

**Osakis City Council
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2010
7:00 PM**

Present: Anderson, Olson, Pederson, Emerson
Absent: Gulbranson

Mayor Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Planning & Zoning issue on Lake Street East. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve general consent items, including September city bills in the amount of \$187,683.63, and September 7, 2010 meeting minutes. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Project #24: Liquor Store

Julie Blair was in attendance.

Blair informed the Council regarding the outdoor smoking area. The smoking area has to be 50% or more open and Blair would like to have a roof.

Blair received one proposal of \$12,784.00 for the deck and roof project and also a proposal of \$1,120.00 for a new off-sale counter.

Council is requesting Blair to have two bids for the deck and roof and for Blair to have the plans and proposals at the November Council meeting.

Blair received a bid on new TV's for the Liquor Store. Blair would like three new TV's at a cost of \$2,183.00 from Osakis Electronics. Blair also received a bid from Larry's TV.

Joe McFadden from Osakis Electronics was in attendance and said any problems will be taken care of on the TV's.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the bid as presented for three new TV's at a cost of \$2,183.00 from Osakis Electronics. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Olson, to approve to install a bell in the Liquor Store off-sale side for \$160.31 from Osakis Electronics. All Ayes Absent: Anderson

Blair reported that on Saturday night a police officer came in and said customers need to be out of the bar at 2:05 a.m. Emerson will discuss this with Chief Gilson.

Project #73: First Responders

Craig Dropik was in attendance. Council received the September run report.

Dropik reported to the Council that interviews have taken place with a few new people for the First Responders. They have not put anyone new on at this time.

Project #74: Fire Department

Mark Pomerleau was in attendance.

Pomerleau informed the Council that some firemen will be going to the school on Wednesday for Fire Prevention Week.

An open house was held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the fire hall. Pomerleau estimated that they had about 150 to 200 people attend.

The Fire Chiefs Convention will be held this month.

November will be the first training for 5 new members.

Project #76: Police Department

Chief Gilson was not in attendance. Council received the September police report.

Council also received a Resolution to allow part-time police officer Samuel Larson to be enrolled in the Police/Fire PERA.

A Resolution was presented by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve part-time police officer Samuel Larson to be enrolled in the Police/Fire PERA. When put to a vote, the vote passed unanimously. Absent: Gulbranson

Project #205: City Crew

Ron Kleinschmidt was in attendance. Council received the public works report for September.

Kleinschmidt informed the Council about the crack sealing south of 27, east of Central Avenue. The proposal for this would be \$13,344.35 from Bargan.

Kleinschmidt wants the Council to think about the chip sealing for 2011 for south of Hwy 27. Cost would be around \$150,000.00.

Kleinschmidt informed the Council that there is an issue with speeding on K Street. Police should be made aware of this.

The St. Cloud water school requested an internship is from October 25, 2010 thru October 29, 2010. This is ok with the Council.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the crack sealing from Bargan for a cost of \$13,344.35. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Council also discussed the holding tank at the Liquor Store. They feel the holding tank needs to be inspected before the city does anything with it. Kleinschmidt included in his report the cost to put in a new tank in or lift station. The Council choose to wait to make a decision at this time.

Project #401: Lake Road

Mike Kral and Chub Hensley were in attendance representing the VFW, regarding designating Lake Street as “Osakis Armed Forces Scenic Drive.”

Kleinschmidt received prices on the signs for this.

Kral and Hensley informed the Council about the designation of the Lake Road.

- In memory of Terry Morris.
- VFW will pay for signage for the road.
- The VFW, in the future, would like to establish a Veteran’s Memorial in Osakis to honor all veterans.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Olson, to support designating Lake Street as “Osakis Armed Forces Scenic Drive.” All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Project #56: Insurance

At the August budget meeting, the Council was informed that the city received a \$42,000.00 insurance refund. At that time, the Council voted to give \$2,000.00 to those with family coverage. The singles who switched to a higher deductible plan would receive \$1,000.00.

The two with family coverage have been paid.

After checking into the higher deductible plans, the switch to a higher deductible plan is not feasible unless everyone switches, because the \$20.00 the city matches per paycheck now goes into a post retirement HSA and everyone has to contribute. One person cannot elect to have their money to to another HSA unless everyone does. So, it would not be feasible for just one person to switch to the higher deductible plan.

As the Council discussed at the budget meeting, the city received the insurance refund because the co-op the city belongs to, was healthy and the city employees were the healthiest group out of the 50 cities the co-op insures.

In August, Clerk Jacobson attended the insurance renewal meeting and the insurance premiums are decreasing by 15%, which saves the city \$100.00 per month, per employee. This would be a total savings of \$1,200.00 per month that is saved on premiums in addition to the \$42,000.00 refund.

To reward the employees for being healthy and receiving the refund, the city has three options:

1. They can pay out the \$1,000.00 to each employee like they did for employees with families.
2. Put the \$1,000.00 into the post retirement HSA.
3. Put it into the MN Deferred Comp and the employee has to match the \$1,000.00 put in over the 2011 year.

Clerk Jacobson recommends options 1 or 2 because they would be the easiest way to distribute the money.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Emerson, to approve to pay cash or put the \$1,000.00 into deferred comp that the employee has to match. The employee can decide what option they want to do. All Ayes
Absent: Gulbranson

Project #372: VFW Sewer

The Council met in June and discussed the cost of putting sewer to the VFW. The Council wanted Brian Hiles from Landteam to give them a price on running water and sewer to Lavens Lakeview Drive.

Council received the preliminary engineer's estimate. Total cost of the project is \$578,061.00

No action was taken; this is just information for the Council.

Project #191: Skating Rink

Council received an email from Sharon Eldred regarding the skating rink. Eldred would like to see the city have a skating rink. Eldred is requesting it with or without a warning house.

Anderson will talk to the school and to Eldred. He will get back to the Council at the November meeting.

Project #382: Union Contract - City

Council received a letter from Joe McMahon, the union representative from MAPE. Also attached, is a letter from the police union.

Dates have been set for the next meetings:

MAPE: Union meet on October 27, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

POLICE: Union meet on November 3, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

Project #143: Cable TV

Council received Charter Communications new rates.

Project #229: Election Judges

Council received the list of election judges for the November election.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the election judges for the General Election as presented. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Project #243: Canvass Votes

The City Council needs to canvass the votes for the General Election held on November 2, 2010. The Canvassing Board will need to meet three to ten days after the election.

Council will meet November 5, 2010, at 8:05 a.m. at city hall to canvass votes.

Project #44: Swimming

Council received a letter that the city received from Osakis Public Schools.

The swimming lessons that were held at the Galeon this summer cost much less than they anticipated, so they have returned the full amount of \$2,300.00

The VFW had paid \$1,150.00 to the city to help with the cost of the swimming lessons.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Olson, to approve to reimburse the VFW \$1,150.00 for swimming lessons. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Planning & Zoning

Reginald Petrich on Lake Street has a conditional use for a 27 ft motor home. He is now putting in a park model trailer which is seven foot longer and four foot wider. Has no permit but was told he could put it there.

Todd County considered it a structure, not mobile.

Council wants Clerk Jacobson to check with John Anderson on this issue for the trailer and see how he thinks the Planning & Zoning and Council should proceed. Clerk Jacobson will get back to Olson on this.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Gulbranson

Mayor – Keith Emerson

City Clerk – Angela Jacobson