

**Osakis City Council  
Special Meeting  
December 16, 2014  
3:30 PM**

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

Absent: Randy Anderson arrives 3:30pm

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Dale & Cathy Isaacson, Tom Klemenhagen, Alan & Chris Hunt, Kurt Haakinson, Paul Hartmann, Howard Swenstad, Terry Hetland, George Bender, Greg Anderson, Rick Loxtercamp

Mayor Emerson called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

Pledge was spoken

Motion by Kostrzewski seconded by Olson to approve the agenda as presented, all ayes. Absent Anderson  
Randy Anderson Arrives 3:32pm

**Project #454 2014 Project**

Keith Emerson addressed the crowd and stated that this is not a public hearing we held the public hearing on the project on November 25, 2014. This meeting is for the council to decide to proceed with the assessments or reevaluate, so we will not spend a lot of time on this.

Terry Hetland asked to address the council on behalf of the businesses. He does not have property on the project but is a tax payer in Osakis.

Terry has concerns about the way the project was handled and assessed. He stated the following:

- The project was over budget by 64% compared to the estimate for the project. Why over budget, why would the bid be accepted and not rebid?
- Feels they would back the city in a lawsuit against Landteam for doing such a poor job with the project.
- Why all the lots in the area were not assessed, including the trailer park. When the assessment policy says that all lots will be assessed within the benefited area.

Tom Klemenhagen

- Estimates are estimates. The estimates on the feasibility were given in December and bid was put out in the spring. The bidding changed and in between the estimate and bids the city decided to change from an 8" to a 12" water main. Bids came in higher because of the easement, clearing and grubbing and they were just estimates.
- All lots were assessed that benefit from the project. The trailer park already had service so they don't benefit by the project.
- The council/city also has a statement in the assessment policy that they can assess based on what is fair and equitable manner.

After spending enough time on the discussion and explaining the project.

Council consensus was the group is not going to be happy with any discussion the council makes.

Resolution was presented by Kostrzewski seconded by Pederson to approve 2014-41 adopting assessments for the 2014 project.

**Project #444 – Waste water project**

The council received a copy of the MPCA response letter dated December 11, 2014. This is a response to our letter dated October 27, 2014.

The council discussed and is not happy with the response. Feel that we need to respond again as to why we feel we need to have more time for this project deadline, funding availability, and Faille Lake evaluated.

Angela will contact Steve Nyhus and have him draft a response for the council to review before submitting.

This will be Bruce Pederson's last meeting so in appreciation for his years of service from being appointed in 2005 through 2014, Mayor Emerson presented Councilmember Pederson with a plaque for his years of service and thanking him for his work and dedication to the City of Osakis.

Motion by Kostrzewski seconded by Olson to recess for the union meeting at 4:10pm.

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City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson

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Mayor – Keith E. Emerson