

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

August 1, 2011 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Flink, Hoefling, Bengford and Scott. Absent: Hemphill. Also present: Kerry Reinhart, Engineer Neal Kuehl, Curtis Bloes, Tracy Andrews and City Supt. Bill Tysor.

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

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$ 88,094.63
Comm. & Ec	1,200.00
Public Works	10,424.18
General Gov.	5,963.46
Health & Social	300.00
Culture & Recreation	13,230.42
Garbage	8,072.82
Recycling	1,338.00
Sales tax	720.00
Sewer	35,685.66
Water	<u>9,333.16</u>
Total	\$174,362.33

RECEIPTS (July)

Utilities	\$26,895.00
Taxes	8,293.65
Road Fund	7,871.95
Pool	1,642.99
Proceeds of Debt	\$104,528.26
Misc.	<u>1,290.00</u>
	\$150,521.85

Engineer Kuehl was present to update everyone on the progress at the lagoon site and to see if there were any questions regarding the project. The dirt contractor is moving along very well and doing a very good job. About 1/3 of his work is completed and he intends to be done in less than 60 days. The overseeing engineer stops by frequently to check on the work.

The City Attorney presented the first draft of the land-lease agreement. It was moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to accept the document as drawn and to have the City Attorney in turn present it to the Johnsons for their approval or discussion. Four ayes.

A letter from the City Attorney was read addressing the issue of an injured fireman. In his opinion, the analysis is pretty clear and the fireman needs to obtain clearance from the attending physician before going back to active status with the Fire Department.

Kerry Reinhart was present to give a progress report on the work at the City Park. The work is nearly completed and was made possible partially through funds received from the Sac County Endowment Foundation. The OBC will be applying for a REAP Grant to extend the sidewalk from the north gazebo over to 3rd Street, repair the pillars at the park, add an additional concrete pad and table and extend the shelter house roof by 10 feet for additional coverage over the concrete area. Moved by Flink and seconded by Scott to support the OBC in applying for this grant and adopt Res. #11.26 stating such. Four ayes. Absent: Hemphill.

Mayor Rex and the Council thanked Reinhart and the Committee for the fine job they are doing for the City.

Tracy Andrews was present to express concerns about Lifeguard conduct and bullying by some of the swimmers. The Council thanked her for coming and for her input. The situations will be investigated.

The third and final reading was had on the proposed sewer rate increase as follows: the minimum rate for the first 1000 gallons (based on water usage) will raise from \$10.00 to \$14.00. For each additional 1000 gallons of usage the rate will increase from \$2.50 to \$4.60. It was moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to adopt Ordinance #01.11 as stated above. Four ayes. No Nays. Absent: Hemphill.

The Mayor acknowledged the letter announcing the Award for the CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Grant. And in conjunction with this grant, it was moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to begin the procurement process for technical services for the housing rehabilitation program for the City of Odebolt. Four ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the following permits: Mike Wallace-widen driveway: City of Odebolt-MWP - demolish house: Ed Durbin- patio/deck: Bill Carlson- replace section of concrete: Phyllis Franken-replace concrete; Troy Babcock-concrete; Terry & Marsha Schaeuble-replace existing driveway; Roger Sleight- remove retaining wall; Jody & Chris Harris-plant trees; Tom Hoelscher-replace patio; Wanita Friedrichsen-replace steps; Rural Legacy Project –foundation; Rural Legacy Project-move in Richland School House # 1; Keith Lohr-4 trees; Mary Schroeder-remove/replace concrete and steps; Nancy Flink-asphalt paving. Four ayes.

Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Bengford to approve the Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Sparky's. Four ayes.

Due to the holiday, the regular September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

The Odebolt Memorial Walk has purchased the former Rector House on behalf of the City of Odebolt. The house will be demolished. Moved by Scott and seconded by Flink that the area will remain a Greenspace. Four ayes.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Scott to accept the Library Report. Four ayes. The County Law Enforcement report was available.

Following review of the insurance quotes, it was moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to adopt Resolution #11.22 – renewing the current plan. Four ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to adopt resolution #11.24 – Certify nuisance to the County Treasurer. Four ayes.

Following questions and review, it was moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to continue with the City's Investment Policy as is. Four ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to charge a \$50.00 up-front fee for "information searches" which involve time taken away from the Clerk's daily routine. Additional time will be charged at the Clerk's hourly rate of pay. Res. # 11.27. Four ayes.

The Mayor brought on for discussion the idea of moving the Petersen Pioneer Home to the downtown area of 2nd Street to the area of Richland #1. The Questors have been reviewing the idea and feel it will be more accessible to visitors at this location. If the Council is in accord, the search will begin to search out the feasibility and cost of moving the building. There will be no cost to the City. The Council was in agreement to the idea.

The new fire truck has arrived. Street repairs will begin soon.

Delinquent utility bills were discussed with the necessary action to follow.

The City wishes to thank Larry and Joan Hoaglund for the memorial received for the pool in honor of John Wesley Larson.

Thank yous were received from Olympia Currie, Carol Raasch & the Rural Legacy Group and Phyllis Franken.

Applications for the part-time office assistant position will be reviewed individually by each Council Member in order to protect the confidentiality of the applicants.

At 8:53 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. All ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk