

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

April 5, 2010 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Ron Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Flink, Hoefling, Bengford and Scott. Absent: Hemphill. Also present: Curtis Bloes (TheSacNews.com), Kerry Reinhart, Madeline Meyer, Vonnie Wareham, Linda Godbersen, Howard Hustedt, and Supt. Bill Tysor.

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

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$ 3,178.30
Comm. & Ec. Dev.	\$ 100.00
Public Works	\$ 10,503.34
Gen. Gov.	\$ 4,450.29
Culture & Recreation	\$ 7,492.03
Garbage	\$ 7,890.90
Recycling	\$ 1,378.71
Sales tax	\$ 734.00
Sewer	\$ 6,008.89
Water	<u>\$ 6,263.82</u>
Total	\$ 48,000.08

RECEIPTS (March)

Utilities	\$24,601.18
Taxes	7,693.63
Road Fund	9,463.18
Interest	2,198.34
Pool	250.00
Richland Fire Prot.	7,823.00
Grants	<u>14,000.00</u>
	\$66,029.33

LIBRARY INCOME (February)

Misc.	\$109.35
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LIBRARY EXPENDITURES (February)

Payroll	\$1,969.99
Utilities	978.39
Operating Expenses	<u>902.85</u>
	\$3,850.90

Kerry Reinhart was present to present an OBC permit application for landscaping and placement of a picnic table and bench at the Park. He also requested approval to dump the rock in the area of the RV Park until it could be moved to the City Park. Approval was granted.

Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Bengford to also approve the following permits: Terri Bauder-fence for dog pen; Jody Harris-additions to house. Four ayes

Madeline Meyer, Chairman of the Odebolt Betterment Committee, was then introduced and given the floor. Madeline thanked the City Council for all the investment in time and finances for the improvements made to physical facilities to help beautify the town. Madeline then did a recap of the OBC, stating that the organization had originated out of the Iowa's Living Roadways Program in 2008. She commended Kerry & Deb Reinhart as star players for their grants and hard work. Following the recap, she stated that a current project involves updating areas of the City Park.

Howard Hustedt presented a picture of the Downtown Greenspace. He gave an update of the finances for this project. The \$12,000.00 Grant from the Sac County Endowment Foundation is a huge boost to the \$35-\$40,000.00 project. Final bids are in the process and it is hoped that the project will be completed this summer.

Vonnie Wareham talked of future projects, requesting the plans of the City Council for vacant lots and possible new vacant lots. She stated that, "A lot of ideas for improvements have arisen, but it won't do any good to make plans/designs and there will be no need for funding, if the City doesn't give approval." She also stated that the main reason for asking was so that the projects could have continuity and not just be a lot of separate projects. Some of those ideas were implemented in the picture that Howard showed.

The Mayor stated that no plans are in place for the lot located west of the Greenspace Project. The real hope is to have a business go on that lot. The Mayor further stated that the main focus of events at this time is to finish one project before starting another. The Council certainly doesn't want to discourage the Betterment Committee because you have done a wonderful job and we want to keep it going.

Linda Godbersen commented that if the Council had any project ideas, to please let the Betterment Committee.

The Mayor thanked the OBC members and expressed appreciation on behalf of the entire Council for their work and dedication to our town.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the following tax abatement requests, (as laid out in the City's standard tax abatement procedure): Everett & Barbara Scott and Lundell Plastics Cooperation. Four ayes.

Bengford gave an update on the purchase of the playground equipment for the City Park. There was discussion as to where it would be located and how to transport it to town. Bengford, with the help of the city crew and several volunteers, will get the process moving.

Nuisances Abatement letters will be sent.

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

The County Law Report was available for review.

One resident's water service will be disconnected if payment (or an agreement) is not received by noon tomorrow.

Supt. Tysor reported that he and Scott will be meeting with the contractor to decide on the 2010 street repairs, water tower bids should be available for the May meeting, and the committee will be meeting to finalize the bid contract for removal of "tree hangars" caused by the January ice storm.

Bengford reported that the pool personnel for the summer have been hired.

Councilman Flink commented, with concurrence of the Mayor and Council members, that the city workers and all of our residents be commended for the great job of storm-debris removal. All has gone smoothly and everyone deserves a good pat on the back.

The City greatly appreciates two donations from the Tuesday Club in the amount of \$250.00 each to the Odebolt Pool and to the Odebolt City Park Project.

It was moved by Hoefling and seconded by Flink to adjourn. Four ayes.

Mayor R. J. Rex

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk