

CITY OF ODEBOLT - REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2023 – Odebolt City Hall., 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Bengford called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Carl Hemer, Seth Duff, Levi Thies & Wanita Friedrichsen. Absent: Chad Peterson. Also present: Supt. Michael Grote, City Clerk Christina Hoeftling, Dale Godbersen, Rick Roeder, Mary Morgan and Ken McClure.

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

CLAIMS FUND SUMMARY (Sept)

General	\$ 115,891.95
Library	9,077.32
Road Use Tax	6,488.48
Employee Benefits	488.86
American Rescue Funds	21,278.20
Water	11,647.42
<u>Sewer</u>	<u>6,382.68</u>
Total	\$ 171,254.91

RECEIPTS (Sept)

General	\$ 112,147.48
Library	6,741.45
Road Use Tax	15,529.82
Employee Benefits	535.76
LOST	10,819.96
Debt Service	7,220.58
Water	19,231.11
Sewer	14,869.51
<u>Storm Sewer</u>	<u>504.92</u>
Total	\$189,643.34

Claims Report Sept 2023

Acco	Chemicals	\$ 1,115.00
Amazon	Lib Programming	\$ 578.79
Aureon	Email Server	\$ 12.99
Baker & Taylor	LIB 5 BOOKS	\$ 83.17
Jeff Raasch	Web Manager	\$ 75.00
C&N Tree Service	Tree Removal	\$ 2,800.00
Canon Financial	Copier Lease Lib	\$ 66.00

Christy Hoefling	MTG EXP	\$ 191.26
City of Odebolt	Reimb Library Payroll	\$ 2,741.35
Creative Products	Lib 100 Color Books	\$ 179.00
Cubby's Inc.	Fuel City/Fire Dept	\$ 813.32
IA DNR	Water Use Permit	\$ 115.00
Double Day Lg Print	Lib 3 Books	\$ 56.48
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,778.27
Fat Guy's	MTG EXP	\$ 12.79
Foundation Analytical Lab	Water Labs	\$ 429.00
Neville Contruction	Install Doors	\$ 1,284.00
Hemer's PLMB & HTNG	Repair Line	\$
		15,951.58
Hoefling Lawn Service	CONTRACT	\$ 3,590.00
ISG	Water Operator Service	\$ 900.00
IA Fire Control	Lib Qtrly Fire Monitoring	\$ 105.00
IA Work Comp Assoc.	Work Comp	\$ 670.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 22.50
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 2,597.71
Julie Childers	Lib Cleaning/pgrm supply	\$ 111.95
Knowbuddy Resources	LIB 5 BOOKS	\$ 99.79
Linda Sleight	Mowing Library	\$ 210.00
Loffler Co	Copier Maint. Contract	\$ 95.24
Storey Kenworth/Matt Parrott	Box Bill Cards City	\$ 468.92
MBW Products LLC	Dump Truck Repair	\$ 323.42
MidAmerican Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,877.83
Mike's Electronic's	Lights at Pool	\$ 3,500.00
Odebolt Lumber	Lib LED Bulbs & Switch	\$ 726.44
Per Mar Security	Security Museum	\$ 1,557.60
Postmaster	Postage Mail Bills	\$ 268.00
Quality Drainage Solutions	New Line Blvd	\$ 3,661.31
Region XII	Contract Nuisance	\$ 480.00
Reimer. Lohman, Reitz & Blazek	Attorney Fees	\$ 2,075.00
Reis Auto Parts & Service	Tire Repair	\$ 24.00
Aquatic Reonovation Systems	Liner Contract 50%	\$
		53,960.50
Robert Rudd	Contract	\$ 6,547.50
Sac County Mutual Telephone Co	Phone/Fax/Internet	\$ 479.01
Site Services	Asbestos Removal 220 S Main	\$
		29,480.00
State W/H	State Taxes	\$ 432.26
Tony Wipperling	Mileage Training	\$ 407.41
Treasurer State of IA	Taxes Water/Sewer/Garbage	\$ 1,392.59
U.S. Cellular	Cell Phone	\$ 209.03
US Bank	Copier Lease City	\$ 62.85
Utility Equipment Co	Water Pipe Supplies	\$ 2,068.01
Vetter Equipment Co	Vehicle Parts	\$ 289.16

Visa	MTG EXP	\$ 1,816.05
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 2,939.04
Willow Lane Education	LIB 5 BOOKS	\$ 93.95
Payroll Checks		\$
		14,429.84
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$
		171,254.91

Citizens to be heard. Dale asked about where things were at with the approaches to the railroad tracks. Michael shared that the Landus is planning on removing the tracks on Walnut and then blacktopping over them this fall and then spring to do the same with the ones on Main St. He also stated that Greg Neville is supposed to be working on the street on Walnut, as he gave an estimate for those to make them more level. Rick asked about the west highway railroad tracks. City has had no luck in getting the railroad to look at them. It has been two years since they were supposed to have sent their engineer and have not done so. Since part of this is county, city will reach out to Mike Riedell to see if he has any contacts.

Joey Hoefling via phone asked if he could rent the building at 224 S Main for 18-24 months. Motion was made by Thies and seconded by Friedrichsen to rent the building to Joey Hoefling beginning in December 2023. Attorney will need to draw up a contract. Utilities will be paid by Joey and he will hold renters' insurance.

