

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

JULY 2, 2007 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Hoefling, Bengford and Hemphill. Absent: Flink and Scott. Also in attendance were: Mark Reis, Denny Sykes, Donarae Cleveland, Kris Schroeder and Jeanette Fertig.

Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Bengford to approve the agenda. Three ayes. Moved by Bengford and seconded by Hemphill to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Three ayes.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to approve the bills as presented. Three ayes. (See publication next week)

LIBRARY INCOME (May)

Misc. \$203.20

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES (May)

Payroll \$2,029.12

Utilities 176.67

Operating Expenses 797.27

\$3,003.06

City Attorney, Joe Heidenreich, was unable to attend.

Denny Sykes and Mark Reis were present as representatives of the Odebolt Development Corp. They wished to thank the Council for all their help and support for Creek Days. They had a fantastic weekend of events, participants and spectators. The number of participants in the various events is really growing. And it was a lot of fun.

The Mayor thanked the ODC for all the work done by the committee and the volunteers. The City is very appreciative. It draws the community together and is a very important part of our infrastructure.

Kris Schroeder was present to thank the Council for the opportunity to coach and to report on the successful season of the Major/Minor girl's softball. She and Joan Cowlham were coaches for 24 young participants.

The Mayor thanked Kris for the good job that she and Joan have done to help the kids.

Jeanette Fertig was present with pool concerns. First she addressed the results of the pool inspection. Two flow meters need to be replaced. Shower soap was a deficient...this has been addressed so many times. The participants continually misuse the soap by draining the dispensers or by using the bar soap to write on the walls. New dispensers will be ordered. Only one Lifeguard will be available for August. Calls will be made or an ad will be placed in the newspaper seeking additional help for the month of August. Jeanette expressed some misunderstandings regarding work on the 4-H Project. She understood that it was all volunteer labor. This was also the consensus of the Council. The work that has been completed is very nice. There is still painting to be done and a retaining wall needs to be restructured. Another concern was the help she received/did not receive from the chlorine representative. It was concluded that her day job would not conflict with her pool job as long as she had the available/designated substitutes.

Bengford has spoken with Lundell Plastics about the repair of Lifeguard stands. Les Fertig will install and the cost will be under \$300.00 as opposed to thousands to replace the stands.

Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Hemphill to approve the following permit applications: Vance Lundell-3 of the 4 Odebolt signs; Paul Lerssen-deck; Carrol Olson-deck; Roger Sorensen-fence; Kent Reinhart-sidewalk; Ray Bruening-concrete; Mark & Mary Schroeder-steps, wall, bushes; United Methodist Church-concrete; Marilyn Stork-deck; Tom Down-driveway & sidewalk; Jared Arbegast-fencing backyard; Mark Reis-replace sidewalk. Three ayes.

The City is considering replacing the sidewalk at the corner of 2nd & Maple. Following discussion it was concluded that there is too much work to be done with the area before replacing the sidewalk.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Hoefling to adopt Resolution #07.12 – which adds the following to the Wage Resolution #07.11: At the completion of 10 years of employment for the City, full-time employees will earn three weeks of annual vacation. Three ayes.

Various complaints and nuisances were discussed. Action will be taken as needed.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Hoefling to accept the Library report. Three ayes.

The Police report was examined. The Mayor informed the Council that the Safety Committee had met and decided to advertise for a part-time Police Officer.

The Mayor will inquire as to why the stoplights are still functioning at the intersection of Highways 39 and 175. The delays are causing more traffic in the area of the pool and this could cause a hazardous situation.

Hemphill commented that with the completion of the ethanol plant there would be more train traffic. He recommends that the City start looking for grants for flashing lights or gate arms.

At 8:50 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Bengford to adjourn. Three ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk