

Osakis City Council
June 4, 2007
7:00 PM

Present: Pederson, Hagemann, Tholen, Astleford, Emerson
Absent: None

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

The pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Pederson to approve the agenda as presented with additional items - Central Lakes Cruzers, the 150th Anniversary and house condition on 2nd Avenue East & Main Street. All Ayes.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to approve May 7, 2007 meeting minutes. All Ayes.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Tholen to approve the City bills in the amount of \$258,304.35 and Fire Department bills in the amount of \$2,626.25. All Ayes.

Project #24: Liquor Store

Joe Ketelboeter was in attendance. He informed the council that the new computer system was being installed and that the new sign was put up. He would also like to see what information is needed for the smoking band to put in a patio or smoking room.

Project #205: City Crew

Ron Kleinschmidt was in attendance. He informed the council of the following items: Discharge from the pond 1.5 Phosphorus and put in Alum to get below 1, 2 storm sewer repairs, 1 water leak, #1 main lift station is repaired and #2 lift station will need to be repaired. Alarm light on Lake Street lift needs to be repaired. Ron would like to know if any one has information on where the wells are located on 1st Avenue East. The City Crew will be painting the streets and hydrants before the Festival.

Project #5: East Side Pond/Industrial Park Improvements

Tom Klemenhausen was in attendance.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Tholen to suspend the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. All Ayes.

Purpose of the public hearing is to vacate 22 feet east of 3rd Avenue East in the Industrial Park.

Tom Klemenhausen stated the 22 feet will be vacated and it will be an easement.

All interested parties had an opportunity to speak.

A Resolution was presented by Emerson, seconded by Pederson to vacate 22 feet east of 3rd Avenue East in the Industrial Park. When put to a vote the resolution passed unanimously.

Motion by Hagemann, seconded by Tholen to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. All Ayes.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Pederson to open the regular council meeting at 7:09 p.m. All Ayes.

Council received price cost for vacating the 22 feet. Also received the price quote for the stacking and recording for Rush Street, the new Industrial Park lot and LeRoy Mackove's property.

Project #366: Sanitary Sewer Study

Ken Weber was in attendance to discuss the Sanitary Sewer Study that was completed in 2006 and the next steps the council should consider. He updated the council on the six recommendations made by Landteam.

1. Public Awareness – sump pumps – what is the effect – roof drain
2. Smoke and Dye Test - \$48,640.00 – 20EDU
3. Televis – disconnect service to the A6 Area. \$76,000.00
inside home inspections – footage drains – disconnect
4. Sewer Main Televis - \$6,400.00 – A6 Area and Industrial Park with construction.
5. Begin Wastewater Facility Plan – no less than 5 years - \$40,000.00 for the study
6. Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Plan

Ron will talk to Ken Weber about televising in the Industrial Park while the city has the construction going on.

Project #38: Township Fire Protection

Township Supervisors were in attendance to ask questions about township fire protection contracts and to see the new formula.

Council and Townships received a spreadsheet from the fire department for the 2008 fire protection. It showed the amount each township paid in 2007 and what they will pay in 2008. The spreadsheet shows the totals using the old formula and the new formula.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Tholen to approve the contract for the 2008 Township Fire Protection using the new formula of .028 of the tax capacity of coverage. All Ayes.

Project #185: Water Tower Maintenance

Council received quotes last November on the cleaning of the water tower. At that time the council choose to wait until a new superintendent was hired.

Ron has been talking with Sauk Centre to see if they would clean the water tower for us, city insurance would not cover their employees.

Ron looked over the quotes received last year and Water Tower Clean & Coat came in the cheapest at \$2,700.00. This is the low bid and if the council approves this, they could be here Wednesday, June 6th.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Tholen to approve the Water Tower Clean & Coat to clean tower at a cost \$2,700.00. All Ayes.

Project #249: Planning and Zoning Commission

Council received the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission board meeting on May 17, 2007.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Pederson to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes from the May 17, 2007 meeting. All Ayes.

Project #42: Clean Up Day

Clerk informed the council that the Clean Up Day on May 19, 2007 the city made \$2,554.00

Expenses for wages, pop and cookies was \$272.57.

Fuel for the West Central Sanitation Trucks was \$201.57.

The net profit is \$2,079.86. This amount will go to the 2008 Fireworks.

Council appreciated the help from The Osakis Lions, Sentence to Serve, City Employees and West Central Sanitation. Without their help the clean up day would not run so smoothly.

Project #174: Overtime Report

Council received the overtime report for May.

Project #213: Lifeguards

The City have posted ads in the Osakis Review, at the Osakis and Sauk Centre Schools and Alexandria Recreation. The City received no applications for lifeguards. Mary Palm will not be coming back this year.

Council will decided to close the beach or post signs to swim at your own risk, with no lifeguard on duty.

Council received a letter from our attorney that was received last year regarding the beach.

Ron Kleinschmidt explained what was done in the City of Vergas with their beach.

Open beach with no equipment in the water.

City will keep the beach clean.

The beach house is open in the morning and closed at night.

No lifeguard on duty sign posted.

Project #343: Fireworks

Council was informed that a contract has been sent to the Osakis Country Club to rent it for the fireworks.

Council will receive a copy of the signed contract at the July council meeting.

Clerk will put an ad in the paper for those who donated money to the fireworks.

Gun raffle is going well. 80 tickets has been sold at the Liquor Store and Ron has sold his.

Suggestion was made to collect money on the 4th of July Fireworks by a group of adults.

Roger Larson will talk with Council Member Keith Emerson on a plan to do this. Maybe an ad could be put in the paper so people know what they are collecting the money for.

Motion by Tholen, seconded by Hagemann to approve the transfer of money for the Fireworks. All Ayes.

Project #50: Transfers

Council received the following:

1. Transfer \$30,000 from the Industrial Park fund to the East Side Pond/Industrial Park Improvement Fund.
2. Transfer \$35,000 from the Liquor Store Fund. \$10,000 will go to the Street Savings and \$25,000 will go to the General Fund.
3. Last year the council did not approve the transfer of \$5,000 from the Ambulance Fund. Does the council want to transfer this amount this year? The transfer would go to the Street Fund.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Hagemann to approve to transfer \$30,000 from EDA Industrial Park savings to the Industrial Park Project, transfer \$35,000 from Liquor Store - \$25,000 to the General Fund and \$10,000 to the Street Fund and \$5,000 from the Ambulance Savings to the Street Fund. All Ayes.

Project #56: Insurance

Council received a price list of Dental Insurance for the city employees that are chosen through our health insurance coop.

City employees are interested in having this insurance, and it would be of no cost to the city.

Would like the council's permission to allow city employees to have the option of dental insurance.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Tholen to approve that the city employees be allowed to have dental insurance at no cost to the city. All Ayes.

Project #233: Sauk River Watershed

City has received a grant from the Sauk River Watershed District for \$50,000 and a \$50,000 loan at 3.50% for the storm water pond in the Industrial Park.

Council received the Sauk River Watershed District meeting minutes.

Project #391: 150th Anniversary

Laura Backes was in attendance. She asked the council to contribute money to the 150th celebration.

Motion by Astleford, seconded by Hagemann to approve \$500 for 150th celebration. Died for lack of Motion.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Tholen to approve \$750.00 for the 150th celebration. All Ayes.

Project #344: Assessors

Council received a contract from Douglas County Assessor's office. This is a four year contract to put assessments on each parcel. The first three year's cost is \$6.75 per parcel and the fourth year is \$7.00 per parcel.

Motion by Astleford, seconded by Emerson to approve the contract with Douglas County for the next four years to put assessments on each parcel. All Ayes.

Project #170: Osakis Chamber of Commerce

Council received an email that the Clerk received from Jan Moore about providing the minutes from the Chamber of Commerce, Visitor-Heritage Board, and Osakis Onward. Does the council want to keep receiving these minutes?

Council would like the minutes in spirit of cooperation and communication. They would be greatly appreciative to be informed of what is going on. Council members are busy and can not always attend all meetings.

Project #370: Visitor Center

Council received the May 15, 2007 meeting minutes.

Project #312: Osakis Onward

Council received the May 10, 2007 meeting minutes.

A letter will be written to Osakis Onward about approval of the four sided clock and the location that was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Project #172: Car Club

Car Club will be holding the Roddin Round the Lakes Car Show on July 14th. They would like permission to close Main Street from 1st Avenue East to 1st Avenue West. The city will provide eight barricades to close the road.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Hagemann to approve to close two blocks downtown from 1st Avenue East to 1st Avenue West on July 14th, 2007.

House at 2nd Avenue and Main Street

Lawn at 2nd Avenue and Main Street has not been taken care of.

Clerk stated that Officer Uhl is in charge of weed control and he will look into getting it taken care of.

Motion by Hagemann, seconded by Tholen to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All Ayes.

Mayor - Gary L. Astleford

City Clerk - Angela A. Jacobson