Nuisances were discussed. Due to mail being so slow discussed giving an extra week for mowing nuisances and if it is really bad to have Michael hang a sign. Contractor for mowing was yelled at and threatened to get off their property even though he stated that the city hired them due to nuisance mowing contract. Attorney stated if we have these issues next year, we should pursue them in court to get an order. It takes a couple of months. Also discussed all mowing complaints will be anonymous, no other complaints will be. Trees letters have gone out for several properties to be done by Oct 15th.

Motion was made by Thies and seconded by Hemer to approve the following building permits: Randy Foster-Fence, Iowa DOT perform work in right-of-way at corner of Hwy 175 and S Des Moines St., Kerry Reinhart- privacy fence, Gery Fineran-Egress windows. Four ayes.

Motion was made by Thies and Seconded by Duff for Cubby's liquor license. Four ayes. Motion was made by Thies and seconded by Friedrichsen to approve Tobacco/cigarette/nicotine/vape permit for Dollar General. Four ayes.

Res 24.09 Identity Theft Policy Renewal. Motion was made by Hemer and seconded by Thies to approve the renewal of the identity theft policy. Roll Call Ayes: Hemer, Duff, Thies, Friedrichsen. Absent: Peterson. Complete resolution is available at City Hall.

Date and time set for trick or treating in Odebolt is October 31st from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Update on 220 S Main. Derelict building grant is willing to change grant to deconstruction if requested or to one story if needed with a meeting to discuss and a request on timeline. Thies reported that he had a few construction people that stated that they would recommend deconstructing due to the cost to rehab would be extensive and they are not sure that the city would find a company that would be willing to fix the masonry. Thies stated that a committee will be formed to determine, hire an engineer to develop two scenarios to determine what can be done and assist with putting it out to bid. The committee would be formed to assist there to be more than one or two doing all of the investigating and more of a team approach. Ultimately the final decision will need to be voted on in a council meeting weather this is at a routine or a special council meeting. There is no loss in funds as of yet because no matter what the city would need to do asbestos abatement, which is complete. Mayor Bengford stated that this needed to be done soon due to city liability.

City has possession of property at 104 E 1st St. Everyone that has things inside were given letters to remove those items by Oct 13, 2023 within business hours. Thies suggested after the clean out, the city put it up for bid and apply deadlines to those bids like the city did with 315 S Locust before it was sold. Sheriff McClure said city should check with attorney to see if they will need to do a forcible entry and retainer with there being vehicles in there and possibly abandoned vehicle or junk vehicle. Michael thought there was steel beams in it so that structure isn't going to collapse, needed roof work and trees to be removed from foundation and around it.

Complaint file. One viscous dog complaint passed to the Sheriff's office on 9/25/23. Sheriff asked that that be checked on as he was not seeing anything passed along in the log. Christy will follow up with this tomorrow.

The county law enforcement report was available. Sheriff McClure gave an update on staffing, radio project and jail project.

Motion to accept the library report was made by Hemer and seconded by Duff. Four ayes.

There are five delinquent water bills set to be shut off the have not made any contact to arrange payments. Shut offs will be completed.

Supt Utility Report- Michael reported that the pool liner is being installed, welding is done until the liner is finished and then there is a few more things that will need welded after the liner is complete. The city did not know that a permit was needed to replace the fence at the pool but this application will be through the state and will be worked on. Fencing change order was signed, to reflect the state required restrictions, which added \$3,500 to the costs. Water tower is being drained and maintenance done over next two weeks. Water pressure will be affected. Blacktop team will be here this week on S Locust. Michael also reported that the truck to haul snow was in need of repair and told MBW to fix it. Discussed in future needing a better power washer to keep all trucks in good shape. Thies suggested a place to look into refurbished power washers for @\$1,500. Thies stated he has purchased one and has had it for several years. Michael will look into this.

Committee reports: Carl asked if Michael was able to fill the back of current city hall with dirt and ask for gutter to be bigger. Michael has not had time with all going on with the pool; he did however discuss this with Ron Sorensen and will look at it together so that Ron feels ok with the work that will be done on their property behind city hall. Once this is fixed, the cement along the east side will need built up around the building, mold removed, city hall cleaned, an air purifier can be added to the vent system to alleviate the problems with the air for around \$860. Thies asked if the county ever came to repair 8th St. At one point the county stated that they would repair it if the city purchased the materials. Michael will check on this. Wanita shared there has been some challenges with the liner and the fence but they are working through them. City did not know that they needed a permit from the state to replace the existing fence. It is being pursued.

Unfinished business- Beck Engineering has drawn up renderings of city hall remodel at 224 S Main for two years. Patrons may stop by to see the plans. It looks affordable and will be a slotted project coming up. Christy will reach out to bonding attorney to see when they need to start the process since bonding is only changed to one time per year.

The Mayor, Council and Recreation Committee would like to thank Terry Neville & Family for their donations to the Park & Rec programs in memory of Deb Reinhart and Ruth Youngren.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank Tami Hemer with Fancy Threads for making our Odebolt shirt orders mini fundraiser go smoothly. It is appreciated.

The Mayor, Council and Recreation Committee would like to thank Aureon for the grant funds to help offset the lighting at the pool.

The Mayor and Council would like to thank MidAmerican Energy for the donation to the Circle for trees.

The Mayor & Council would like to thank Brian & Janet Down for the donation to the Odebolt Pool.

The Library Board would like to thank Bill Wallace, Steve & Kris Gunderson for their donations to the library in memory of Bobbe Cordes.

The Library Board would like to thank Sally Porter for her donation to the library in memory of Rachel Wallace.

Motion was made by Thies and seconded by Duff at 8:03PM to adjourn. Four ayes.

Mayor, Todd Bengford

Christina Hoefling, City Clerk