

Osakis City Council
September 4, 2007
7:00 PM

Present: Tholen, Hagemann, Pederson, Astleford

Absent: Emerson

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 with the addition of project numbers 192, 69 and 392. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Motion by Tholen, seconded by Hagemann to approve August 6, 2007, August 15, 2007 and August 28, 2007 meeting minutes. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to approve the City bills in the amount of \$453,571.11 and Fire Department bills in the amount of \$1,098.23. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Project #76: Police

Chief Mark Gilson was in attendance. Council received Police Report for the month of August. Chief Gilson reported that a 800 megahertz radio will be needed in the next two years. The existing radios will not work after that time. The state may fund some of the cost. Also note that the burglaries and thefts on the Police Report have been solved.

Project #24: Liquor Store

Joe Ketelboeter was not in attendance. No report was presented.

Project #205: City Crew

Ron Kleinschmidt was in attendance. Council received the Public Works Report for the month of August.

5.6 million gallons of water were treated. The ponds received 4.5 million gallons.
The hydrants at 1st Ave E & Main St E and the hydrant at 8th Ave W & Oak St W were replaced.
The cleaning of the salt brine tank was completed.
Mid Con completed asphalt patches and the potholes were filled.
The crosswalks in the school areas were painted.

Everett Anderson was in attendance. Asked the council and Ron about the water runoff into his driveway at 503 Main Street West. Ron will find out about the storm sewer and get back to the council. He also asked about having the road blacktopped by his residence. Council told him that they would take action when they receive a petition stating that the other owners on the street want the road blacktopped, curb and gutter.

Project #143: Cable TV

Joel Smith from Arvig Communication System was in attendance to discuss setting up a franchise agreement for cable TV in Osakis.

A notice will need to be published in the paper for the intent to seek a franchise for two weeks.

City is requesting information on financial, structural, and organizational items. After reviewing these items there will be a Public Hearing.

Changes can be made if desired to the agreement that Charter Communications has with the city.

Motion by Tholen, seconded by Pederson to approve the request of the franchise agreement from Arvig Communications. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Project #249: Planning and Zoning Commission

Council received the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes from the August 16, 2007 meeting.

Floyd Kruse was in attendance. He discussed his variance that was denied at the August 6, 2007 council meeting.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to approve the building permit and variance of 21 feet. When put to a vote For: Pederson, Hagemann, Astleford Against: Tholen Absent: Emerson

Clerk will check with Dan Marthaler if the fill needs to be completed before the building construction can begin. Planning and Zoning minutes stated that the fill needed to be done before construction.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Tholen to approve the meeting minutes from August 16, 2007. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Project #60: Ordinance Change

Council received the proposed Ordinance changes.

Change #71 – Liquor and Beer 2:00 a.m. closing

Change #72 – Liquor and Beer 2:00 a.m. closing

Change #73 – Water and Sewer 160 PSI Line

Change #74 – Trailer

Each ordinance was read aloud.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to waive the second reading and to approve change #71 – Liquor and Beer 2:00 a.m. closing. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to waive the second reading and to approve change #72 – Liquor and Beer 2:00 a.m. closing. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to waive the second reading and to approve change #73 – Water and Sewer 160 PSI Line. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to waive the second reading and to approve change #74 – Trailer Parking. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Tholen to approve the water and sewer permit application changes. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #84: Budget – Setting a Proposed Tax Levy

Council received the final budget for 2008 to be certified to the county by September 15, 2007.

Motion by Tholen, seconded by Hagemann to approve to certify the county with a \$344,500 levy for 2008 which is a 10% increase. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Project #130: Docks on Public Property – Vacating K Street

A letter was sent tot the DNR Commissioner on August 10, 2007. He will have 60 days to respond to the request of the vacate. There will be a public hearing on November 5, 2007 to vacate K Street and go over the input from the DNR.

Project #174: Overtime Report

Council received the August Overtime Report.

Council was glad to see comp time being used for days off.

Project #310: Blacks Resort Blocking Lake Street

Black’s Resort is asking permission to block Lake Street on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The road will be blocked from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the removal of docks.

Motion by Astleford, seconded by Hagemann to block Lake Street on September 29, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Project #382: Union Contract

Police Union negotiations will be on September 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Council received a copy of the contract proposal.

A letter was received from Chief Gilson informing the council about his concerns regarding the contract proposals.

Project #394: Lakes Area Charter School

Clerk attended the first meeting with the Charter School Board Directors regarding the location of a new charter school.

Council received a drawing of the site property that they are looking at to purchase. This property is a portion of Roger Akervik's property that is beside Chub Hensley's Trucking property on Hwy 27.

The Charter School Board Directors want to ask the council about the purchase of a Revenue Bond in the city's name. The council is asking about the Revenue Bond obligation and why it is beneficial to go through the city.

Project #102: Economic Development Authority

Council received the minutes from the July 23, 2007 meeting.

The EDA discussed putting information in the paper from individuals that have property for sale, rent or lease, and contacting the city to put their information on the community profile site.

The EDA budget will be sent to OEDC for their budget.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Industrial Park project. It will be published in the paper and the improvements, along with photos of the Industrial Park, will be put on the Community profile website.

Project #233: Sauk River Watershed District

Council received a list of water quality improvements that Bob Loften gave to Bruce Pederson for cleaning up the lake.

Council gave a few items to add to the list. I & I Study.

Council received August 7, 2007 meeting minutes.

Project #170: Osakis Chamber of Commerce

Council received:

- Balance sheet from August 9, 2007
- Fiscal Year Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
- Agenda from August 15, 2007
- Meeting minutes from August 15, 2007

Project #312: Osakis Onward

Council received August 9, 2007 meeting minutes.

Project #147: First Avenue East

Brian Hiles was in attendance. Council received the cost estimates for the First Avenue East project. It is divided into two projects. One being the south end of the Industrial Park to Hwy 127 and the north end from the Industrial park to Hwy 27. The county will pay for the base and blacktop.

A Resolution was presented by Pederson, seconded by Hagemann to call for the feasibility study on First Avenue East from Hwy 27 to Hwy 127. When put to a vote the resolution passed unanimously. Absent: Emerson

Project #192: Truth in Taxation

The 2008 City Certified Proposed Levy will need to be sent to the County Auditor by September 15, 2007.

Last year the city certified \$131,200 and this year the city is certifying \$344,500.

A Truth in Taxation meeting will be set for December 3, 2007 and a continuation meeting on December 11, 2007.

Motion by Astleford, seconded by Tholen to certify the city levy of \$344,500 to the County Auditor by September 15, 2007. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Motion by Tholen, seconded by Pederson to set up a public hearing for Truth in Taxation for December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and a continuation meeting on December 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Project #69: Information to the Council

Council received a letter the city received regarding the electric growth in our area. There are workshops that the council can attend.

Project #392: Union Retiree

Council received a letter that our attorney Tom Klecker sent to Steve Drummond regarding Jan Flolid's health insurance.

Motion by Astleford, seconded by Tholen to close the regular meeting and open a closed meeting to discuss personnel. All Ayes. Absent: Emerson

Mayor - Gary L. Astleford

City Clerk - Angela A. Jacobson