

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Thompson, Bengford, Scott and Hemphill. Absent: Hansen. Also in attendance were: Sharon Rohlf, Rita Rake, Ron Sorensen, Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Hemphill, seconded by Scott to approve the agenda. Four ayes.  
Moved by Thompson, seconded by Bengford to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Four ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Hemphill to approve \$100.00 reimbursement to property owners for each handicap accessible approach they install. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Bengford to approve the remaining bills as presented: (Four ayes)

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Community Protection	\$ 8,920.50
Garbage	2,996.35
Recycling	6.82
Road Fund	3,501.18
Sewer	4,728.11
Water	7,680.76
Sales Tax	726.77
Hum Dev	3,293.70
General Fund	<u>6,513.21</u>
Total	\$38,367.40

AUGUST RECEIPTS

Utilities	\$20,541.07
Taxes	285.61
Bank Franchise	6,418.11
Road Fund	8,474.97
Fines	27.45
Interest	854.03
Misc.	<u>290.32</u>
	\$36,891.56

Sharon Rohlf was present to see if any further decisions had been made on the motorized scooters. Hemphill stated that in conversation with the City Attorney they have been found to be illegal. She also inquired about having a space in the City where they could be ridden. Hemphill stated, "It could be possible, if someone would assume the liability."

After much discussion , it was moved by Bengford and seconded by Thompson to seek legal advice from the City Attorney in researching the legality of allowing the motorized scooters to be treated in the same respect as bicycles in allowing them to be ridden on residential sidewalks within the City of Odebolt. (Res. #04.25) Four ayes-absent: Hansen. It was further discussed that a minimum age should be set and that training should be required.

Rita Rake presented the Council with several names on petitions requesting that the bridge on Richland Ave. remain open. She also requested an Engineer's report which shows the recommendation that the bridge be replaced. She also requested a water hydrant be installed in their area. As they are not currently on city water, Supt. Tysor

reminded her of the obligations of connection to the city water supply. They are not willing to do this at this time. In further discussion, the Council determined that the City has ample ability to move water to the site in case of a fire.

Hemphill stated that the City would abandon the land on which the bridge stands if someone was willing to buy the bridge. An individual could do repairs much cheaper than the City can. The City could also try to work out a tax abatement plan.

Ron Sorensen was present to request a Children @ Play sign for West Highway. The speed limit was also discussed. A survey will be made of the area and a recommendation made to the Council.

The Mayor thanked the citizens for coming.

Discussion was had on the former Sunset Appliance Building. It was then moved by Hemphill and seconded by Scott to adopt the following Resolution #04.24 as follows: BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Odebolt, Iowa that we hereby request that the City Attorney seek a Release from the owners of the former Sunset Appliance Building located @ 132 West 2<sup>nd</sup>, Odebolt, Iowa so that the City may proceed with demolition of the building as set out in Chapter 130.07 of the City Code.

An asbestos inspection will be done and the City will accept the bid of Dean Quirk to tear down and remove the remains. Donations of money and help will be accepted in order to defray some of the costs. The remaining costs incurred under Section 130.07 shall be paid out of the City treasury. Such costs shall be charged to the owner of the premises involved and levied as a special assessment against the land on which the building structure is located, and shall be certified to the County Treasurer for collection in the manner provided for other taxes. Four ayes. Absent-Hansen.

At 8:40 p.m. Council Person Scott left the meeting due to a family commitment.

Moved by Hemphill, seconded by Bengford to approve the following permits: (Three ayes) Hattie Grace's-8' solar light; OCC, Inc.(renewal) remove concrete and do landscaping; Mark Olson- addition to house; Lance & Heidi Ladwig-landscaping and extend fence; Merle Miller-cement work; Jack Williams-flag pole & satellite dish; Pat Reis-flag pole; Jim & Carmin Rigby-extend fence, install lean-to; Mervin Peterson-replace sidewalk and concrete work; Gene Kelly-patio; Everett & Bobbie Scott-white picket fence; Jill and Bob Webb- plant bushes.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Hemphill to approve the application of Terry's Pump "N Pak for a Class C Beer Permit & Sunday Sales. Three ayes. Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Bengford to approve the application of Sparky's for a Class C Beer Permit & Sunday Sales. Three ayes.

Police Protection options were again discussed. No changes are expected for a couple of months.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Thompson to approve the Street Finance Report.- Res. #04.22. Three ayes. Absent: Hansen and Scott.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Bengford to adopt Res. #04.23 – a resolution to certify the costs of a nuisance against a property. Three ayes. Absent: Hansen and Scott.

Police report was reviewed.

The deep well pump will be pulled for inspection next week. The two shallow wells should be able to keep up the water supply.

The contractor for the tennis courts was unable to get here sooner in the season so the work will be delayed until May 2005.

Bengford checked into the cost of a machine used for spraying mosquitoes. There was no decision reached at this time.

At 9.28 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Bengford to adjourn. Three ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk