

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

January 2, 2024 – Odebolt City Hall., 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Bengford called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Carl Hemer, Seth Duff, Drew Stuhrenberg and Ron Sorensen. Absent: Levi Thies. Also present: Supt. Michael Grote, City Clerk Christina Hoefling, Dale Godbersen, Joe & Tracey Andrews, Sheriff McClure, Tony Wipperling, Kenzee Reik, David Currie, Jason Eygabroad- Beck Engineering, Danna Larson, Wanita Friedrichsen and Rick Roeder.

Moved by Hemer and seconded by Sorenson to approve the agenda, four ayes. Moved by Hemer and seconded by Duff to approve the minutes of the December regular meeting. Four ayes. Motion was made by Duff and seconded by Hemer to approve the bills. Four ayes.

CLAIMS FUND SUMMARY (December)

General	\$ 85,859.30
Library	8,832.43
Road Use Tax	54,456.82
Employee Benefits	925.08
Debt Service	1,338.75
Water	10,454.49
<u>Sewer</u>	<u>12,539.92</u>
Total	\$175,089.29

RECEIPTS (December)

General	\$ 27,872.81
Library	6,808.19
Road Use Tax	11,972.06
Employee Benefits	354.18
Emergency	92.89
LOST	10,639.06
Debt Service	1,251.93
Water	18,924.23
Sewer	14,733.92
<u>Storm Sewer</u>	<u>507.53</u>
Total	\$ 93,156.80

Claims Report Dec. 2023

Acco	Chemicals	\$
		3,074.69
Alpha Wireless	Shipping	\$
		15.00
Amazon Business	Lib Books 9	\$ 294.33

American Fence Co	Fence Final	\$	
			10,648.50
Austin Neville	Fire Call	\$	
			92.00
Baker & Taylor	Lib Books 10	\$	167.52
Barry Buehler	Fire Call	\$	
			64.00
Beck Engineering	Engineering	\$	682.50
Jeff Raasch	Web Manager	\$	
			75.00
Blacktop Service Co	Milling & Blacktop	\$	
			48,490.62
C&N Tree Service	Tree Removal 11	\$	
			8,500.00
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc	Engineering	\$	
			4,168.60
Canon Financial	Copier Lease Library	\$	
			66.00
Carl Hemer	Fire Calls	\$	
			64.00
City of Odeoblt	Reimb. Lib Payroll	\$	
			2,683.62
City of Wall Lake	MTG Exp	\$	
			36.00
Collection Services	Child Support	\$	230.00
Colton Carstensen	Fire Calls	\$	
			24.00
Cubby's Inc.	Fuel	\$	495.13
Dalton Leinbaugh	Fire Calls	\$	
			88.00
Demco	Lib Office Supply	\$	122.69
Dorsey & Whitney LLP	Legal Bonding Attorney	\$	
			7,500.00
Double Day Lg Print	Lib Book	\$	
			14.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$	
			3,365.84
Foundation Analytical	Labs	\$	185.50
Harland Chk Order	Deposit Books	\$	
			63.79
Hayden Roeder	Fire Calls	\$	
			44.00
Hemer's Plmg & Htng	Sewer Clean Out	\$	858.00
Hoefling Lawn Service	2nd 1/2 mosquito spray	\$	
			2,647.50
IA Finance Authority	Interest Loan Payments	\$	
			7,883.75
IA Fire Control	Qtrly Fire Monitoring	\$	105.00
IA Municipal Work Comp	Work Comp	\$	
			1,340.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$	
			2,532.98
Jace Horsley	Fire Calls	\$	
			96.00
Jack Thompson	Library MakerSpace	\$	
			1,202.50
Javier Ronda Bou	Fire Call	\$	
			32.00
Joe Andrews	Fire Calls	\$	
			12.00
JR Bensley	Fire Calls	\$	132.00

