

**Osakis City Council
Special Meeting
April 13, 2010
9:00 AM**

Present: Anderson, Emerson, Olson, Pederson

Absent: Gulbranson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Greta Petrich, Paul Kaspszak

Mayor Emerson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the agenda with the addition of the water plant.
All Ayes

Project #43 Board of Review

9:00am Truth in Taxation meeting for Todd County.

The assessor from Todd County was present, we had no appointments scheduled, and there were four good sales in Todd County, Osakis City. The sales are at least half of what they were in the past year.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Olson to adjourn the board of review meeting for Todd County at 9:15am, all ayes.

Project #24 Liquor Store Manager

The council is meeting to go over the 33 applications we received for the Liquor Store Manager Position.

Paul Kaspszak from MN Beverage Association was present to help the council in giving input in the hiring process.

Everyone listed off their top five picks from the candidates. Paul said he didn't pick his top five he just went through and picked who he felt did not fit and others that he had questions on.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Pederson to suspend the special meeting on the Liquor Store Manager Position at 9:59am, all ayes.

Project #43 Board of Review

10:00am Truth in Taxation for Douglas County.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Pederson to open the Board of Review for Douglas County at 10:00am, all ayes.

Bruce Wittamore was present as the assessor for Douglas County.

George Bender has an appointment for parcel numbers 93-0023-600, 93-0023-700, 93-0023-800 for the Sportsmen's Motel, café, and lot.

The motel is valued at 400,200 for 2010. George agrees that he feels the motel is a fair value.

George stated that the café is valued at 260,100 for the building and 21,300 for the lot. The value per square foot is only .30 less than the value of the motel and the cost to build the building is a lot less than the motel. George feels that a good value for the café is \$190,000. The Board will consider his request.

Doug Ostrem contacted Douglas County on the value for his trailer in the trailer park. The 2010 value is \$28,400 and would like to have it lowered. Bruce Wittamore stated that they have not adjusted trailers with the economy. Bruce W suggested a fair value at \$19,700.

Motion by Olson seconded Emerson to change the value of Doug Ostrem's value of \$28,400 to the recommended \$19,700, all ayes

Connie Steinke contacted Douglas County on the value of her trailer in the trailer park. She paid \$28,000 for the trailer and the value is at \$39,700. Bruce W suggested a fair value at \$28,100.

Motion by Olson seconded by Anderson to change the value of Connie Steinke's value of \$39,700 to the recommended \$28,100, all ayes

Bruce Wittamore checked on the change for the café building from the current classification to a low budget building and that changed the value to \$226,800.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Olson to approved to change the value for George Bender for the Café building from the current value of \$260,100 to \$226,800, all ayes.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Pederson to adjourn the Board of Review for Douglas County at 11:00am, all ayes

Project #24 Liquor Store Manager

Motion by Anderson seconded by Pederson to reopen the suspended meeting for the Liquor Store Manager position, all ayes

Paul pointed out during the break he had time to go through the applications and the list each person picked and he picked one candidate from each person's selection and also said if the council felt that they want to interview the current employees that is a good idea.

After discussion of the candidates to select the following will be set up for interviews. Four will be on Wednesday April 21st and four on Wednesday April 28th. Starting at 4:30pm with half an hour interview times.

Kelly Schienbein
Alan Svec
Sue Hawkinson
Daniel Kennedy
Lisa Denzel
Maureen Goodwin
Rick Engfer

Julie Blair

The council will review questions and get back to Angela on any changes they want to see to the question list.

Water plant

Councilmember Anderson stated that because of his experience and the public input at the hearing that he would like to see what the council thought on checking on going out to bids for the engineering for the next phase. Clerk Jacobson stated that her and Ron had discussed it and talked to Jeff from Rural Development and he stated that it was not a good idea to change at this time in the project. Anderson is going to contact Jeff to get his opinion so we can get the best price for our money.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am, all ayes.

Mayor – Keith Emerson

City Clerk – Angela A. Jacobson