

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2023 – Odebolt City Hall., 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Hemer called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Carl Hemer, Chad Peterson, Seth Duff & Wanita Friedrichsen. Absent: Mayor Bengford and Council Thies. Also present: Supt. Michael Grote, City Clerk Christina Hoefling, Dale Godbersen, John Keim and Rick Roeder.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Duff to approve the agenda, four ayes. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Duff to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting. Four ayes.

CLAIMS FUND SUMMARY (Aug)

General	\$ 53,430.55
Library	9,441.42
Road Use Tax	8,057.66
Employee Benefits	488.86
Water	14,589.36
<u>Sewer</u>	<u>6,697.20</u>
Total	\$ 92,705.05

RECEIPTS (Aug)

General	\$ 33,677.79
Library	114.01
Road Use Tax	11,052.88
LOST	13,316.49
Water	20,110.13
Sewer	15,371.01
<u>Storm Sewer</u>	<u>503.42</u>
Total	\$ 94,145.73

Claims Report Aug 2023

Acco	CHEMICALS	\$
		4,677.50
Aureon	Email Server	\$ 12.99
Baker & Taylor	Lib Books 7	\$
		116.23
Beck Engineering	City Hall Engineer	\$
		4,978.75
Jeff Raasch	Web Manager	\$ 75.00
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc.	Engineer-Walnut	\$
		4,389.50
Canon Financial	Coper Lease Lib	\$ 66.00
Christy Hoefling	MTG Exp	\$
		133.62

City of Odebolt	Lib Payroll Aug	\$
		3,009.41
Cubby's	Fuel	\$
		648.89
Demco	Catalog Lib	\$
		297.38
Double Day Large Print	Lib 9 Books	\$
		141.44
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$
		4,895.31
Empire Excavation	Repair Washout	\$
		1,519.00
Foundation Analytical	Labs	\$
		451.25
Hach	CHEMICALS	\$
		120.27
Halle Hemer	Umpire Playoff Game	\$
		100.00
Hallett Material	Road Gravel	\$
		198.00
Hemer's Plmb & Htg	Water Line	\$
		2,547.87
Hoeftling Lawn Service	Mowing/Lawn Care	\$
		4,020.00
Horsley Construction	Current City Hall Repair	\$
		411.97
ISG	Water Operator Services	\$
		900.00
IA Municipal Work Comp	Work Comp	\$
		670.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 22.60
IPERS	IPERS	\$
		2,648.18
Lakeview Family Chiro.	Random Drug Screen	\$ 50.00
Loffler Co	Copier Maint Lib & City	\$ 95.24
MidAmerican Energy	Utilities	\$
		9,691.18
Midwest Indoor Air Quality	Indoor Air Quality Test	\$
		1,185.00
Nutrien Ag Solutions	CHEMICALS	\$
		445.00
Odebolt Lumber	Prehung Doors & Supply	\$
		1,529.33
Office Elements	Office Supplies	\$ 1.42
Postmaster	Postage Mail Bills	\$
		268.00
Region XII	Nuisance Contract	\$
		480.00
Reimer, Lohman & Reitz	Attorney Fees	\$
		560.00
Robert Rudd	Contract	\$
		8,177.30
Sac Co Mutual Telephone	Phone & Internet	\$
		887.52
Sac Co Abstract Co	Lien & Title Report	\$
		300.00

Sac County Treasurer	Property Tax	\$
		3,337.00
Sac County Newspaper	Legals	\$
		108.52
State W/H	State Taxes W/H	\$
		450.97
Sac Co Newspaper	Legals/Ads	\$
		409.32
Treasurer State of IA	Water Excise Tax	\$
		1,518.55
U.S. Cellular	Cell Phone	\$
		209.03
Unity Point	Drug Testing	\$ 42.00
US Bank	Copier Lease City	\$ 62.85
Visa	Supplies	\$
		1,019.29
Wanita Friedrichsen	Totes for Pool Supplies	\$ 14.75
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$
		2,942.56
Zachary Hemer	Umpire Playoff Game	\$
		100.00
Payroll Checks		\$21,769.06
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$92,705.05

Discussion on Region XII bill, Friedrichsen asked if it was needed, Peterson likes the idea of the non-bias opinion, need to check with Region XII, city thought that the whole town would be surveyed and there would be a list compiled before any letters were sent out and then the letters would go out. They are not sure that the whole town has been surveyed yet. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Friedrichsen to approve the bills as presented. Four ayes.

John asked for city assistance with neighbor concerns. Peterson advised him to fill out a complaint form if it is for dogs and to ask for the police assistance with the rest of the issues that he is having as it is not a city matter. Rick complimented council for maintaining their properties and setting a good example for the rest of the town. Dale shared his concern with the city increasing the amount that they are putting towards the down town building and asked when this would end. He shared his concerns with the town needing the funds elsewhere as well. Duff asked him what he would like to be done with the building. No response, just asked if the city is going to get return on any of this. The council asked Christy to contact Danna to discuss what the overall vision is and when the city would be passing the building along as well as what the total anticipated cost of restoring the building and at what point would the city be passing on the building. Dale mentioned that other towns are gearing up and getting rid of junk vehicles and he asked when the city was going to start. Christy stated that the Sheriff's office has already pursued and gotten rid of a camper that was not registered, and is starting nuisance junk vehicle process on two others. She also shared that anyone can call in a junk vehicle to the non-emergency number. Dale also stated since there is such an issue with the restrooms at the park of people leaving a mess of feces that the city might put up cameras. Michael stated that he is trying to find a good angle and is not working. Once he puts camera up, it is on the other side, so he moves it and then it's on the opposite side. Discussed locking the doors. Michael stated when they lock the doors, the feces is on the side of the building on the outside. Discussed possibly removing the privacy fence to see if this helps the situation.

