

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

January 6, 2025 – 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. Public Works Michael Grote, City Clerk Samantha Reese, Wanita Friedrichsen, Ashlee & Randy Foster, Rick Roeder, Jason Eygabroad-Beck Engineering, Casey Friedrichsen, Devin Friedrichsen, Dale Godbersen.

Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Sorensen to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, December 2024 regular meeting minutes, claims, and financial reports. Four ayes.

CLAIMS FUND SUMMARY (December)

General	\$ 39,532.33
Library	6,720.60
Road Use Tax	12,634.44
Employee Benefit	518.15
Debt Service	1,190.00
Capital Improvement	25,000.00
Water	18,680.27
<u>Sewer</u>	<u>17,124.13</u>
Total	\$ 121,399.92

RECEIPTS (December)

General	\$ 32,846.32
Library	1,349.08
Road Use Tax	11,405.62
Employee Benefit	1,025.73
LOST	9,338.67
Debt Service	2,128.92
Water	20,654.10
Sewer	16,215.41
<u>Storm Sewer</u>	<u>527.00</u>
Total	\$ 95,490.85

CLAIMS REPORT DECEMBER 2024

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$ 2,970.24
ADAM GROTE	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$ 15.00
AG STATE	DIESEL #1	\$ 917.57
AUSTIN NEVILLE	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$ 495.00
BADGER METER	BEACON MOBILE HOSTING SERVICE	\$ 47.90
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$ 180.69
BARRY BUEHLER	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$ 255.00
BOMGAARS	DIESEL BARREL SUPPLIES	\$ 390.63
C&N TREE SERVICE LLC	TREE REMOVAL	\$ 3,100.00
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOCIATE	WILLOW ST BRIDGE ENGINEERING	\$ 2,535.05
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	COPIER LEASE	\$ 42.68

CARL HEMER	FIRE CALL STIPEND 2024	\$	300.00
CITY OF ODEBOLT	DEC 2024 PAYROLL REIMBURSEMEN		\$
			2,640.77
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	230.00
COLTON CARSTENSEN	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	120.00
CORNWELL, FRIDERES, MAHER & AS	AUDIT	\$	2,400.00
CUBBY'S INC.	FUEL	\$	908.47
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	GUTTER BROOM STREET SWEEPER	\$	238.57
DALTON LEINBAUGH	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	540.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX		\$
			3,504.64
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT CO INC	FIRE EQUIPMENT		\$
			1,346.00
FOUNDATION ANAYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$	517.00
GREG NEVILLE	FIRE CALL STIPEN 2024	\$	585.00
GIS WORKSHOP, LLC	GWORKS ACCOUNTING PROGRAM SYST	\$	7,822.00
HAYDEN ROEDER	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND		\$
			75.00
HEMER'S PLBG & HTG	SERVICE, LABOR, PARTS		\$
			2,882.79
ISG	OPERATOR SERVICES	\$	925.00
INNOVATION CONSTRUCTION LLC	220 S MAIN ST CLEAN UP		\$
			25,000.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	DEC 24 SEWER REVENUE INTEREST		\$
			7,323.75
IOWA FIRE CONTROL	LIB QUARTERLY FIRE MONITORING	\$	105.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENS	WORK COMP PREMIUM	\$	638.00
IOWA ONE CALL	UNDERGROUND LOCATION SERVICES		\$
			47.70
IPERS	IPERS		\$
			2,741.36
JACE HORSLEY	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	465.00
JAVIER RONDA BOU	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	510.00
JOE ANDREWS	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND		\$
			90.00
JR BENSLEY	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	705.00
JULIE CHILDERS	REIMBURSEMENT		\$
			48.42
KEN MILLER	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND		\$
			45.00
LINDA SLEIGHT	MOWING LIBRARY	\$	125.00
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT		\$
			84.19
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	SWEEPER REPAIRS		\$
			1,958.99
DEVON PIERCE	STREET SWEEPER REPAIRS		\$
			41.25
MCCONE FOODS	FUNDRAISER		\$
			1,650.00
MICHAEL GROTE	FUEL TANK FOR SNOW REMOVAL		\$
			90.00
MICHAEL GROTE	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	540.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES		\$
			8,277.68
MIKE LEINBAUGH	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	210.00
NATHAN NEVILLE	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	570.00
NOLAN WARNKE	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	330.00
ODEBOLT LUMBER	SUPPLIES		\$
			40.93
POSTMASTER	UTILITY BILLING POSTAGE	\$	301.50
REHAB SYSTEMS, INC.	EMERGENCY JET VAC	\$	985.00
REIMER, LOHMAN & REITZ	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	660.00
REIS AUTO PARTS AND SERVICE	SERVICE, PARTS, LABOR	\$	227.80
HOEFLING TRUCKING LLC	PLOW TRUCK REPAIRS	\$	448.52

ROBERT A RUDD	GARBAGE CONTRACT NOV 2024	\$	7,583.90
SAC CO MUTUAL TELEPHONE	PHONE/INTERNET BILL	\$	495.36
SKYLAR WAREHAM	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND	\$	105.00
SMART APPLE MEDIA	BOOKS (2)/HANDLING		\$
			48.94
STATE W/H	STATE TAX	\$	496.19
TAYLOR BENGFORD	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND		\$
			60.00
TAYTON REESE	2024 FIRE CALL STIPEND		\$
			60.00
SAC COUNTY NEWSPAPER	ADS/LEGAL	\$	182.39
TRAVIS YOUNGREN	CORN BALES		\$
			87.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX		\$
			1,260.20
U.S. CELLULAR	TELEPHONE	\$	469.90
VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTIG	WATER TOWER INSPECTION		\$
			1,000.00
VISA	SEWER LIFT STATION ALARM	\$	850.00
WELLMARK	WELLMARK		\$
			4,465.56
Accounts Payable Total		\$	107,410.03
Payroll Checks			\$
			13,989.89
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$	121,399.92

There were no building permits to be approved.

7:11 PM Open hearing on sale of 204 E 1st St. No citizen nor council member spoke during hearing. Hearing closed at 7: 12 PM

Jason Eygabroad from Beck Engineering was there to talk about the 8th Street water project. He passed out the current cost estimates for all four projected divisions of the project as well as stated it was possible to lump some or all of them together. Mayor asked a timeline on how long construction of this would take. Jason stated it would be doable in 2-3 months. Jason said if council decides to go ahead with the project, construction would probably start in Spring of 2026. Carl talked about different joints that were included and was told things were able to be changed if wanted/needed, but would fluctuate cost. Mayor thanked Jason for taking time to come talk with them. Wanita Friedrichsen introduced Randy & Ashlee Foster who are newer to the community. Randy spoke briefly about his plumbing business. Wanita talked about the Recreation Board and asked Duff to contact Vicki Beckman on a donation board that was to go up at the pool and about a "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year" sign that was to go up by the pool as well. She mentioned it would be a great idea for him to be writing a Letter to the Editor in the paper as she did when she was on council. Wanita stated she has been asked about the Main St sidewalks, specifically in front of the old Bridie's building and Shear Magic. Mayor stated it would be difficult to clean up during this time of year. Wanita stated she would be willing to help with nuisance homes and would help try to sell/let people know she is a broker and could help them out. She stated she had been stopped and asked about the snow removal on Main St from January 1st by a person who works on Main St. They were not happy the snow wasn't removed before they got to work causing them to have to move their vehicles later to get the snow removed. Mayor explained Michael was very sick that day, but did end up moving snow even though he was very ill. Wanita stated she would let the person know the circumstances of that day. She ended by letting Seth know he could contact her any time.

Res 25.25 Adopt Resolution to Sell 204 E 1st St. Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Hemer to adopt resolution. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen. Absent: Thies.

Res 25.26 Authorize Mayor to Sign Quit Claim Deed for 204 E 1st St. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Duff to authorize Mayor to Sign Quit Claim Deed. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen. Absent: Thies.

Res 25.27 Reappoint City Attorney & Rehire Full Time Employees. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Stuhrenberg to adopt resolution. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen. Absent: Thies.

Res 25.28 Hire Seasonal Public Works Assistant & Set Wage. Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stuhrenberg to hire Connor Hemer at \$22/hr. Roll Call Ayes: Duff, Stuhrenberg, Sorensen. Abstain: Hemer Absent: Thies.

Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Duff to approve the Walnut St Bridge closeout. Four Ayes.

Michael brought in pictures of the current piping at the water tower. Council and mayor agreed it looked very old and needed replaced since it is leaking. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Sorensen to replace the tower piping through SCE. Four Ayes.

City Clerk stated that our current software is forcing them to change over to their new system by Dec 2025. She shared that all other clerks who have already gone through the switch is struggling to balance and get daily tasks done with no support from the system support team. She talked about possibly switching to a completely different system, but either way it would be a large learning curve and that she's currently struggling to get work done before the change-over. She stated that it would help if we could hire another part time person to learn some tasks and help learn the new system when it comes time. She asked for council input on both issues. They decided to have clerk get a more accurate quote from Civic Systems. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Sorensen to hire a part-time assistant for city clerk. Four ayes.

Dollar General Drainage Issue: Michael told council he met with Dollar General's general contractor to talk about what needs fixed with the drainage. They will do some dirt work to fix the issue. City clerk stated the City Attorney sent a letter to them informing them that there was no citation, but they are in violation of flood plain ordinances. The letter stated if they do not fix this, a municipal infraction will take place. The general contractor said he would contact Michael when they are coming to fix the issue.

One delinquent water bill that will be shut off.

The county law enforcement report was available.

FY 26 Budget Discussion: City clerk talked about possibly combining all four divisions for the 8th St water project instead of doing four separate ones throughout years. She also mentioned an email sent to council members about financing for a new city hall. Council decided we should not make any decisions until we talk with our financial advisor at the next council meeting in February.

Supt of Public Works Report: Michael stated that he has to schedule a meeting with the DNR regarding the chloride tests that was discussed at last meeting. He stated that he went back and said 13 tests have been good since the one failed test happened. He is planning to meet with DNR later this month.

Committee Reports: Hemer stated that the demolition of Bridie's building was unfortunate, but it turned out looking nice. The siding on both sides of the building looks good. Mayor stated he's had citizens ask about the rubble in the dirt from the demolition. Mayor is going to contact Bedrock gravel to ask them.

Mayor thanked Superintendent of Public Works, Michael, for coming in to push snow when he was very sick. He expressed his appreciation.

Unfinished Business: Sorensen asked about the house on Main St that was demolished. Clerk stated that Region XII is still moving forward with plans to build a new home in its place.

Citizens to be heard: Rick Roeder stated he was there to quote Nancy from last meeting saying "you guys are the Forefathers of the community" and reminded the council to remember that. Mayor thanked Rick for speaking. Casey Friedrichsen was there to discuss issues with the water at his home. He brought in pictures of water pipes and water heaters, a new filter, and a used filter from his house. He asked Michael what kind of water testing was done and if hardness was tested. Michael stated they do not test for hardness. Casey asked if he could get a list of the things they do test for. Casey stated that was all he had to say. Mayor thanked him for coming.

Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stuhrenberg at 7:59 PM to adjourn. Four ayes.

The Mayor, council, and library board would like to thank Virginia Linman for her donation to the library in memory of Arlene Sundell.

The Mayor, council, and library board would like to thank James & Kim Mickelson for their donation to the library in memory of Arlene Sundell & Bev Einspahr.

The Mayor, council, and library board would like to thank Bill Wallace for his donation to the library Makerspace.

The Mayor and council would like to thank United Funds of Odebolt for their donations to the pool

The Mayor and council would like to thank the Thayer family for their donation to the pool in memory of Elaine Thayer.

The Mayor and council would like to thank Clarence Hanson for the donation to the pool in memory of Arlene Sundell.

Mayor, Todd Bengford

Samantha Reese, City Clerk