

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2010 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Hoefling, Bengford, Scott and Hemphill. Absent: Flink. Also present: Sandy Johnson-IRWA, Engineer Neal Kuehl, Engineer Eric Deters, Joe Behrens-Region XII, COG, Curtis Bloes (TheSacNews.com), and Supt. Bill Tysor.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to approve the agenda. Four ayes. Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the June meetings. Four ayes. Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Hemphill to approve the bills as presented. Four ayes.

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$14,887.48
Comm. & Ec. Dev.	4,404.73
Health & Social	3,613.75
Public Works	5,821.51
Drainage	358.93
General Gov.	7,921.49
Culture & Recreation	11,313.16
Garbage	10,397.98
Recycling	1,338.00
Sales tax	858.00
Sewer	9,232.56
Water	<u>7,158.53</u>
Total	\$77,306.12

RECEIPTS (June)

Utilities	\$25,593.96
Taxes	10,715.12
Road Fund	6,470.82
Interest	11.26
Pool	2,580.50
Wheeler Fire Prot.	5,623.00
Levy Fire Prot.	975.00
Grants	500.00
FEMA	20,738.80
SRF Loan	5,858.25
Misc.	<u>507.16</u>
	\$79,587.82

LIBRARY INCOME (May)

Odebolt Chamber	\$350.00
Misc.	\$209.94

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES (May)

Payroll	\$1,532.04
Contract labor	\$ 950.33
Utilities	\$ 151.85
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,017.93</u>
	\$3,652.15

Moved by Scott and seconded by Bengford to approve the following permits: Dennis Jenkins-utility shed; Robert Harden-driveway and sump pump. Four ayes

Bengford reported that the installation of the playground equipment is delayed until the first week of August.

Discussion was had on re-surfacing the tennis court. There are several pros and cons. Not many are using the court at this time, but, it was felt that future generation might. Repairs could cost in the area of \$8,000.00. Grants would be applied for but interested citizens would be expected to raise the remainder of the cost. It was also discussed that the court should have a dual purpose – for example serve as a basketball court.. The Council was asked to poll the general public and residents are invited to respond to City Hall as well.

The Mayor then introduced the discussion panel for searching out options for financing the Lagoon Project. Engineer Kuehl announced that the plans are 90% complete. When the financing is in place, bids could be let in 3 weeks.

The City will not qualify for ARRA money because all the steps cannot be met by tomorrow's (unexpected) deadline. Until the Environmental steps are met, Rural Development cannot even estimate if the City qualifies for grants or loans.

The SRF Loan will raise each user bill approximately \$20.00 a month.

Following much discussion it was decided to keep our options open with *USDA-Rural Development* in hopes of receiving grant/loan funding. Currently all stimulus funds are in the hands of Congress and the outcome is indefinite. When the Environmental Study is accepted, the City will proceed with the bid process. (The USDA is very regulatory but could save the City money.)

The Mayor and Council thanked the group for their time and information.

Nuisances were discussed and the City Attorney will be consulted.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Scott to accept the Library report. Four ayes.

The County Law report was available for review.

Following discussion, it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Scott to adopt Resolution # 10.06.–Carl Vohs and Patrick Mau will receive \$8.50 per hour and all regular employees will receive a 1½ % raise. Four ayes.

Five delinquent water services are to be shut-off tomorrow if payment is not received.

Supt. Tysor inquired about getting rock for a base for the new tree-dump site. H also reported that the pump in the deep well (2200' deep) will need to be pulled at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00 either this year or next. It was decided to run a test on the well and hopefully wait a year to do the major work.

Discussion was had on the removal of the evergreens near the pool as the needles are causing havoc with the pump. The trees are getting older and dropping more needles. Currently the City is renting a machine to blow out the debris. The City staff would have the equipment to remove them. A different type of tree would be planted.

Street repair work will not commence until August or September.

At 9:05 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. Four ayes.

Mayor R. J. Rex

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk