

CITY OF ODEBOLT - SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2008 - CITY HALL, 6:00 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: City Attorney Joe Heidenreich, Neal Kuehl-Kuehl & Payer, Ltd, Neil Cook-DNR, and Supt. Bill Tysor.

The special meeting was called for the purpose of exploring the City's options on meeting the DNR's wastewater ammonia nitrogen discharge requirements.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Engineer Neal Kuehl reviewed the presentation he gave at the previous Council Meeting with his proposal for a conventional treatment system -covered lagoon and the proposal of using additives by CAFO.US, Inc. (a firm in California). Engineer Kuehl read several emails that were sent back and forth between himself and Ken Buchanan of CAFO.US, Inc. He made no editorial comments but simply read the correspondence.

Neil Cook of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stated that his objective for the evening was to make sure that everyone had a clear understanding of the City's wastewater discharge permit and the general situation.

Part of the implementation of the New Water Quality Standard that was adopted in 2006 was a two-part study of bodies of water: a determination of what is living there and what are the human uses. The studies have been done on all streams in the State of Iowa. The results are being studied and converted into stream classification. The stream classifications have to be adopted into rules and are a part of the Department's regulations. These public hearings ended in 1900 comments. The first batch of stream classifications is going to the Environmental Protection Commission now in April and expected to go into effect by July 1, 2008.

The streams that Odebolt discharges in to are classified as either warm water or secondary contact (Class B)

The new permit will be expected to have lower ammonia nitrogen limits and a disinfection requirement. It was noted that nitrates in ground water causes all kinds of health problems.

The current aerated lagoon is 20 years old. The projected lagoon set-up comes with a \$2,000,000.00 price tag.

It has been noted that the City has a very high flow for this size of a community. This is due to infiltration and inflow.....improper connections on house services such as roof drains, foundation drains-things which should not be hooked to the sanitary sewer.

It was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to have Engineer Kuehl respond to CAFO.US Inc. that the City does not wish to go any further with their process. All ayes.

The next step is that Kuehl will set up an informational meeting-Project Initiation-with the DNR who will assign an engineer in Des Moines who will serve as project manager from their end. He will meet with the City to explain the necessary procedures. Next, the City needs to apply for a CDBG grant this fall.

Engineer Kuehl guaranteed the Council that he would continue to look at further options regarding the solution.

Hemphill asked for the input of Attorney Joe Heidenreich. Heidenreich stated, "The way I see it, you have no choice, but to proceed."

The Mayor thanked Mr. Cook, Mr. Kuehl and Attorney Heidenreich for their time and information.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to adopt Resolution #08.08-a resolution to increase mileage paid for use of a personal vehicle for City business to .42/mile. All ayes.

Tree trimming ordinance will be enforced when the leaves are on the trees.

Clean-up days will be as follows: Curb pick-up on Wednesday, May 7 and all appliances will be taken to the dump site by the owners on May 9 & 10.

Manholes will be done by Auen Construction in July.

At 7:20 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. All ayes.

Mayor

City Clerk