

**Osakis City Council
Special Meeting
November 25, 2014
7:00 PM**

Present: Kip Emerson, Kyle Kostrzewski, Bruce Pederson, Jerry Olson, Randy Anderson

Absent: none

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Dale & Cathy Isaacson, Tom Klemenhagen, Alan and Chris Hunt, Sam Larson

Mayor Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge was spoken

Motion by Anderson seconded by Olson to approve the agenda as presented, all ayes.

Project #454 2014 Project

Motion by Kostrzewski seconded by Olson to open the public hearing and suspend the special meeting at 7:01pm all ayes.

Tom Klemenhagen was in attendance he explained the project and the assessment process for the Pike Street East and Creamery water and sewer extension process.

All affected parties received a letter inviting them to the meeting to express their concerns and notify them of their final assessment amount based on their benefits. The council received the following:

- Copy of the letter sent to all property owners affected with their final assessment amount
- Copy of the assessments for Pike Street and Osakis Creamery
- Copy of how the assessments will be assessed over 15 years.
- Resolution for the council to approve to adopt the proposed assessment as presented.

Dale Isaacson and Cathy Isaacson provided the council with a letter of concerns they had on the project.

Dale pointed out that he believes the city is assessing based on a 75%, 25% split and should be doing a 70%, 30% split.

Tom explained that the city did use the 70% to 30% split for assessing, this project was done by a per lot bases. The city paid the full cost of the upsizing of the lines and the full cost of the easement acquisition which included clearing and grubbing, this per lot is based on those lots benefiting from the project. Service cost for each lot is 100% the cost of the property owner.

Dale pointed out that he feels that all the lots that benefited were not assessed the trailer park and the city lot. Tom explained that the trailer park has already been served and is not benefiting from this project. The city lot has two connections but it is one lot and so is assessed based on one lot like all the other properties.

Dale was also concerned that the project was over budget and the tax payers will have to pay the difference he stated that is was 64% over budget. The city information is that the bid was for \$164,010, and the final amount is \$173,261.65.

Dale was concerned about construction issues during the project.

- He stated the water flows to his property and he will have to reshape the property so the water flows properly.
- The poles to the storage entrance were pushed up and need to be straightening; Kurt said he will take care of.
- The dirt is settling over where the line is installed and they will have to be filled.
- His water line was not extended to his property line. After our original assessment hearing Tom Klemenhagen contacted Dale to state that we don't have to extend his line and he will not have to pay that cost at this time. At the time Dale agreed, but now is stating that he wants water service to his property.
- He stated that he did not receive notice that the construction was going to start; Tom stated that we have never informed the property owners when the construction was actually starting.

Tom stated that all the assessments went down even though the project cost went up.

Alan Hunt commented as to why the city only got one assessment but has two connections.

Clerk Jacobson stated that the lot was originally thought to be two lots, but after negotiating with Praise FM for the lot area and the area the wetland is going to take up it looks like only one lot will be able to be sold and the EDA has decided to sell it as one lot at the last meeting. The service connection for the property needed to be decided before this information came up so two connections were installed. To follow our assessment policy the city should not be taking an assessment at all because Praise Fm still owns the lot and the city has not purchased it, but to be fair the city is taking an assessment.

After discussion Dale is advising the council to seek legal council to review the policy and assessments before adopting the final assessment.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Kostrzewski to close the public hearing and reopen the special meeting at 7:44pm, all ayes.

The council discussed the hearing and feels it would be best to have the attorney review the policy and assessments and comment back. The Council will have to meet again this year in order to adopt the final assessments amounts for 2015.

Project #460 Downtown Project

Council discussed the downtown project and wanting to make sure that the project and grant go through. Clerk Jacobson informed them that the grant will not be applied for this year because we did not get a good response from the residential side. Communication need to be put out so the public knows how important this is.

Project #283 Snow Removal

The council received a revised ordinance for the snow removal that changed the ordinance from 24 hours to 72 hours.

After the first snow some sidewalks have be cleaned and billed.

Kyle Kostrzewski read ordinance #98 for the first time.

Jerry Olson brought up that he called 911 and he waited for a long time for a response before the first responders got there. Sam stated that there is a communication error with Todd County and the relay to Douglas is delayed, they don't always hear the call. This has been brought up as a problem before but just doesn't get resolved.

Kip Emerson brought up that Julie was looking at doing inventory at the Liquor Store on January 4th.

Motion by Anderson seconded by Olson to adjourn at 8:30pm. All ayes

City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson

Mayor – Keith E. Emerson