

The Odebolt Betterment Committee held their monthly meeting **August 11, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present was Mary Jeanne Thompson, Madeline Meyer, Linda Godbersen, Joan Godbersen, Vance Lundell, Deb and Kerry Reinhart, and Elaine Rex.

Madeline handed out a spreadsheet on the cost of plants for the welcome signs. She apologized for underestimating for the purpose of the grant. The total bill will be \$3789.43 and the sign committee's responsibility will be \$2760.00. Vance said there was enough money in the sign project's account to pay this bill and the extra money after expenses will be given back to the town because the town supported this project. It was decided that in the future we should take our time when filling out grants.

Madeline went to Horticulture Field day and handed out a list of trees that were discussed at this meeting. During the discussion it was noted that you should plant a variety of trees because of the different diseases. We should be on the lookout for disease and pests.

Discussion was held on the progress of the entry signs and Vance stated that Grant wanted to be there for the moving of the lights; then the dirt work can be done. Les from Mike's Lawn Service will deliver the plants to Lundell's Plastic and they will be taken care of by Lundell's until they are planted. There is just a little dirt work to be done around the signs then they will be ready for landscape fabric and flagging. Treflan is to be sprinkled around the outside edge of sign. Vance will put in as he tills. Vance will have black dirt to donate for this project. Hallet is out of river rock. Les can get rock at Everly, \$10.00 more per ton but maybe worth it because we can get it for sure. Creeping junipers will be planted around the east sign; maybe 4 native shrubs to be planted around the church sign and poles.

It was discussed to maybe do something around the FFA sign west of town. Linda gave a report on the carwash project. Neville's Const. bid for sidewalk was 9250.00. Horsley Cont. bid was 6845.65. Tax was figured on these bids but the city does not pay tax so this should be deducted. Probably cannot get lights similar to the lights on the Memorial Walk. Maybe carry plaques up from Memorial Walk to carwash sidewalk. Linda and Joan will work on the REAP Grant. It has to be in Des Moines no later than Aug. 17 at 4:30. Joan will call Shirley Phillips to get help with this.

Triangle Park plaque has been ordered. Hopefully will be next week.

Kerry talked to Roxie, Carl and Dave Hemer and they seem interested in having the mural painted on the north side of their building. It was discussed to maybe have a contest for best design to get the public involved. Kerry mentioned maybe doing something in the park around the trees to hold the mud back from running down the sidewalk. It was mentioned to maybe have old fashioned street lights on Main Street.

The next meeting will be held Sept 15 at 6:00 pm at City Hall and the Oct. meeting will be held Oct 13 at 6:00 at City Hall.