Discussed nuisances in previous along with updates. City has possession of building across from Landus and is reaching out to those that have items in the building for removal. Region XII is not interested in rehabbing 412 S Main. Discussed mowing list, no decision was made.

Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Duff to approve the following building permits: Triple H Truck Wash- Addition for water reservoir and storage, Cole Schultz- Addition of bathroom, Dollar General- Sign and Janet Mott- garden/storage shed with concrete pad & extend driveway. Four ayes.

Hearing was opened on selling of lot at 316 S Locust at 7:39pm. No one was present to talk against this. No one sent in written objection. Hearing was closed at 7:41pm.

Res. 24.05 Authorizing Mayor to sign Contract to sell 316 S Locust. Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Friedrichsen to authorize the mayor to sign the contract agreeing to terms outlined in the contract. To review terms, please contact city hall to look at the contract. Roll Call Ayes: Peterson, Duff, Friedrichsen and Hemer. Absent: Thies & Mayor Bengford.

Res 24.06 Authorizing Assessing Nuisance Mowing to Property Tax. Motion was made by Friedrichsen and seconded by Hemer to assess mowing costs of \$550 to property located at 405 S Maple. These are costs that the city has paid out for nuisance property mowing. Roll Call Ayes: Peterson, Duff, Friedrichsen & Hemer. Absent: Thies & Mayor Bengford.

Christy gave an update on Annual Financial Report for FY23 year end.

Farm Land Rent Bids Opened: 5 sealed bids opened. Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Duff to change next year's bidding to be a three-year contract and approve the bid for this year, from the highest bidder: T-4 & Cattle/Levi Thies for \$445 per acre. Four ayes.

Snow Removal Bids Opened: 1 submitted with certificate of liability. Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Duff to accept the bid from Brian Pierce. Each place was bid separately for a total of \$330. If properties need mowed more than one time, contractor will call a number that will be given to the contractor for permission to be granted. Four ayes.

Mower price review and discussion. Peterson stated that he thinks Hoefling's take pride in their work and anyone else would not do the extra pruning of trees, mowing fire dept and ambulance which is all donated. Duff agreed. Hemer stated the square footage they mow with a wet year is more than a full-time person. Other things discussed that city would have are maintenance, work comp increase, benefits, etc. Peterson motioned to end the purchasing of a mower discussion and not purchase a mower. Motion was seconded by Duff. Four ayes.

The county law enforcement report was available.

There are two delinquent water bills- one is on a contract and the other is supposed to pay this Wednesday.

Supt Utility Report- Michael reported that the pool liner is being installed starting tomorrow, water tower inside will be drained and recoated inside in a few weeks which will slow down the water pressure; they are supposed to give him a few weeks' notice so that we can put this in the paper. Michael shared that he is still waiting on generator information.

Committee reports: Peterson reported that he still sees water standing at the corner of 175 and Walnut. Carl does not. Michael states that he does not either. Peterson asked if the allies have been smoothed out. Michael stated as much as they can be. Wanita shared that Christy will be applying for Sac County Endowment Grant funds for 2-5-year-old play equipment, as the city has some set aside for this built in from donations and fundraisers. She plans to go to the park to finish painting in a few weeks. Carl suggested that Michael put some fill in the back of city hall to help with the water drainage issue. He also shared that maybe if we had a bigger gutter and another down spout that this would help. Michael will ask Lance Ladwig to take a look at it. Carl also shared that maybe it would help

to have cement (like a curb) slope up the side of the building to take care of the leaking into the basement from the side of the building might help as well. Christy will check with Sac County Mutual to see if there is an easement or if we can get back there to fill in dirt for this reason.

The Mayor, Council, Pool Manager and Recreation Committee would like to thank the donors towards supplies for the summer fundraiser: Sac County Mutual Telephone Co, Mark Hansen-Rex Chevrolet, Swanson Insurance & Real Estate, UBI, Fertig Farms, Ben Scott Builders, Gobbies Bar, Johnson Propane, Fire Dept., Sweeties Liquor & Coffee, Friedrichsen Farms, Beckman Motors, Cubby's, Dresselhuis & Heidenreichs Attorney, Friedrichsen Real Estate, Friedrichsen Trucking, Hoefling Trucking/Triple H Truck Wash and Pat Hoefling, IA State Bank and Joan's Headquarters. They would also like to thank all that came to the fundraiser and donated, we hope that you went to the pool and enjoyed as well.

A special thank you to Lundell Plastics for their generous donation to the pool!

The Library Board would like to thank the following for their donations to the library Rick & Stacy Phillips, Rober & Kris Ziegmann, Joyce Curtis, Brad & Jennie Bengford, Ruth & Joe Laker, Jane Buysman, Ruth Neville, Jim Kreber & Ed Kreber Family, Bruce Raasch, Jeff & Jodi Frank, Gerry Fineran, Erin & Rich McCullough & Family, David & Sarah Larson & Ben Belle, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Lansink, Mike & Salley Clark & family, Deb & Keith Fineran, Sally Porter & Family and Tim Bland Family in memory of Rachel Wallace.

The Library Board would like to thank Ruth Wilemek for her donation to the library memory of Ruth Youngren.

The Recreation committee and the mayor and council would like to thank Carol Youngren and Grant & Jean Snyder for their donations to the pool in memory of Ruth Youngren.

The recreation committee, mayor and council would like to thank UBI for their donation the pool in memory of Bobbe Cordes.

The recreation committee, mayor, council would like to thank Aureon for their grant funds to go towards the lighting at the pool.

Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Friedrichsen at 8:26PM to adjourn. Four ayes.

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Mayor, Todd Bengford

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Christina Hoefling, City Clerk