

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

October 6, 2008 - CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Flink, Hoefling, Bengford, Scott and Hemphill. Also in attendance were: Laura Hamilton, Keri Lane, Donarae Cleveland, Ron Sorensen, Supt. Bill Tysor and Officer Sonny Bruns.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to approve the agenda. All ayes. Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to approve the minutes of the August meetings. All ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Flink to approve the bills as presented: which includes Resolution #08.22 to approve the street repair work by Tri-State Paving. All ayes

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$7,549.94
Health & Social	210.00
Comm. & Ec.	1,403.98
Drainage	785.76
Public Works	40,202.80
LOST	8,700.00
General Gov.	4,546.58
Culture & Recreation	1,573.15
Garbage	2,926.18
Recycling	1,341.70
Sewer	6,488.96
Water	<u>8,013.49</u>
Total	\$83,742.54

RECEIPTS (September)

Utilities	\$26,692.77
Taxes	19,908.23
Road Fund	8,396.24
Interest	32.86
Misc.	<u>276.47</u>
	\$55,306.57

LIBRARY INCOME (August)

Misc.	<u>\$ 55.27</u>
	\$ 55.27

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES (August)

Payroll	\$2,078.20
Utilities	251.67
Operating Expenses	<u>432.66</u>
	\$2,762.53

At 7:31 p.m. the Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the application for a Community Development Block Grant. Mayor Rex welcomed and introduced Keri Lane from Region XII. She explained that she would be taking the surveys back to Region XII to tabulate them. A requirement of being eligible is that a minimum of 51% of the citizens are in the low to moderate (LMI) income range. Several questions were asked on time frames and other sources of income. The deadline for submitting the application is November 14, 2008 and it appears

that the money must be spent in 12 -18 months following the receipt of the Grant. The Mayor commented that we need all the money we can get for this project.

At 7:45 p.m. the Mayor closed the Hearing. There were no citizens present nor were there any written comments received questioning the application.

Engineer Neal Kuehl reviewed the steps that the City has taken thus far in the process of remedying the wastewater situation. The Project Initiation Meeting was held with an Engineer from DNR (this is a mandate for receiving any funding from the State Revolving Fund). The next step is submitting a Facility Plan Report. Basically there are three things that the current operation is not doing to meet the requirements of the Water Quality Standards Act. 1.)

During heavy flows the water goes through a by-pass and goes directly into the creek. This might occur during 20-30 days in a year. Solution- more pumps, basket screen and a wet well. 2.) In some months there is not sufficient ammonia removal. One solution is an insulated 2" floating cover and aerator/mixers. Another solution is to construct a new activated treatment system. A third solution is a controlled discharge lagoon. 3.) Because of new classifications the stream has become a higher level of recreation (there could be human contact with the water), so sterilization is required. One solution is chlorination, another is ultraviolet filtration. All the above solutions are extremely costly.

The City is not under any Administrative Order at this time.

After much discussion it was decided to call a special meeting to further discuss ways to deal with updating the lagoon situation.

The Mayor then proceeded to appoint an Engineer Selection Committee as follows: Chairman Butch Hemphill, Supt. Bill Tysor, Councilmen Mike Hoefling and Jim Scott.

Laura Hamilton was present to discuss the blocking of her driveway. She commented that the cones have helped. But the drivers need to understand that they cannot block driveways.

Ron Sorensen and Donarae Cleveland were present to represent the Library Board. They wished to address the Council for support in pursuing the funding of the necessary money to do the repairs caused by faulty construction work. Note: there is litigation pending on the recovery of the money that will be spent on this repair. The Council approved and Hoefling was appointed to contact the banks for an interest rate bid.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to approve the following permits: Travis Reis-bushes; Al Wilke-satellite dish; Jack Bensley-3 trees. (All ayes.)

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to approve the application of CoBe's Bar & Grill for License renewal which includes Sunday Sales and Outdoor Sales. All ayes.

The next Community Visioning meeting will be October 21, 2008 at the Fire Station.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Flink to adopt Resolution #08.18 - a resolution to reduce the medical premium and to pay the final \$500.00 of an employee's deductible as needed. This resolution renders Resolution #08.14 as null and void. All ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to adopt Resolution #08.19 - this resolution will partially rescind Resolution #06.15 in that the yield signs on 4th & Dewey shall be removed. All ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hoefling to rescind Resolution #08.17 - thus removing the weight limit signs on the bridge near FC. (The inspection shows that the bridge is safe without the load limit.) Resolution #08.20. All ayes.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to adopt Resolution #08.21 - Utility Identity Theft Protection Program. All ayes.

Several nuisances were discussed. One has been set for Court, another will receive a citation, one will receive a Notice to Abate Nuisance, and three residents will be spoken to by Chief Sonny Bruns.

Moved by Scott and seconded by Bengford to accept the Library Report. All ayes.

The Police report and requests were reviewed. Mayor Rex stated that Sonny Bruns had been temporarily appointed by him as Acting Chief. He requested that the Council ratify his appointment at this time. It was then moved by Flink and seconded by Bengford to appoint Sonny Bruns as Chief of Police. All ayes. Officer Bruns was then sworn in as Police Chief of Odebolt by Mayor Rex.

Bids were opened for a Police Car. Flink moved to accept the low bid of Rex Chevrolet. Due to some discrepancies in the bids, the motion failed for lack of second.

Trick-or-Treat night is set for Friday evening, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Supt. Bill Tysor gave the following reports: the contractor for the demolition of the Klink building is scheduled for this week. The concrete pile still presents a problem. There is too much dirt with the concrete. If the contractor doesn't get the pile moved soon, the City will hire a dozer to get it moved so there will be room for snow. There is a shortage of salt for this winter and problems have been encountered in purchasing it. The contractor has started trimming trees. Tiling will be done this fall from 2nd Street to the RR Tracks. The pool repairs are near completion.

Moved by Flink and seconded by Hemphill to renew the sidewalk snow removal contract with Cord Horsley. All ayes.

Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Scott to pay our Webmaster \$50.00 a month. All ayes.

A Thank You was read from Tom Down for the donation given to the Odebolt Cemetery Association.

At 9:55 p.m. it was moved by Hemphill and seconded by Bengford to adjourn. All ayes.

R. J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk