

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

December 5, 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: Rob and Lindsay Rudd, Bill and Susan Dreessen and City Supt. Bill Tysor.

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

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$ 7,385.76
Comm. & Ec	192.56
Health & Social	300.00
Public Works	6,532.82
General Gov.	10,243.34
Culture & Recreation	1,122.51
Garbage	2,623.80
Recycling	1,377.00
Sales tax	787.00
Sewer	5,766.37
Lagoon Project	343,145.06
Water	<u>9,877.99</u>
Total	\$389,354.21

RECEIPTS (November)

Utilities	\$33,873.85
Taxes	23,360.20
Road Fund	8,312.97
Interest	991.17
Proceeds of Debt	505,158.77
Misc.	<u>730.50</u>
	\$572,427.46

LIBRARY INCOME (October)

Enrich Iowa	\$847.73
Misc.	<u>32.57</u>
	\$880.30

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES (October)

Payroll	\$2,293.38
Utilities	127.25
Operating exp.	<u>1,127.85</u>
	\$3,548.48

Mayor Rex opened the "Status of Funded Activities" public hearing on the sewer CDBG project at 7:35 p.m. The hearing is required for all recipients of CDBG funds, pursuant to Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, and the State of Iowa's Public Participation Plan. The overall scope of the sewer project included construction of a new wastewater treatment lagoon and force main to meet DNR requirements. Including the current CDBG draw on the project (No. 4), the City of Odebolt has expended \$2,363,212 on the project of which \$433,779 has been through the CDBG program. The remaining funds are being provided to the City through the State's Drinking

Water Revolving Loan Fund program. The City of Odebolt was eligible for CDBG funds for this because a survey taken when the application was submitted showed that 67.9% of the households in the city are low or moderate income households. The public has access to documents related to this project through the City of Odebolt and Region XII Council of Governments, and all meetings related to this project are open to the public. No written comments were received. A motion to close the public hearing was made by: Flink, seconded by Bengford. All Ayes. Motion Carried. The public hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve submitting Draw #4 of CDBG in the amount of \$17,994.00. All ayes.

Bill and Susan Dreessen were present to report on the Odebolt Christmas Party. Even though the weather was not so favorable there was a good crowd in attendance. KAYL broadcasted live from the site. Everyone was treated to free soup and sandwiches. Several business and individuals donated items for the drawings. There was a total of 81 gifts given to lucky winners. Following the event a van load of food products and \$195.00 in cash was taken to the Sac County Outreach Center in Sac City. Overall it was a very successful event. The Mayor and Council thanked and applauded the Dreessens for their work and dedication to this outstanding project. They in turn gave the credit to the many people who contributed in many ways to the success of the event.

Nuisance abatement included snow removal issues of some residents. Letters will be sent to inform them to cease their current routines. It was also discussed that perhaps residents as well as Council Members should serve on the Nuisance Abatement Committee.

The garbage rate increase was furthered discussed. Hemphill presented some background information on finances of the current garbage business. As landfill fees, tipping fees and fuel prices have steadily increased the garbage business is going into the red. The garbage truck is 11 years old and reserve funds are limited. A new truck comes with the price tag of nearly \$120,000.00. Contracting out the service as been evaluated and found to be in the best interest of the community and the most cost effective.

Following much discussion, it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to enter into a 3-year contract with Rudd Sanitation for both the garbage and the recycling service beginning January 1, 2012. Rates will need to be raised in the near future. However the rate increase will not be as much as it would have been had the City continued to provide the service. All ayes. Garbage and recycling will both be on **Thursdays**.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to accept the Library report. All ayes.

The County Law Enforcement report was available. The Sheriff requested a 3% raise for the upcoming contract. The Council agreed to include it in the FY13 budget.

Delinquent water bills were discussed with 5 possible disconnects.

The new sewer lagoon should be on line by mid-December.

A letter was read from our Workers' Compensation carrier that the City had reached a level of claims that makes us in eligible for the annual discount.

A letter was read from Zane and Carol Johnson. The City Attorney was contacted by phone and a special meeting was set up for Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

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

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk