

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

January 3, 2006 - 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 in attendance were: Deb Loger, Mary Neville, Ron Sorensen, Donarae Cleveland, Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Scott and seconded by Hemphill to approve the agenda. All ayes.
Moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to approve the bills as presented: All ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to approve the Class C Liquor License for Liaisons. All ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Flink to approve the Class B Native Wine Permit for Heart & Home. All ayes.

Representatives from the Odebolt Library Board were present to request a 3 % increase from the City for FY07. This would amount to \$682. Librarian Donarae Cleveland briefed the Council on cutbacks she has recommended in order to keep a balanced budget. She also asked that the City consider doing the snow removal on the south parking as another means of saving money for the Library. The Mayor assured the Board Members that all suggestions will be considered when preparing the Budget.

Hemphill shared a report from the Recycling Center regarding tonnage sold, items taken to the Center which were not recyclable, etc.

Nuisances were discussed and several abatement letters will be sent.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to appoint Joe Heidenreich as City Attorney and that all employees be re-appointed/re-hired at their current wages. Resolution #06.01. All ayes.

The Police report was reviewed. Moved by Flink and seconded by Scott to pay part-time Police Officers \$12.00/hour. All ayes.

A partial grant for railroad crossing signals will be further investigated. The possibility of additional lighting at the crossing on West Highway will also be researched.

Supt. Bill Tysor reported on the recent survey at the wastewater plant. Paperwork and samples were all in compliance. It was noted that not all the aerators were functioning properly. This was discussed last month and two aerators are on order. It was also noted that it would not be in the best interest to proceed with any changes at the lagoon until the new Water Quality Standards are available. The garbage packer has developed some new problems and Supt. Tysor will have bids for a new packer at the February meeting. Repairs have been done on the water salesman and it is now working.

The Mayor announced the Committee assignments as follows: Finance - Mike Hoefling (Chr.), Butch Hemphill (Co-Chr.); Properties – Keith Flink (Chr.), Todd Bengford (Co-Chr.), Jim Scott; Public Safety Advisory Staff – Ron Rex (Mayor), Butch Hemphill (Mayor Pro-tem), Deputy Keith Flink and Chief Bruce Henderson; Recreation – Todd Bengford (Chr.), Keith Flink (Co-Chr.), Mike Hoefling; Streets – Jim Scott (Chr.), Keith Flink (Co-Chr.), Mike Hoefling; Water, Sewer, Garbage – Butch Hemphill (Chr.), Jim Scott (Co-Chr.), Todd Bengford; Nuisance Abatement – Butch Hemphill and Todd Bengford.

An ad for Pool Manager, Guards and Basketroom Personnel is to be placed in the Chronicle. The new chlorine system at the pool is working well and is cheaper than originally projected. Several filters need to be revamped at the pool.

Street repairs were discussed.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to pay Eleanor Lindstrom \$10.00/hour and to pay Phyllis Franken \$500.00 for extra work done while Joan Godbersen was on sick leave. All ayes.

At 8:32 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. All ayes.

R. J. Rex, Mayor

Attest:
Joan Godbersen
City Clerk