

Osakis City Council – Special Workshop
May 7, 2019
7:30 PM

Present: Jerry Olson, Keith Emerson, Randy Anderson, Justin Dahlheimer, Laura Backes

Absent: None

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Chad Gulbranson, Reenie Goodwin, Greg Gottwald

Project #205: Water

Greg Gottwald was in attendance and discussed the following with the council:

- Water pilot study at the water plant:
 - The pilot study is filtering out the ammonia from the water and seems to be working well.
 - Testing the back washing.
 - Samples are taken daily for testing.

- Waste water ponds:
 - The biological activity was not as bad as last year.
 - BOD was 120 this year.
 - City of Perham has an aeration system that we have been using and maybe we would be able to buy it from them to help with our aeration.
 - Industrial users are being worked on.
 - User fees for loading for infrastructure.

Project #444: MPCA

- Reviewed information from the MPCA:
 - Asking for property drawing and the whole property fence line.
 - Sampling at Faille Lake for the summer months.
 - If MPCA gets back to us, we can work on a signed agreement with Krals.

Gottwald informed the council that Ben Deters has been offered a job in Sauk Centre. Derek Lang maybe able to fill the position.

Gottwald discussed the compost site:

- Proposed having seasonal charges for keys if residents want one for the season.
- Will be keeping it locked. Have had issues with garbage and construction blocks being left at the site.
- Lakeweeds do not compost. Last year it cost the city about \$2,000 for removal.
- Charge for all summer compost keys. \$50 to \$100. Council will consider and discuss at the regular council meeting.

Project #321: Visitors Center

Council discussed the idea of selling items made for Osakis at the Visitors Center. Discussed consigning or buying the items for resale.

Council feels it would be best to buy the items for resale.

Project #22: City Clerk

Jacobson discussed with the council:

- New time keeping system. Letters will be sent to employees to switch to the new system.
- The council received a draft policy for the new system.
- Remodel the current city hall or move to a new location. Look into the cost for construction and remodeling.

Jacobson presented a spreadsheet that shows monthly payments – what is paid and what checks are out for the month.

Checks sent out include the bills, deductions, bonds approved and reimbursements.

Project #373: Policy

Asked about drug testing for summer help and the council felt it was redundant unless there was a concern.

The test policy is vague and should have more details. Jacobson will look into more information and details for the policy.

Project #24: Liquor Store

Reenie Goodwin was in attendance and discussed the following:

- Moonshine Madness and having a booth downtown to serve liquor. Backes suggested attending the Moonshine meetings.
- The deck addition will be put in and done for the summer music.
- Add to the regular council agenda – adding a fulltime employee or part-time to keep the costs down.
- Pull-Tab booth – consider by moving the booth to the end of the building by the deck door.
- Suggested trying Bar-Op for 3 months without moving the booth.

Council stated that the OEDC does well for the town and we want to keep them happy. It was suggested to invite an OEDC member to the council meeting if costs are ready.

Goodwin also informed the council that the beer cooler is finished and looks nice.

Project #76: Police

Chad Gulbranson was in attendance and discussed the following:

- The council was sent an email of the list for junk/vehicles and house maintenance. Some of the letters were sent in the mail to residents and some were hand delivered. The deadline is May 17th – ticketed if not taken care of or attend a council meeting to explain why they are not cleaning up.
- The Rud house on 1st Avenue East needs to be sighted for cleanup.

- Will have the Rental Ordinance for the May council meeting, sample to review and setup a public hearing.
- Calvin sent 27 vehicle letters.
- The police will start at 8 am on Clean Up day – picking up at residents that called in and will haul to the Liquor Store. West Central will be open at 8:30 a.m. to start dumping.

Gulbranson presented information from the League of MN Cities regarding consulting services to help with disagreements and team building. There are exercises for employee disagreements. The council felt it was worth checking into.

Personnel/Employee

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to suspend the regular meeting at 9:44 p.m. and open the closed meeting for Grinstead Grievance. All Ayes

Council discussion.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Anderson, to close the meeting and reopen the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m. All Ayes

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Mayor – Keith E. Emerson

City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson