

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

Present: Gulbranson, Anderson, Pederson, Olson

Absent: Emerson

Others Present: Craig Dropik, Ron Kleinschmidt, Julie Blair, Angela Jacobson, Greta Petrich

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

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the VFW 2 A.M. Closing. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to approve general consent items, including August city bills in the amount of \$309,617.35, and August 2, 2010 meeting minutes. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #24: Liquor Store

Julie Blair was in attendance.

At the July Council meeting, Olson stated they are looking into some other items to increase sales at the liquor store.

Blair is checking into the following items:

- Checking the cost of installing two volleyball courts. Blair informed the Council the information she has received and the location.
- Putting in a back door in the building and construct a deck in the back for smokers. Blair is getting cost estimates for this.
- Installing internet service at the Liquor Store. Cost would be about \$40.00. wifi available. Coded so they have to come in to use the internet. Blair will talk to Clerk Jacobson about Wisper Wireless free service.
- New holding tank at the Liquor Store. Kleinschmidt will check prices and bring to the October meeting.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gulbranson, to approve to install internet service at the Liquor Store at Blair's discretion. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #73: First Responders

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

Project #74: Fire Department

Mark Pomerleau was not in attendance.

Project #76: Police Department

Chief Gilson was in attendance. Council received the August police report.

Project #205: City Crew

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

Kleinschmidt asked the Council to approve Kurt Haakinson to attend training on October 6, 2010 thru October 8, 2010, for his Class C water license.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gulbranson, to approve to send Kurt Haakinson to the Water Refresher Course on October 6, 2010 thru October 8, 2010 for his Class C license at a cost of \$125.00. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #197: Water Plant

Kleinschmidt updated the Council regarding the water plant. A different power supply is being discussed.

Project #84: Budget – Setting of Proposed Tax Levy

Council met on August 16, 2010 to review the 2011 Budget.

After making adjustments:

Revenues: \$1,021,656.00
Expenditures: \$1,004,630.89

Which leaves an excess of \$17,025.11 in Revenue.

Motion by Gulbranson, seconded by Anderson, to approve to adopt the 2011 City Budget as presented. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #358: Tax Levy

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
General Fund	\$379,336	\$390,716	\$11,380	3%
Bonds 2002	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0.00	
Bonds 2008	\$51,500	\$56,500	\$5,000	
Total	\$475,836	\$492,216	\$16,380	3.5%

The Council reviewed the Budget and decided to increase the General Levy by 3%.

The 2008 Bond for 8th Avenue East and 1st Avenue East projects are listed above with a \$5,000 increase. This is due to the assessment reductions and legal fees. The Council will need to increase the

levy \$5,000 per year to cover these costs. The levy must be certified to the Council by September 15, 2010.

Olson made a motion to levy a 3% increase. No second. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gulbranson, to approve to certify to the County the levy amount of \$492,216.00 with an increase of \$16,380 or a 3.5% increase. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #69: Information to the Council

Cliff from the Lake Wobegon Trail Association has made a request for a Council member or a Chamber member to volunteer to sit on their board. A spot is vacant due to Jan Moore resigning. The purpose of the group is to promote trail usage. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month for a lunch meeting. The meeting location varies depending on who wants to host the meetings.

Council received a letter and study that Clerk Jacobson received from the League of MN Cities regarding a study that was done on the finances of Minnesota cities. The study shows that all cities will be in the red by 2015. Council was asked to read the information and discuss at the meeting.

Project #309: City Hall

Clerk Jacobson is asking the Council to approve to clean the carpet at City Hall. It has been two years since it was done and the cost would be \$250.00.

Also, Clerk Jacobson and Deputy Clerk Swenstad would like to paint City Hall. The cost for the paint would be under \$200.00.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Anderson, to approve to clean the carpets and paint at City Hall. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #45: FEMA

Council received the letter that Mayor Emerson had received from FEMA regarding the adoption of the Flood Plain maps and ordinance.

The Council does not want to be involved at this time. Council has not heard good things about the program.

Project #310: Black's Resort Blocking Lake Street

Black's Resort is requesting to close Lake Street on Friday, October 1, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on October 2, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gulbranson, to approve Black's Resort to block Lake Street on Friday, October 1, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on October 2, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Project #110: Gambling

The Blue Star Mothers will be having a raffle in Osakis and requested to get a gambling license from the State of MN. The prizes do not exceed \$1,500.00, so they would not be required to have a license. They wanted to let the Council know that they will be doing the raffle without a license.

Project #192: Truth in Taxation

The Council must set up a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.

The initial meeting will be held at our regular Council meeting on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and the continuation meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the Truth in Taxation meeting to be held on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and the continuation meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

VFW - 2 A.M. Closing

The VFW is requesting the renewal of their 2 a.m. Closing License.

It was asked about the cost for city for staying open to 2 a.m.

Anderson would like Clerk Jacobson to check into the extra cost to the city and also to add a fee on the fee schedule for this license.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Gulbranson, to approve the 2 a.m. Closing License for the VFW. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Olson asked about if the city could apply for the OEDC money for the volleyball courts. There have been requests for funds to be used for projects outside city limits. The EDA will be considering all requests and look into the economy benefit to the city.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Gulbranson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Emerson

Mayor – Keith Emerson

City Clerk – Angela Jacobson