

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 1, 2004 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Thompson, Hansen, Scott and Hemphill. Absent at roll call: Bengford. Also in attendance were: Brian Hanson-MidAmerican Energy, Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Thompson to approve the agenda. Four ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Four ayes. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Hemphill to approve the bills as presented: (Four ayes.)

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Community Protection	\$25,714.90
Garbage	2,485.03
Recycling	1,225.00
Road Fund	3,228.12
Sewer	3,905.47
Water	5,817.32
Sales Tax	714.12
General Fund	<u>8,524.31</u>
Total	\$51,614.27

OCTOBER RECEIPTS

Utilities	\$21,885.62
Taxes	97,046.97
Road Fund	8,267.09
Interest	1,772.50
Misc.	<u>123.00</u>
	\$129,095.18

LIBRARY RECEIPTS (September)

Sac County	\$2,520.50
Misc.	<u>\$ 141.47</u>
	\$2,661.97

LIBRARY DISBURSEMENTS (September)

Salaries	\$1,753.22
Utilities	203.16
Operating Exp.	<u>1,023.82</u>
	\$2,980.20

Moved by Hansen and seconded by Scott to approve the following building permits: (Four ayes.) Neil Griffin-replace sidewalk; Earl Mandernach-install deck.

Follow-up discussion was had on last month's notices to abate. Citations will be given to those not abated by the deadline. One additional letter will be sent this month.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Hansen to accept the Library Report. Four ayes.

Brian Hanson was present to explain to the Council the unique situation of the electrical outage that occurred yesterday. Following the much appreciated information received from a citizen the problem was discovered. The reason for the outage was a faulted underground cable on Dewey Street.

Hanson inquired if the Council had any other questions or concerns. Hansen commented on the price of gas. Hanson stated that there had recently been discussion on rates and that the electric rates would likely not change until 2012, which means MidAmerican Energy, had not raised their electrical rates in over 15 years.

At 7:44 p.m. Bengford entered.

The Police report was reviewed. Mayor Rex stated that the Safety Committee had met to discuss police coverage options. Those attending the meeting were: Mayor Rex, Councilman Hemphill and Chief Henderson. Beginning November 8th the City will have only one full time officer and part-time officers as needed.

Supt. Bill Tysor reported that the new pump for the well has not yet arrived and consequently he recommended to the Council that the cleaning of the tower wait until spring. The Council concurred. There was discussion as to whether the city should repair the current sweeper or have it replaced with a newer one. There was also continued discussion on the drainage situation on West 2nd Street. New tiling would cost approximately \$20,000.00. The Mayor commented that there is no money in the budget at this time. It will again be discussed in the spring.

The sidewalk snow-removal contract was renewed for the same price as last year.

Thompson reported that the Recreation Committee will meet on Wednesday. Jane Heidenreich and Brian Hanson are going off the Board and Sharon Rohlf and Brad Rosemeyer and will be new on the Board. The 4-H Clubs are going to buy two sand-diggers for the park. There will be volunteers to build the boxes and the Playground Fund will purchase the sand. The location of the diggers is yet to be decided.

Bengford inquired about house-to-house mail delivery. At this time there are no changes to be expected.

Extensive time was spent discussing old buildings. The owners of two buildings have been notified of their responsibility to commence the required repairs or improvements, or demolition or removal of the buildings.

At 8:40 p.m. it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Hemphill to adjourn. All ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk