CITY OF ODEBOLT
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Seth Duff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Carl Hemer, Drew Stuhrenberg, Ron Sorensen, Levi Thies, and Seth Duff. Mayor Rick Roeder arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order. Also present were City Clerk Shae Leinbaugh, Public Works Superintendent Michael Grote, Carol Raasch, Fire Chief Greg Neville, Rob and Lindsay Rudd, Roxie Meier, Jason Eygabrad, Jade Carstensen, Nathan Neville, Todd Bengford, Kirk Duff, Nancy Detterman, and Dale Godbersen.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Duff, to approve the consent agenda, including the October 5, 2026, meeting minutes, bills, financial reports, library report, and building permits for Mark Hansen (new steps), Connor Hemer (concrete driveway), Colton Ransom (dirt work), and Mark Streed (new garage attached to house). Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Citizens addressed the Council regarding tree cutting, bid projects, and nuisance properties.

Mayor Roeder opened the public hearing for the General Obligation Fire Truck Acquisition Loan at 7:11 p.m. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Roxie Meier addressed the Council regarding drainage issues on Water Street that prevent access to the property. The Council agreed to review the situation and explore possible solutions.

Motion by Hemer, seconded by Duff, to accept the UBI amortization schedule for the fire truck acquisition. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Duff, seconded by Stuhrenberg, to approve Resolution 27.13, General Obligation Fire Truck Acquisition Note, Series 2026. Roll call ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Thies, and Sorensen. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Sorensen, to approve Resolution 27.14, Notice of Hearing for the 2027 Southeast Water Main Improvements Project. Roll call ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Thies, and Sorensen. Motion carried.
Motion by Thies, seconded by Duff, to approve a $1.00 increase in the contracted residential garbage rate and a $0.50 increase in the contracted residential recycling rate with Rudd Sanitation. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Sorensen, for the City of Odebolt to serve as the fiscal agent for the Odebolt 150th Anniversary Book project. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Three bids were received for the generator in the amounts of $333, $1,550, and $1,550. Motion by Hemer, seconded by Thies, to reject all bids. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

One bid was received for the City Hall improvement project. Motion by Thies, seconded by Duff, to accept Brian Pierce's bid in the amount of $19,075. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Hemer, seconded by Thies, to approve Resolution 27.15, renewing medical insurance coverage without John Bensely. Roll call ayes: Hemer, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen, Thies, and Duff. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Duff, to deny the invoice submitted by Bill Wallace for sewer camera services. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the water shutoff in Wallace's field. No action was taken. Public Works Superintendent Grote will obtain quotes and report back at the next meeting.

Motion by Hemer, seconded by Duff, to approve Resolution 27.16, authorizing the transfer of $12,932 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the Library. Roll call ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen, and Thies. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Duff, to refund the late fee assessed to 524 S. Lincoln Street. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Hemer, to retain the 1968 Chevrolet fire truck for City use. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Stuhrenberg, to pursue appropriate legal action regarding the tree log incident, including referring the matter to law enforcement for investigation of possible theft and trespassing, and to permanently prohibit the individual involved from using the City dump. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Hemer, to approve the completion of Ethan's 90-day probationary period and authorize a $1.00 per hour wage increase. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Thies, seconded by Duff, to proceed with the proposal to install overhead Christmas Street lights along Second Street, from the schoolhouse toward SCSB. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Hemer, seconded by Thies, to approve the purchase of a BOSS snowplow blade for the City pickup. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Hemer, seconded by Duff, to approve Resolution 27.17, approving the Annual Street Financial Report. Roll call ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen, and Thies. Motion carried.

Motion by Hemer, seconded by Sorensen, to approve the rental fee for the Christmas Town event. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

The Council discussed nuisance concerns at 323 E. 1st Street and 321 E. 1st Street.
The Council agreed to proceed with sending a letter to 323 E. 1st Street notifying the property owner that the previously cut tree branch must be removed due to safety concerns.

The Council also agreed to proceed with sending a nuisance abatement letter to 321 E. 1st Street addressing the violations present on the property.

The Council was informed that there were three delinquent water accounts.

City Clerk Leinbaugh provided an update regarding ordinances adopted by other communities concerning the red-tagging or condemnation of properties without functioning water or sewer service.

Leinbaugh reported that both sidewalk projects and the tree removal projects have been completed.

The Council was also informed that the Region 12 housing project will soon be available to qualifying buyers with an annual household income of less than $125,000.
Public Works Superintendent Grote informed the Council that repairs or improvements to the ambulance shed should be considered. Grote also reminded the Council that decisions need to be made regarding which streets will be prioritized for repairs in the spring.

Motion by Stuhrenberg, seconded by Duff, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

October 2026 Claims:

Claims (October 2026)

General	$42,368.24
Library	$2,613.89
Road Use Tax	$38,296.38
Employee Benefit	$600.96
Water	$12,580.71
Storm Sewer	$900.00
Sewer	$2358.00
Total	$99,718.18

October 2026 Receipts:

Receipts (October2026)

General	$163,398.93
Library	$5,995.30
Road Use Tax	$11,282.85
Local Option Sales Tax	$10,601.62
Employee Benefit	$26,227.17
Debt Service	$31,333.70
Water	$26,910.04
Sewer	$15,619.11
Lagoon	$1,100.00
Storm Sewer	$479.99
Total	$292948.71

Vendor Name	Net Amount
ACCO	$1,181.21
BADGER METER	$56.10
CONWAY SHIELD	$289.59
CULLIGAN	$23.40
HEMER'S PLBG & HTG	$1,358.00
IOWA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCE	$120.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENS	$720.00
LARRY BECKMAN MOTORS	$285.97
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	$4,844.67
ROB LITZENBERGER	$31.92
SAC CO MUTUAL TELEPHONE	$350.17
SHAE LEINBAUGH	$485.64
WELLMARK	$679.83
ACCO	$541.60
BRIAN PIERCE	$34,258.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	$42.68
CUBBY'S INC.	$770.65
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT CO INC	$340.20
FOUNDATION ANAYTICAL LAB	$930.00
GEORGE BLAZEK LAW OFFICE	$270.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	$425.60
HOEFLING LAWN SERVICE	$5,010.00
IOWA COMPUTER DEPOT	$900.00
IOWA ONE CALL	$27.90
JEFF ALLAN RAASCH	$75.00
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	$40.14
ODEBOLT LUMBER	$507.41
PER MAR SECURITY	$2,073.84
ROBERT A RUDD	$7,999.00
SAC COUNTY NEWSPAPER	$434.03

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY	$11,928.00
SAC COUNTY TREASURER	$2,984.37
SAMANTHA FERTIG	$1,400.00
TERESA FERTIG	$1,365.00
UNITY POINT HEALTH	$55.00
VISA	$1,814.48
POSTMASTER	$250.50
DELTA DENTAL	$37.04
EFTPS	$4,154.17
IPERS	$3,214.33
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	$356.43
WELLMARK	$2,032.92
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	$3,520.36
JULIE CHILDERS	$202.30
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	$394.46
LINDA SLEIGHT	$140.00
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	$72.49
SAC CO MUTUAL TELEPHONE	$129.41
IOWA FIRE CONTROL	$373.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	$221.37
	$99,718.18