

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2009 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Ron Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Flink, Hoefling, Bengford and Scott. Absent: Hemphill. Also present: Kerry & Deb Reinhart, Jody Harris, Joan Cowlham, Supv. Jack Bensley, Mr. Eric Miller, Scott Hoefling, Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Sonny Bruns.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the agenda. Four ayes. Moved by Bengford and seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the March meetings. Four ayes. Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Flink to approve the bills as presented. Four ayes.

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND	
Public Safety	13,652.88
Drainage	239.40
Public Works	13,024.25
General Gov.	9,447.38
Comm. & Ec. Dev.	50.00
Culture & Recreation	2,691.79
Garbage	2,991.50
Recycling	1,340.00
Sales tax	728.00
Sewer	6,941.34
Water	11,229.19
LOST fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$63,335.73

RECEIPTS (March)	
Utilities	\$24,816.43
Taxes	8,691.80
Road Fund	9,091.62
Sac Co Endowment	
Foundation-pool	6,000.00
Sac Co Endowment	
Foundation-Museum	8,500.00
Trees Please	1,000.00
Interest	1,366.75
Misc.	<u>110.00</u>
	\$59,576.60

Kerry & Deb Reinhart were present to represent the Odebolt Betterment Committee. Two applications have been submitted for planting trees & shrubs along Hwy. 175 to enhance the corridor passing through town. Kerry also requested approval to start shingling the shelter house along Hwy. 175. The future plans for this site also include repainting the shelter house, adding a decorative handrail, handicap accessible sidewalk, low maintenance landscaping and the placement of an historical plaque telling the history of the Odebolt Ground Observers Corp. Observation Tower. (Visit: www.odebolt.net history pages.) At this time financial support has been received from P. Dale Gronemeyer, Mary Jeanne Thompson, Lundell Plastics and the City of Odebolt. More financial assistance is needed in order to complete the project. The Mayor & Council commended the Reinharts for their work on these projects.

Jody Harris was present to address the Council on purchasing a building or a lot for a new business on Main Street. She wishes for her children to grow up in a town they can be proud of, not a deteriorating one. Many questions remain unanswered and will be pursued. The Mayor and City Council encouraged Mrs. Harris in her endeavors and agreed to help where possible.

Joan Cowlham was present representing the Major Minor girls program. Because of the number of girls interested this year, there is need for an additional team, coach and equipment. Kris Schroeder is addressing the O-A School Board and Joan was requesting additional support from the City. The City Council requested more information on the anticipated amount needed and indicated they would be willing to help out. The Mayor & Council thanked her for work with the youth of our community.

A letter was read from Rick Crawford representing the Major Minor boys. He will serve as the head coach this year. His help is likewise appreciated.

Mr. Miller and Scott Hoefling were present to request that the FFA be allowed to place a Welcome to Odebolt sign at the west entry to town. Different locations were discussed and they will be seeking permission from the DOT and the property owner to install the sign.

At 8:00 p.m. the Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to formally approve signing of the Agreement between the City of Odebolt and Engineer Neal Kuehl for Professional Services for the replacement of the existing aerated lagoon with a new controlled discharge lagoon including pump station modifications and extended force main. Four ayes. Absent: Hemphill.

Moved by Hoefling and seconded by Flink to allow the following permits: OBC-Dogwood shrubs along fence line of the maintenance area, OBC-Concolor trees and shade trees located along west entry through town; Larry Wilkerson-deck with steps; John Scanlan-fence. Four ayes

Moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to give final approval for the tax abatement request of Lundell Plastics for a Morton building and for Brian Lundell for a storage building. Four ayes.

Supt Bill Tysor reported that they will be making a more intense investigation of residents' recycling habits. The object is to make sure that all residents are recycling. The businesses will also be contacted to find more ways of recycling, thus reducing the tonnage taken to the landfill.

The Police report was reviewed. Council members have been talking to residents and business owners about contracting with the County for law enforcement. The feedback has been very positive with little negativity. Due to the economic situation, County Law is becoming a sign of the times. As stated in the proposed agreement, the Sheriff's Office would be adequately staffed as to provide service 24-hrs a day, 7-days a week. The City would also have the availability of a Detective Investigator when needed.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Scott to continue moving forward in the re-organization of the Police Department pending an acceptable agreement in reaching a "fair market" value of the police vehicle and the equipment. Three ayes. Abstained: Deputy Keith Flink. Absent: Hemphill. The contract would go into effect on or before June 30, 2009.

At 8:30 p.m. the Mayor closed the Public Hearing. There were no citizens present to question the proposed budget amendment. Moved by Scott and seconded by Hoefling to adopt Resolution #09.08-adopting the Budget Amendment as published. Four ayes. Absent: Hemphill.

Supt. Bill Tysor reported that the contractors would be TV/jetting sewer lines the week of April 13th. A possible site has been determined for the new lagoon and soil samples have been taken. A special meeting may need to be called in order to proceed. Three water leaks have been discovered and a drain is busted that needs to be dug up for repair. Street repairs were also discussed.

There was also discussion on moving the tree dump. If this were the case, it would require a fence with a locked gate. No decision was made at this time.

Bengford reported that repairs will be completed at the pool before opening.

The City appreciates the memorial received for the swimming pool in memory of Bob Tiefenthaler from Joan's Headquarters.

At 9:00 p.m. it was moved by Bengford and seconded by Hoefling to adjourn. All ayes.

Mayor R. J. Rex

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk