

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OSAKIS CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2009  
5:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Emerson at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Present: Kip Emerson, Bruce Pederson, Chad Gulbranson, Jerry Olson

Absent: Randy Anderson

The OEDC board was present.

Motion by Pederson seconded by Olson to approve agenda, All Ayes

**Project #55 - OEDC**

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the reduction in pull-tab hours at the Liquor Store

The City currently charges 10% for rent and has not put limits on hours of operation.

Joe LS manager stated they are losing people. People are coming in to play pull tabs and they will have one drink and leave.

The Bar option was discussed at 20%, but the city would have to cover over and short.

OEDC has declining pull-tabs but the expenses stay the same so they have to cut.

2007 gross was 1.7M, 2008 gross was 1.2M

January 2008 rent \$758 at 6%, January 2009 rent \$1,058 10%. This means they will have less to donate. In January they made \$246.

If the hours are cut the tax payers lose rent money and liquor store sales.

OEDC would like to see a compromise on the rent or a bar option with the city receiving an increase in rent.

Motion by Olson seconded by Pederson to approve February, March, April rent free with the booth opening ASAP. All ayes. Anderson absent.

OEDC will have a special meeting of the board to approve the council's action.

Motion by Pederson seconded by Gulbranson to adjourn and 6:00pm, all ayes.

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Keith E. Emerson –Mayor

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Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk