

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 4, 2005 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Thompson, Hansen, Bengford, Scott and Hemphill. Also in attendance were: Melissa Pierce, Sherry Gritten, Gary Wulf, Kevin Ketelsen-Region XII, COG, Kay Bloyer, Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Hemphill to approve the agenda. All ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes of the previous (2) March meetings. All ayes. Moved by Bengford and seconded by Thompson to approve the bills as presented: (All ayes.)

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Community Protection	\$10,693.17
Garbage	2,978.02
Road Fund	3,444.27
Sewer	5,872.06
Water	6,629.20
Sales Tax	666.68
General Fund	<u>13,989.42</u>
Total	\$ 44,272.82

MARCH RECEIPTS

Utilities	\$22,111.10
Taxes	5,484.91
Road Fund	9,437.72
Interest	56.22
Wheeler Fire Protection	5,644.00
Richland Fire Protect.	7,843.50
Misc.	537.54
Pool	<u>45.00</u>
	\$51,159.99

LIBRARY RECEIPTS (January)

City of Odebolt	\$11,047.50
Misc.	<u>107.71</u>
	\$11,155.21

LIBRARY DISBURSEMENTS (January)

Salaries	\$1,648.36
Utilities	531.14
Operating exp.	<u>734.06</u>
	\$2,913.56

Kevin Ketelsen was present from Region XII Council of Governments to assist

the City in developing an Urban Revitalization Plan and Tax Abatement Schedule. This is due to the fact that the Council has determined there is a need for incentives to stimulate improvements to both residential and commercial properties. Region XII will prepare the initial paperwork for the May Meeting.

Gary Wulf was present to discuss with the Council the Coop's proposal to give the City \$16,000.00 in exchange for a three year 100% tax abatement. The \$16,000.00 would be paid up front toward the demolition of the Lindquist building. This could become a reality with the adoption of the Urban Revitalization Plan and Tax Abatement Schedule. Once the building is torn down the cost of the demolition could be certified against the property owner.

The Mayor commented that he also has an application for a Grant that could also help with the demolition. He is seeking someone to write the grant.

Hemphill commented how other towns have incentives for new business to come to town. It was also stated that a neighboring town is trying to get a current Odebolt business to re-locate in their town. Someone stated that a bigger business was given a 10-year tax abatement in a neighboring town and another was given a very large package deal. Hansen stated that Odebolt just hasn't been aggressive enough.

Melissa Pierce was present to inquire if the City had talked to anyone in Sioux City about their Scooter Ordinance. A copy is available. The Mayor stated that they are already having problems as some are for and some against the required helmets. Some are dissatisfied about the need for brakes, lights and other restrictions. Apparently there is discussion as to whether or not the Ordinance is a good Ordinance. Their Ordinance has been referred to our City Attorney and is being monitored. At this point the interpretation of the City Attorney and the County Attorney stands as previously stated...the scooters are illegal on city streets and sidewalks.

Moved by Hansen and seconded by Hemphill to approve the following building permits: (All ayes.) Dan Olson-demolish house; Roger Pierce-dog fence; Jeff Bengford-demolish house; Dennis Jenkins-(renewal) replace south driveway; Lillian Wilson-plant tree or bush; Sharyn Loch-deck; Lee Hemer-mailbox; Hattie Grace-privacy fence, arbor, pergola, fish pond and landscaping.

Kay Bloyer was present to give a report on the Major/Minors. She has 29 girls signed up. This is the third year that the City has sponsored the Major/Minors. She thanked the City for their support.

Moved by Hanson and second by Hemphill to approve the following: Jamboree Foods-Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales; Odebolt Community Center-Transfer and Outdoor Sales (2) for Creek Days; Cubby's-Class C Beer Permit, Sunday Sales & Cigarette Permit. All ayes.

One complaint was addressed and one notice to abate a nuisance had been sent.

Following discussion on the Local Option Sales Tax it was moved by Thompson and seconded by Scott to adopt Resolution #05.12 in support of the option. The SETD Office quoted the expected income for the City would surpass \$40,000.00. The Council has allocated 20% for tax relief with the remaining 80% going toward swimming pool maintenance and upkeep, street repairs, storm and sanitary sewer repairs, improvements to historical buildings, Capitol Improvements and any lawful purpose for the City as determined by the City Council. A special countywide election is tentatively set for sometime in August. Five ayes.

A committee consisting of Jim Scott, Todd Bengford and Bill Tysor has been appointed by the Mayor to investigate the possibility of a designated truck route.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Bengford to accept the Library Report.
All ayes.

The Police report was reviewed and discussed. There was discussion on a request for a stop sign on the west side of school on 6th Street. This will be further reviewed and an alternate solution may be made to restrict parking. A decision will be made at the May meeting.

Supt. Bill Tysor announced that he would be flushing hydrants the week of May 2, 2005. Residential City wide clean-up day will be May 11, 2005. There was discussion on making the Museum handicap accessible. The pool equipment is here and the filters are installed. At the end of May, contractors will be here to drain the water tower. Road repairs include: 1" overlay on a part of Richland Ave, repair a hole on West 2nd Street and other designated areas. The control screen at the tower went out and U.S. Filter will be called to fix it.

Bengford inquired about the mist sprayer for the upcoming mosquito season. It was decided that perhaps the City could make an agreement to share/hire another entity.

A letter was read from Odebolt Nursing and Rehab Center in response to a letter that had been sent on March 18, 2005. Some misconceptions between the City and ONRC are being addressed and solutions considered.

Mary Jeanne Thompson, Jim Scott and Todd Bengford will serve on the Committee with Bill Wallace, Jr. for a Grant for a chair-lift for the pool.

The City is most appreciative of the check for \$1,300.00 for the pool from the Sid Salmonson Estate and for the memorials in honor of Bev Carnine and Nancy Richardson from Joan Hoaglund and for Mary Down from Joan Hoaglund and Kent & Kim Schroeder. All is very much appreciated.

A thank you was read from the family of Dorothy Girvan.

At 9:08 p.m. it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Hemphill to adjourn. All ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk