

Osakis City Council

July 2, 2007

7:00 PM

Present: Hagemann, Pederson, Astleford, Emerson, Tholen

Absent: None

Mayor Gary Astleford called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Hagemann to approve June 4, 2007 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Motion by Hagemann, seconded by Tholen to approve the City bills in the amount of \$584,435.53. All Ayes

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to approve the Fire Department bills in the amount of \$4,872.65. All Ayes.

Motion by Hagemann, seconded by Tholen to approve an additional City bill for Landteam in the amount of \$25,000.00. All Ayes.

Project #76: Police

Officer Gilson was in attendance.

Council received Police Report for the month of June.

Project #24: Liquor Store

Joe Ketelboeter was in attendance.

Joe stated that the employee that cleans the liquor store is asking for a raise.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Emerson to approve a raise of \$25.00 per week for the Liquor Store Cleaner. All Ayes.

A new freezer was purchased from Larry's TV at a cost of \$339.00.

The smoking ban was discussed. Joe stated that he will wait and see what is going to happen with this and to find out what they can or can't do.

Project #205: City Crew

Ron Kleinschmidt was in attendance. Council received the monthly report and the drinking water report from the MN Dept. of Health.

Ron informed the council on the following:

5.7 million gallons of water was treated.

The water tower was cleaned at a cost of \$2,700. Ron recommends budgeting \$900.00 for water tower cleaning.

Water meter readings for July will be inside and outside readings.

A letter will be given to the residents that have high readings.

Water leak in the City Hall basement has been fixed.

4.9 million gallons have been pumped to the ponds.

67 million gallons have been discharged.

Recycling bins will be moved to the city garage. A sign will be made to tell the residents where they are moved to.

Ron stated that there is a problem with coon tail weeds in ponds three and four and needs to be taken care of. Ron has talked to Pro Lake Management and they would treat the ponds for about \$8,000.00.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Hagemann the approval of \$8,000.00 to treat the coon tail weeds at the waste water ponds. All Ayes.

Project #15: Fire Department

John Swenstad and Brian Helberg were in attendance. Council received the Schedule I & II for 2007.

John stated the Fire Relief Board wants to change the dates to calculate the Schedule I & II for next year. They want to allow enough time from when they receive the forms from the state to when the council would approve them at the regular council meeting. They have to be finished and approved by August 1st of each year.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Tholen to approve changing the Schedule I & II from \$2,700 to \$2,600. All Ayes.

Project #105: Street Lights

Joe McFadden was in attendance and discussed the light that is located at 5th Avenue East and at the road that goes through the park. The light is located on his lot at 501 Lake Street East. The light is used to light up the park bathrooms.

The light has been on and off within the last year and now Xcel Energy has fixed the problem with it. He feels the light is too bright and does not shine on the park bathrooms.

After discussion regarding the light, the council has decided to have Xcel Energy remove the light completely. If there are problems with the park bathroom a light could be put up by the playground equipment to shine towards the bathrooms.

Project #122: Cemetery

The items at West Evergreen Cemetery were removed by our summer help last year. The items were kept at the city garage to see if anyone would claim the items. Some items were claimed and others were disposed of this spring when the city crew was cleaning the building.

A resident inquired about the missing items at the cemetery. The resident is asking the city to pay for the new plant holder.

Motion by Astleford, seconded by Tholen to deny payments for items removed from the cemetery. All Ayes.

Project #38: Township Fire Protection

The council received the letter that was sent to the townships inviting them to a meeting on July 11, 2007. The fire department will hold this meeting to answer any questions they may have regarding township fire protection.

Project #249: Planning and Zoning

Council received the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on June 21, 2007.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Tholen to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes from the June 21, 2007 meeting. All Ayes.

Project #174: Overtime Report

Council received the Overtime Report for June.

Council is questioning some of the overtime hours.

Ron stated that not all of the overtime hours are from the month of June. Some of the hours occurred the last week of May which are included in June's payroll.

Project #343: Fireworks

Council received the signed lease agreement with the Osakis Country Club for the fireworks display.

Osakis Women's Association will collect money at the fireworks for next years display.

Project #56: Insurance

Council received the quotation for the worker's compensation premium for 2007. The amount is \$15,309.00

Motion by Tholen, seconded by Emerson to approve the amount of \$15,309.00 for worker's compensation.

Project #109: Liquor License

The Catholic Church is requesting a one day beer license for the church festival on Sunday July 8, 2007. They are also asking permission to close the alley between 3rd and 4th Avenues on Saturday July 7th, 2007 and Sunday July 8th, 2007.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Pederson to approve a liquor license and closing of the alley between 3rd and 4th Avenues for the Catholic Church Festival on July 7th, 2007 and July 8th, 2007. All Ayes.

Project #284: David Drowns

Council received a letter from David Drowns Associated regarding the preparing of the 2006 TIF Reports. The city has four TIF districts and the cost will be \$3,000.00

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Hagemann to approve the preparing of the four TIF districts at a cost of \$3,000.00. All Ayes.

Project #60: Ordinance Change

Council received an ordinance change that was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their June 21, 2007 meeting.

Ordinance was read once.

Project #170: Osakis Chamber of Commerce

Council received the May 16th, 2007 meeting minutes, June 20, 2007 agenda and June 20, 2007 meeting minutes.

Project #Osakis Visitor and Heritage Center

Council received the June 19th, 2007 meeting minutes.

Project #370: Osakis Visitor and Heritage Center

Council received the June 19th, 2007 meeting minutes.

Project # : Industrial Park

There are concerns over the driveways that Landwehr will be putting in at the businesses in the Industrial Park.

They are putting in 40' driveways and the businesses had a 50' one prior to the project starting.

Ron will contact Landteam and make sure that 50' driveways are put in.

Other Information:

Mayor Astleford commented that we as city officials are sometimes asked that our city crew to do extra jobs. These extra jobs are to be brought before the council before the individual council members make promises to do these jobs.

Council member Emerson had talked to Jason Schultz regarding the First Responder Pagers. Douglas County and North Ambulance are going to different pagers. So the First Responders may have to get new ones.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Hagemann to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All Ayes.

Mayor - Gary L. Astleford

City Clerk - Angela A. Jacobson