

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

June 2, 2008 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Flink, Hoefling, Bengford, Scott, and Hemphill. Also in attendance were: Chris Bass, Rene Stroud, Jeff Scott, Gary & Sherry Gritten, Darrell Godbersen, City Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the agenda. All ayes.
Moved by Scott and seconded by Hemphill to approve the minutes of the May meeting. All ayes. Moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to approve the bills as presented. All ayes.

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	9,043.14
Debt Service	13,583.75
Public Works	8,463.28
Drainage	1,068.08
Comm. Ec.	224.08
General Gov.	4,154.36
Culture & Recreation	4,063.76
Garbage	2,930.65
Recycling	1,387.20
Sales tax	691.05
Sewer	5,278.51
Water	6,120.76
State Revolving Fund	<u>28,443.25</u>
Total	\$85,451.87

RECEIPTS (May)

Utilities	\$22,440.55
Taxes	10,098.15
Road Fund	7,101.51
Pool & ball & RV	3,572.00
Interest	36.56
Misc.	<u>2,167.34</u>
	\$45,416.11

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES (April)

Payroll	\$2,343.31
Utilities	435.28
Operating Expenses	<u>740.21</u>
	\$3,518.80

Members of the Sac County Conservation Board-Chris Bass -Director, Rene Stroud-Naturalist, and Jeff Scott-Board – had a presentation on the new Conservation Center Project. This has been in the making for the past ten years and more recently is becoming a reality. The fund-raising is well underway and they are currently seeking funding from the Iowa CAT Grant. To show county-wide support, they are seeking support from all towns within the county.

Naturalist Rene listed the many programs that have been in the county and in Odebolt, itself. Following the presentation and questions it was moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to contribute \$1,500.00 over a three year period –contingent upon receiving the CAT Grant. Resolution #08.11. All ayes.

The Mayor thanked the group for their well presented program.

Gary & Sherry Gritten were present representing their son Matthew and the recent Nuisance Abatement Notice he had received from the City. The Council approved the current progress and the timeframe of the further improvements. The Council thanked the Grittens for their input.

Darrell Godbersen was present in case there were any questions concerning his permit for tiling.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to approve the following permits: Tom & Diane Paulson-back patio; Darrell Godbersen-tiling; Jim & Rachel Bendixen-deck; Robert Leonard-enlarge deck landing; Kirk Duff-replace porch, addition, extend patio; Robert Mollhoff-replace hedges; Vicki Beckman-cement pad; Tracy Skaren-ug electric and deck; Wes Bernhardt-replace sidewalk and driveway; Matt Gritten-deck; Eleanor Peterson-replace sidewalk and steps; Robert Harden-tree; Don Hout-sidewalk; Brooke Hoefling-fence. All ayes.

Moved by Scott and seconded by Hoefling to make an offer on the '95 truck that the County has for sale. All ayes.

Scott exited the meeting at this time for a scheduled family activity.

At 8:00 p.m. the Mayor opened the Hearing on the Budget Amendment'

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Flink to approve the following: CoBe's-Outdoor Sales for Friday of Creek Days; Cubby's-cigarette permit; Sparky's-cigarette permit. Four ayes.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. The meetings have had good attendance. At the most recent meeting the suggested improvements were prioritized. The entrances to town on 175 received the most votes. The next meeting will be June 10th.

In anticipation of the very costly upgrades mandated by the DNR, it was decided that sewer rates should be increased. The Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting. It was decided to raise the minimum (based on 1000 gallons of water used) from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per month. Each additional 1000 gallons used will be raised from \$1.30 to \$2.50. This will become effective with the September billing.

Nuisance abatements were discussed. There has been improvement but more improvement is needed. Those who have complied are to be commended. More notices/action will be required. Several additional complaints have been received.

A letter of resignation was read from Rachel Wallace. The City appreciates her years of service on the Library Board.

Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Hemphill to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jane Heidenreich to the Library Board. Four ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to accept the Library report. Four ayes.

The Police report was reviewed. Officer Bruns is doing well at the Academy.

Delinquent water bills were discussed. The necessary action will be taken.

At 8:21 the Mayor closed the Hearing on the Budget Amendment. There were no citizens present to question said amendment. Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Flink to adopt the amendment as published. (Res. #08.09) Four ayes. Absent: Scott

The City Attorney will be requested to write a resolution suitable for the 4 entrance signs.

Supt. Bill Tysor reported that William Wallace claims that the water is not flowing correctly in the area of the west well. Engineer Kuehl has taken some pictures and will give a further report.

Four aerators have been ordered for the lagoon @ \$4200.00 each. Two more will be needed this fall. The spare motor for the high service pumps at the lift station will not come for 6-8 weeks.

Drainage on 2nd Street was discussed. The tiling estimate was \$17,500.00 and still would not fix the problem during a very heavy rain. The City will seek the input of the USDA –County Soil Conservation to maybe suggest some landscaping further to the south.

Property owners are reminded to trim their trees so that they are 16’ above the surface of the street and 8’ above sidewalk. Measuring poles are available from the City. Trees must be in compliance by August 1, 2008.

The City received a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Cornfield Productions for services rendered during the recent filming of the movie “Peacock” in town.

A letter was received from the O-A Second Graders regarding recycling and their various activities. The students are to be commended on their fine efforts.

At 8:55 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Bengford to adjourn.
Four ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk