

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2011 - 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 present: Matt Gritten, Kerry Reinhart, Carol Raasch and City Supt. Bill Tysor.

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

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$ 8,532.31
Comm. & Ec	388.40
Public Works	17,208.14
General Gov.	12,436.67
Culture & Recreation	2,773.74
Garbage	2,673.32
Drainage	528.35
Recycling	1,338.70
Sales tax	751.00
Sewer	18,148.15
Water	<u>13,649.62</u>
Total	\$78,428.40

RECEIPTS (February)

Utilities	\$22,940.99
Taxes	10,129.07
Road Fund	9,267.83
SCEF-Grant	7,071.55
Interest	1,049.01
Richland Twp.	3,911.50
Misc.	<u>16.00</u>
	\$ 54,385.95

LIBRARY INCOME (February)

City tax share	\$12,555.00
Misc	<u>\$133.88</u>
	\$12,688.88

EXPENDITURES (February)

Payroll	\$3,697.33
Operating exp.	<u>\$1,164.75</u>
	\$4,862.08

At 7:32 p.m. the Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Budget Amendment for FY11.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to approve the Tax Abatement request by Jon Ziegmann. All ayes.

Matt Gritten was present to explain his intentions concerning Notices to Abate Nuisance. He promised to have his yard cleaned of all clutter by the end of the month.

Kerry Reinhart was present with comments concerning the Park improvements. Windows have been installed in the shelter house. The Council commended Kerry on the projects currently completed and on the upcoming projects. Reinhart stated that they would keep

going until the money runs out. If there is enough money, he would like to do an additional door and concrete work.

Carol Raasch was present to update the Council on the Rural Legacy Project. She commented that the group had submitted an application to the Keep Iowa Beautiful Program and are currently working on the Sac County Endowment Foundation application. She indicated on a map drawn by Kerry Reinhart where the Committee would like to place the schoolhouse. When asked about the timetable for the project, Raasch indicated that they would like to complete phase one by Creek Days. This includes the foundation and some electrical work. Hemphill questioned the possibility of a better site such as an acreage on the outside limits of the city... "perhaps a rural sitting would be more appropriate for a country school". Carol commented that the committee was excited about this location as they intended to implement the historical impact of Odebolt's development in conjunction with the "rural development of the country schools", and that this could be better achieved being located close to the Museum. She further stated that the Museum also contains artifacts from country school. Following discussion, and no objection to the planned location for the schoolhouse, the Mayor stated that the project had the approval of the Council. Further discussion included the necessary permits. Raasch also commented that the book written by Sandy Host will be going to the publisher in a week or so and that proceeds from the sales will go toward the Rural Legacy Project. The Mayor and Council thanked Carol for her work and presentation.

It was moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to close the Public Hearing. There were no citizens present to question the proposed Budget Amendment. It was then moved by Hoefling and seconded by Bengford to adopt Resolution #11.14 - approving the Amendment as published. All ayes.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Scott to approve the following permits: Odebolt Nursing & Rehab Center-generator concrete pad; Robert Harden-flag pole; Ranell Drake-addition to house, garage, and driveway. All ayes. One application was denied.

Several nuisances were discussed. The City wishes to thank those who have complied and others will receive further notifications as deemed necessary.

The final audit for FY2010 was available with favorable comments from the Mayor and Council.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Scott to accept the Library Report. All ayes.

The County Law Enforcement Report was available.

Supt. Tysor reported that there are 51 tree stumps to be removed. Following discussion it was decided to check into renting equipment to do the work.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to renew the mowing contract with the Hoeflings. All ayes.

Bengford reported that during the annual inspection by Thrasher Basement, they discovered that 2 walls in the pump building at the pool are caving in. Moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to proceed with repairs, not to exceed \$8,000.00. All ayes.

There was lengthy discussion on street repairs for this summer.

The Mayor read a letter of Congratulation announcing that Odebolt had qualified as a "Tree City USA" for 2010. Once again, Elaine Rex was recognized for filing the successful application for our City. She and Madeline Meyer will attend the annual awards Banquet to accept the award for Odebolt. The city appreciates their work and commitment.

The City wishes to acknowledge and thank the following for donations to the Peterson Pioneer Home: Mrs. R.B. Cordes in memory of Mary Jeanne Thompson and TLOBEDO QUESTEORS in memory of Mary Jeanne Thompson.

A Thank you was received from Mark Hansen, Rex Chevrolet.

At 8:45 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. All ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk