



**Orono City Council
Work Session Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021
Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Walsh, Council Members Richard F. Crosby II, Victoria Seals, Aaron Printup and Matt Johnson. Staff members present were Interim City Administrator/Finance Director Ron Olson, and Police Chief Correy Farniok.

1. Deer Hunting

Police Chief Correy Farniok mentioned back in November the City received concerns about deer hunting within the city and those concerns have led to review of our current ordinance. Currently the ordinance allows deer hunting during hunting season with a permit. The permit allows discharge of a BB gun and or bow and there are parameters such as a 5 acre minimum and it also includes additional provisions like discharge cannot take place within 100 feet of the property and boundaries and so on. If the City were to change up or eliminate deer hunting it should consider other concerns about what it would do to control the population of deer and/or other adverse effects.

Mayor Dennis Walsh noted that he had not even heard that this was an issue until now and added that he himself is not an avid hunter so he questioned if this is a current issues as of now but if we continue to have growth with smaller properties coming in we may want to revisit it at that time.

Council Member Matt Johnson mentioned that he had been a hunter and he feels that bow hunting is relatively safe. The range of a bow is fairly small and deer can travel a fairly considerable distance once hit but it doesn't seem reasonable to eliminate hunting altogether.

There was discussion among the council about hunting and the benefits of keeping the ordinance as it is.

A resident briefly spoke in favor of allowing hunting within the city. It's healthy and reduces the population and it should be encouraged.

2. City Administrator Update

Council Member Victoria Seals gave an update to the Council about where we are in the process. She mentioned we currently have 11 candidates. The deadline for applicants is Monday, February 8th.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Anna Carlson, City Clerk

CITY OF ORONO:



Dennis Walsh, Mayor