Julie Childers	Reimb Supplies Lib	\$	94.25
Kailey Childers	Reimb Supplies Lib	\$	180.74
Ken Miller	Fire Calls	\$	4.00
Larry Wilkerson	Fire Calls	\$	4.00
Linda Sleight	Mowing Library	\$	190.00
Loffler	Copier Contracts	\$	53.29
Michael Grote	Fire Calls	\$	68.00
Mid-America Books	Lib Books 3	\$	82.90
MidAmerican Energy	Utilities	\$	5,061.23
Mike Leinbaugh	Fire Calls	\$	32.00
Nathan Neville	Fire Calls	\$	84.00
Greg Neville	Fire Calls	\$	104.00
Nolan Warnke	Fire Calls	\$	28.00
Odebolt Betterment Com	Reimb Proj. Sac Co End.	\$	4,529.65
Odebolt Lumber	Snow Fence	\$	546.74
Office Elements	Office Supplies	\$	97.17
Petty Cash	Fundraiser Supply	\$	5.98
Postmaster	Postage	\$	284.00
Region XII	Nuisance Contract	\$	960.00
Rehab Systems	Jet Vac	\$	1,132.50
Reimer, Lohman, Reitz	Attorney Fees	\$	2,077.00
Aquatic Renovation System	Final Liner Pool Payout	\$	1,349.01
Hoefling Trucking LLC	Fire Dept Truck Service	\$	404.98
Rural Legacy Project	Reimb Google Project	\$	5,100.00
Sac Co Mutual Telephone Co	Phone/Net/Fax/	\$	127.18
Skylar Wareham	Fire Calls	\$	68.00
Sac Co Solid Waste Agency	Quarterly Landfill Fees	\$	24,850.00
State W/H	State Tax	\$	392.90
Taylor Bengford	Fire Calls	\$	4.00
Sac Co Newspaper	Ads/Legals	\$	250.32
Todd Gunderson	Circle Project Stumps	\$	420.00
Treasurer State of IA	Water Excise Tax	\$	1,204.17
US Cellular	Cell Phones	\$	186.15
Unity Point	Drug Tested	\$	42.00
Wellmark	Wellmark	\$	3,550.85
Payroll Checks		\$	13,423.22

***** REPORT TOTAL *****

\$ 175,089.29

Nuisance abatement- two letters went out to clean up yards. Follow up will be done next month. Sheriff mentioned that notice on junk vehicles were served as well.

County Law Enforcement Report was available. Sheriff McClure gave an update on a few things and discussed budget due to the state consolidating general fund making it more challenging to fund the police program. He has a plan of how to increase next 3-5 years if the county will go for this due to these changes. Council thanked him for the update.

Odebolt Community Foundation gave information on the vision to have the first project of the Bridie building (as big as the project is) is the most valuable building being the only 2 story building left in the down town. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work on showing the building to engineers, etc. Jason with Beck Engineering gave an update that the structure of the building is in decent shape, and the main concern was the roof. Beck would like to put the roof out for bid soon to allow the council to look at the bids next February. Jason did say that the council had the right to deny any bid if they were all outrageous, but that if the roof project can be completed, the building would be way more viable. He said it would keep the inside dry and it can be reevaluated. Danna stated that after this phase of the grant is finished, it would be a good time to open up the building for bids with business proposals attached for the city to pick the best proposal for the greatest need in Odebolt economically. Then there are several grants available to investors to apply for 2nd story renovations. The hope is to attract a developer that wants to open or several people that want a shared space for retail on the main level and then have apartments or space available for rent to subsidize the investment. Mayor Bengford asked who were the persons on the Foundation Committee: David Currie, Danna Larson, Kenzee Reik and Vance Lundell. Mayor Bengford shared that he has been asked what progress is being done on the building. Danna stated that it has been a lot of behind-the-scenes work showing the building, working with engineers, writing grants, getting asbestos removed, etc. Danna shared some survey information on what people wanted to see in town, Retail seemed to be the biggest. Danna shared with Mat Rats and the new Clinic starting, people are going to want something to do while they wait for the kids or get done at the clinic. Duff asked what the next step was after the roof was put on. Danna shared that it would be time to put out to community, those that want to buy it or start investing for the next phases of grants.

Dale Godbersen asked if the city tested water for radon. Michael Grote reported that it is tested annually and reported to the paper, posted at city hall and the post office and all are within the guidelines allowed. Tony Wipperling shared that he feels he has been bombarded by police at his place, he understands why he was fined for posts but also shared information on why he wanted to keep the posts there with neighbors who drive on his property and continue to do so. He had information for the council to look at. Council looked at it, Tracy Andrews started to say that this was a utility alley, voices were raised and Mayor Bengford explained that the posts were an ordinance violation but the dispute between neighbors is not a city issue and that they needed to take it out of council room. Both Tony and Andrews continued to argue back and forth. They were asked to leave and that it was not going to be discussed further. Rick stated he was just here to listen. Wanita passed off some of her recreation committee papers to Seth Duff. She also, asked if we have pet registration. City has an ordinance but the ones that would register are not the ones that the city would have a problem with and it hasn't been done for well over 25 years or more. Todd thanked Wanita for her "smack down job with the pool and the park while she was on council."

Res 24.20 Reappoint City Attorney and Rehire full-time Staff. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Duff to reappoint the City Attorney – George Blazek and all full-time employees. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen. Absent: Thies. Full resolutions available for review at City Hall.

Res. 24.21 Set the date for Hearing on Bids for Roof of 220 S Main. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Sorensen to set the hearing date for Feb. 5, 2024 at 7pm at City Hall. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, and Sorensen. Absent: Thies. Full and complete resolution is available at City Hall for viewing.

Ord. 01.24. After full and complete discussion, it was moved by Sorensen and seconded by Stuhrenberg that said ordinance be brought on for consideration, that the rules requiring that an ordinance must be received and filed at two meetings prior to the meeting when final action is taken, or if published in summary be received and filed at one meeting prior to the meeting of final action be dispensed with. Roll call ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg & Sorensen. Absent: Thies. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Duff to increase the garbage rate with summary being posted. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg & Sorensen. Absent: Thies. Full & complete Ordinance is available at City Hall for viewing.

Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Duff to approve the ISG contract for Water Operator Service until Michael is completely certified.

Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Sorensen to approve to approve the library report. Four ayes.

Complaints- None one old one was discussed and will proceed with next step.

Supt Utility Report- Michael reported and shared different quotes for generators from a more local place. three quotes were passed around. Motion was made by Hemer to purchase the Gillette 100KW 480 V 3hp Generator for \$41,016 to be placed on a trailer and in times of emergencies moved to the water plant if needed. The motion was seconded by Sorensen. Four ayes.

Unfinished business- Special Budget meeting scheduled for 5pm on Feb 12th. Annual Staff Appreciation Meeting held on Jan. 26, 2024 at 6pm at the Bowling Alley.

The Mayor and City Council would like to thank United Funds of Odebolt, including Wheeler Township for their donations to the following city projects: Odebolt Pool, Odebolt Pool Red Cross Swim Lessons and Pickle Ball Court. It is great to be in a community that supports our local amenity efforts.

The Mayor and City Council would like to thank Brian & Linda Johnson for their donation to the pool in memory of Speed Schroeder.

The Odebolt Public Library Board would like to thank the following that have given towards the makerspace project for the library: Swanson Insurance & Real Estate, Odebolt Lumber, United Funds of Odebolt Including Wheeler Township, Rex Chevrolet and SCSB. It is greatly appreciated!

The Odebolt Public Library Board would like to thank Beverly Stehr for their memorial to the library in memory of Alice Pudenz.

8:18 PM motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Sorensen to adjourn. Four ayes.

Mayor, Todd Bengford

Christina Hoefling, City Clerk