpose of the Truth and Taxation public hearing was to hear from anyone who has questions or comments on the 2026 Final Tax Levy or 2026 Final Budget.
 - i. Marge Agnew then asked if anyone in attendance had any questions or comments on the 2026 Final Tax Levy or 2026 Final Budget.
 - 1. No questions were asked.
 - b. At 6:03pm Joe Boeringa made a **motion** to **close** the *Truth and Taxation public hearing*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - i. Bill Hill made a **motion** to **approve** *Resolution 2025-12A, Resolution Approving the 2025 Final Tax Levy Process for Taxes Collectible in 2026, General Revenue Tax Levy Collectable in 2026 - \$517,524.00*, Marge Agnew seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - ii. Joe Boeringa made a **motion** to **approve** *Resolution 2025-12B, Resolution Adopting the 2026 Final Budget*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- B. At 6:07 Marge Agnew made a **motion** to **open** the *Land Use Ordinance Amendment* public hearing, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - a. Marge Agnew stated that the purpose of the Land Use Ordinance Amendment public hearing is regarding *Ordinance No. 112, An Ordinance Amending City Ordinance of Land Use Chapter 151*, which is an amendment to Cannabis Business Retail, is to hear from anyone who has questions or comments on the Land Use Ordinance Amendment.
 - i. Marge Agnew then asked if anyone in attendance had any questions or comments on the Land Use Ordinance Amendment.
 - 1. No questions were asked.

- b. At 6:09 Sandy Nelson made a **motion to close** the *Land Use Ordinance Amendment* public hearing, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - i. Bill Hill made a **motion to approve** *Ordinance No. 112, An Ordinance Amending City Ordinance of Land Usage Chapter 151 Zoning for the City of Onamia*, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - ii. Marge Agnew made a **motion to approve** *Resolution Approving Summary Language for Publication of Ordinance No. 112*, Joe Boeringa seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- c. At 6:10 Bill Hill made a **motion to open** the public hearing on *Ordinance No. 111, Ordinance Amending Fee Schedule for the City*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - i. Marge Agnew stated the purpose for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 111 is to hear questions or comments from anyone attending the meeting on the Amendment to the Fee Schedule Ordinance.
 - ii. Marge Agnew stated that fire charges for uncontracted townships were added to the fee schedule along with a fire charge for lift assists.
 - 1. Marge asked if anyone in attendance had any questions or comments on the Amendment to the Fee Schedule Ordinance.
 - a. Gene Falconer stated that he would like to see the monthly meter fee for water/sewer services be increased to \$2 per month.
 - b. There were no other questions or comments.
 - iii. At 6:15 Joe Boeringa made a **motion to close** the public hearing on *Ordinance No. 111, Ordinance Amending Fee Schedule for the City*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - 1. Bill Hill made a **motion to approve** *Ordinance No. 111, Ordinance Amending Fee Schedule for the City, and increasing the meter fee to \$2 per month for water/sewer customers*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Presentation on Financials & Claims:

- A. Bill Hill made a **motion to approve** the *Presentation of Financials and Claims*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Open Forum – (5-minute limit) *Requests to be on the agenda.

- A. None.

Presentations of Audits, Petitions, Bonds, Insurance, Legislative Announcements, Complaints, and Requests:

- A. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (not present for the meeting) requested a reimbursement on tenant account #4480668, which they had overpaid, in the amount of \$245.38.
 - a. Marge Agnew made a **motion to approve** reimbursing Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures \$153.39, the current credit amount on their tenant's account, which was overpaid by Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- B. Mike Dahl presented an offer to purchase city lots PID 22-258-0030, 205 Evergreen Lane South, and PID 22-258-0040, 902 Dunn Ave West. Mike Dahl offered the city \$25,000 for both lots.
 - a. Bill Hill made a **motion** to have the city clerk contact the city attorney on starting the paperwork on the proposed offer, and to add the condition that property owner must pay full WAC and SAC fees on both properties, Marge Agnew seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Reports of Officers, Council Committees, Departments, & Commissions.

Engineer – Water Treatment Plant:

- A. Progress Report on Water Treatment Plant.
 - a. Approximately 95% of the project will be paid and 100% has been constructed.
 - b. Bill Hill made a **motion to approve** Rice Lake's Application for Payment #21 in the amount of \$11,278.94, Joe Boringa seconded, AIF, motion carried.
 - c. Bill Hill made a **motion to approve** Rice Lake's Application for Payment #22 in the amount of \$234,139.75, Joe Boeringa seconded, AIF, carried.
 - d. *Change Order #006* includes installation of additional fittings, and piping, to add an additional sounding tube to the well head for manual measurements. It also includes the installation of new chlorine and ammonia booster pumps and flow meters to upgrade and replace undersized equipment. Total increase in cost, \$11,872.56
 - i. Bill Hill made a **motion to approve** *Change Order #6, increasing the project cost \$11,872.56*, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Police Department: Police Chief Paschelke presented.

- A. 61 ICR's were recorded in November.
- B. The Police Department has partnered with *Crime Stoppers*, which is a community program that allows individuals to anonymously report information about criminal activities, helping law enforcement solve crimes without revealing their identity.
 - a. A link to *Crime Stoppers* can be found on the city website.
- C. Several blight properties have made many improvements in cleaning up their properties.

- D. Looking for grant funding for a new solar speed sign.
- E. Snow removal policies are in effect.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Bruce Peterson presented.

- A. The Fire Department received a donation from *Mille Lacs Search and Rescue* for \$9,000.
 - a. Marge Agnew made a **motion to approve** accepting a *donation* from *Mille Lacs Search and Rescue* in the amount of \$9,000, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- B. A Resolution to transfer Fire Funds to the Fire Vehicle Replacement Fund and the Fire Department Building Fund was included in the packet.
 - a. Joe Boeringa made a **motion to approve** *Resolution 2025-12C, Resolution Transferring Fund Balances to another fund*, in the amount of \$100,000, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Maintenance: Public Works Supervisor Gene Falconer presented.

- A. Snowplowing has started.
- B. New cutting edges were put on the loader.
- C. Furnace Replacement at City Hall. Quote from PJ Mechanical for \$9,800. Quote from Tim Stout for \$11,000.
 - a. Marge Agnew made a **motion to approve** the quote from PJ Mechanical in the amount of \$9, 800, to replace the furnace at city hall, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Sewer: Public Works Supervisor Gene Falconer presented.

- A. Having issues with rags and non-flushable items in the sewer system.
- B. The lift stations are being linked to SCADA and can now be monitored by the Water Treatment Plant.

Water: Public Works Supervisor Gene Falconer presented.

- A. Working on issues with the Water Treatment Plant as they come up.

Planning & Zoning:

- A. Bill Hill would like a meeting set up with himself, the city clerk, the Onamia School District and Gwen Cziok regarding a disagreement on a fence that was recently taken down by the Onamia School District.

Parks: Public Works Supervisor Gene Falconer presented.

- A. Skating rink will be filled soon.

Unfinished Business: City Clerk Peterson presented.

- A. Mary Hamers sent a quote for excess liability insurance for the city. The city council declined the excess liability insurance.

New Business: City Clerk Peterson presented.

- A. Joe Boeringa made a **motion to approve** *Resolution 2025-12D, Resolution Designating Polling Places for 2026 Elections*, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- B. Personnel Policy Update tabled for January Council meeting.
- C. Marge Agnew made a **motion to approve** *City of Onamia Credit Card Policy*, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- D. Joe Boeringa made a **motion to approve** Tobacco renewals for the 2026 fiscal year, Randy Anderson seconded, AIF, motion carried.
- E. The city council discussed sending a letter of support of Mille Lacs's County's Transportation Alternatives grant application for improvements to the Soo Line Trail, including the development of a new trailhead facility within the City of Onamia on Parcel PID 22-810-0040.
 - a. Joe Boeringa made a **motion to approve** sending a *letter of support of Mille Lac's County's Transportation Alternatives grant application* for improvements to the Soo Line Trail, Sandy Nelson seconded, AIF, motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

- A. The audit is scheduled for the week of January 12th, 2026.

Other: None.

Adjourn: At 7:51PM a **motion** to adjourn was made by Joe Boeringa, seconded by Sandy Nelson. AIF, motion carried.

Dated on this 22nd day of December 2025
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APPROVED on this 14th day of January 2025.

Marge Agnew – Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Peterson, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:

Motion: _____

Second: _____

MARGE AGNEW

BILL HILL

RANDY ANDERSON

SANDY NELSON

JOE BOERINGA

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