

**CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Flink, Hoefling, Bengford and Scott. Absent: Hemphill. Also in attendance: Donarae Cleveland and Supt. Bill Tysor.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the agenda. Four ayes. Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Flink to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Four ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Flink to approve the bills as presented. Four ayes.

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	10,411.18
Public Works	6,041.33
Drainage	800.87
General Gov.	3,886.38
Culture & Recreation	3,356.42
Comm. & Ec. Dev.	85.00
Garbage	6,765.16
Recycling	1,231.00
Sales tax	747.00
Sewer	6,879.21
Water	6,245.98
Health & Social	<u>190.00</u>
Total	\$46,639.53

RECEIPTS (September)

Utilities	\$23,032.93
Taxes	23,734.36
Road Fund	8,325.68
Pool-INS Grant	250.00
Pool- ODC Gift	500.00
Interest	122.78
Misc.	<u>68.95</u>
	\$ 56,034.70

LIBRARY RECEIPTS (July)

Misc.	\$ 93.52
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LIBRARY DISBURSEMENTS (July)

Salaries	\$1,951.58
Utilities	269.67
Operating Exp.	<u>1,263.06</u>
	\$3,484.31

LIBRARY RECEIPTS (July)

Misc.	\$84.13
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LIBRARY DISBURSEMENTS (August)

Salaries	\$1,988.50
Utilities	334.32
Operating Exp.	<u>511.57</u>
	\$2,834.39

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the following permit applications: the Presbyterian Manse-replace fence (with stipulation that the fence goes back in the same place); UAP-sign and landscaping. Four ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to approve the application of CoBe's for renewal of their Liquor License. Four ayes.

The new recycling brochure was sent to all households and businesses. The cooperation of everyone is needed to help reduce tonnage taken to the landfill. Please note how articles are to be separated.

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

B.V. County Cat Rescue League will again be contacted for their services.

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

Many calls have been received regarding the city-wide tree trimming. The first notice was on the September water bill, followed by an ad in the Chronicle and posters hung in various businesses. The next notice was to those on the bus routes who had trees in violation of the ordinance. The latest notice was sent with all October water bills. Cooperation has been good to date. Property owners along the bus routes need to trim immediately. Those receiving the general notice need to try to be in compliance by the end of fall. If necessary, in the spring, the City will hire a contractor and the costs will be assessed against the property. The City Supt. noted that 16' poles would be loaned out to citizens to help assure that trees are in compliance.

It was noted that the mandatory tree trimming might be a hardship on some citizens but for the City to pay for the trimming would be impossible without raising the taxes. The low branches can and do cause damage to moving vehicles, therefore the ordinance must be enforced.

911 Calls....The delayed response was discussed. It was noted that the delay-due to routing- could be as long as 15-20 seconds. Citizens are reminded not to hang up but to stay on the line.

The Police report was reviewed.

Supt. Tysor reported that the inspection for the Silhouette Building would cost \$500.00. More decisions will follow. The sewer line on Main Street has been cleared and looks real good. But many of the service lines coming into the main have masses of tree roots. Supt. Tysor suggested that the City should do about a quarter of the town (mains) on an annual basis. (This would include just the cutting.) Hydrants will be flushed starting on Monday the 15th at 8:00 a.m. There is a bad wire at the West Well that needs to be replaced. Routine inspection of the wells will be taking place soon.

The future of the empty lot at 2nd and Maple was discussed. An offer will be made to a possible prospective owner.

Heidi Ladwig and Darcy Sibenaller have volunteered to chair a fundraising project for new playground equipment at the City Park. The City appreciates their efforts.

The City wishes to express gratitude for the following: for a Grant received from INS in the amount of \$250.00 for the Swimming Pool; to the Tuesday Club for the donation of \$75.00 for the Children's Christmas Activities; and to the ODC for the donation of \$500.00 for the Swimming Pool.

A company is coming to measure the city manholes to see if a drop-in will work to raise them to street level.

At 8:05 p.m. it was moved by Bengford and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. Four ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk