

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

March 3, 2008 - 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: City Attorney Joe Heidenreich, Neal Kuehl (Kuehl & Payer, Ltd.) Al Wilke (Swanson Ins.), Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the agenda. All ayes. Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Flink to approve the minutes of the previous February meetings. All ayes. Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the bills as presented. All ayes.

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	10,264.38
Public Works	10,808.78
General Gov.	3,688.01
Culture & Recreation	12,403.47
Garbage	1,666.29
Recycling	1,341.70
Sales tax	775.00
Sewer	4,619.32
Water	<u>8,791.55</u>
Total	\$54,358.50

RECEIPTS (February)

Utilities	\$23,534.03
Taxes	5,132.90
Road Fund	7,518.31
Faith-Pool	3,000.00
Interest	37.09
Ins. Reimb.	5,286.28
Misc.	<u>550.00</u>
	\$ 45,058.61

City Attorney Joe Heidenreich presented a farm rent check to Odebolt Fire Dept. and the Odebolt Library. He stated that all the conditions of the lease have been met but one. The requested manure management plan is in the process but not yet completed.

Heidenreich also reported that the Library problems are fixable.

Engineer Neal Kuehl was present to discuss lagoon requirements and solutions. Back in the 70's Congress passed a Water Quality Act. Part of the Act required that all the streams in the United States would be fishable and swimmable. In 2002 Kuehl was working with the City to meet these limitations of ammonia discharge. A lot has happened in the interim. Following research, Iowa took the stance that some streams would never be fishable or swimmable and these streams had lower limitations.

In the meantime, some environmental "Watchdogs" started suing states for not enforcing the Water Quality Act standards. As a result, Iowa (about 2 years ago) took the initiative to try to meet the conditions that were set. The goal was to sample and study every single stream in the State of Iowa to determine if the stream had any evidence to confirm that the stream was used for any body contact, fishing or other use. They took the information and are reclassifying all the streams in the State. Following the re-

classification, the limits are much lower and now the City will be required to meet more stringent standards on the next permit.

Kuehl stated the current problems that the City is facing include: 1) ammonia nitrogen, 2) flows that spike during wet weather (infiltration), 3) bacteria/e-coli 4) state of the equipment- 20 years old.

One solution for the nitrification problem is a cover. Supt. Bill Tysor surveyed the set-up in Strawberry Point. The system is working quite well. Another solution could be the pilot chemical being sold by a California firm. They have offered to provide the chemical for one year to the City. There would be the need to inject the chemical in four areas of the system. It is currently being used by a hog confinement in Sac County. The worse case scenario would be \$90,000.00 a year. This cost would be equivalent to the cost of the cover.

Various grants are available as well as State Revolving Fund loans @ 3% interest.

At 8:15 p.m. the Mayor opened the Hearing on the FY 09 Budget.

Following much discussion it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to hire Kuehl to draw up a proposal not to exceed \$10,000.00 to serve as the engineering consultant during the pilot evaluation of a wastewater additive promoted to remove ammonia from the City's wastewater treatment plant discharge. This includes, but is not limited to, working with the IDNR on permits and preparing a SRF Planning & Design Loan application. All ayes.

At 8:30 p.m. the Mayor closed the Hearing on the proposed budget. There were no citizens present to question the budget. It was then moved by Scott and seconded by Flink to adopt Resolution #08.04 – adopting the budget as published.. All ayes

Al Wilke was present to update the Council on insurance changes and costs. It was moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to adopt Res. # 08.05 - accepting the insurance proposals as presented in the amount of \$22,567.00. All ayes.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Hemphill to approve the application of Cubby's for a Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to approve the following permits: Steven Wunschel-water & septic tank; Ron & Roxie Meier-kitchen & 2-car garage. All ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to adopt Res. #08.06 – adding First State Bank to the depository list. All ayes.

Bengford presented the following recommendations from their recent Board Meeting: Hire Chelsea Larson as manager. The following to be hired as lifeguards: Cory Duff (if he is still interested), Alison Hansen, Sydney Harm, Jessica Neumann, Kim Neumann, Kara Schroeder, Tyler Schroeder, Kendra Wunschel. The following to be hired as basketroom personnel: Seth Duff, Ethon Koenen, Samantha Bengford, Jacob Holmes, Zach Olson, Rebecca Neddemeyer, David Ekstrom, Kellyanne Gunderson. All ayes. Following discussion, it was decided that due to lack of upcoming lifeguards, the City would reimburse students taking the lifeguard course in the amount of \$50.00 for the guarantee that they would work for the City for a minimum of one year. Meagan Snyder will also be hired as lifeguard at the completion of the course. The Council approved all recommendations.

The Police report was reviewed.

Two dog complaints were discussed. Citations may be issued.

Delinquent water bills were discussed. If payment is not received shut-offs will be ordered.

The City wishes to thank Brian & Linda Johnson for the memorial to the swimming pool in memory of "Gene" Carstensen. This is very much appreciated.

The Council wishes to thank the Faith Foundation and Faith Lutheran Church for the very generous donation of \$3000.00 to the swimming pool. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

At 9:10 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. All ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk