

**Osakis City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**October 14, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Randy Anderson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Reenie Goodwin, Greg Gottwald, Travis Middendorf, Chad Gulbranson, Sheila Krohse, Jerry Rapp, Tim Kalina, Joan Olson, Jerry Olson, Sharon Fredrickson, Steve Fredrickson, Danny Dillabough, Donald Moore, Jerry Manders, Rebecca Callahan, Annie Hemstock, Ron Eldred, Marylou Eldred, Curt Kalpin, Curt Blaisdell, Beth Schultz, Becky Hensley, Brenda Gliniany, Jim Gliniany, Johns Swenstad, Janet Roberts, Howard Swenstad, Gene Rasmusen, Scott Henderson, Sarah Boser, Marianne Shrode, Julie Anderson, Merlin Wolterstorf, Greg Hanson, Roger Davis, Lenore Davis, Arlo Bidleman, Ron Majerus, Diane Majerus, Ken Grosell, Randy Newmann, Bonnie Braun, Joe Frey, Lori Stixrud, David Laven, Jim Tholen, Bruce Pederson, Terry Hetland, Bernice Kostrzewski, Steve Hill, Tim Walter, Bob Eason, Paul Hartmann, Bill Bjerke, Bryan Lashinski, Bob Brillhart, Dave Zerr, Anne Zerr, Osakis Review Reporter

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Emerson at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Olson, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes

Motion by Backes, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the general consent items, including the September city bills in the amount of \$261,289.95, meeting minutes from September 9th, 2019 and October 2nd, 2019. All Ayes

**Project #24: Liquor Store**

Reenie Goodwin was in attendance. Council received the following:

- Statement of Revenue & Expense
- Liquor Store Expenditures and Revenue spread sheet
- October Bullet Points
- Liquor Store Sales for the month
- Exp/Rev On Sale
- Exp/Rev Off Sale
- Inventory Totals
- Sales statistics from 9/1/2019 to 10/1/2019
- Session Summary Liquor Store from 9/1/2019 to 10/1/2019
- Inventory cycle counts
- Sales for the month totaled \$6,941

Goodwin discussed other items:

- Poker Run will start in November.
- Jeff Lund will start full-time this weekend. Lund will start inventory with Goodwin.
- Pool League started and is held on Tuesdays.

### **Project #73: First Responders**

Mark Grinstead was in attendance. Council received the September run reports.

Grinstead reviewed the reports:

- 17 calls for the month.
- 184 calls year to date.
- 2.5 members per call average.
- From 6 am to 6 pm – 59% of calls made.
- New members are needed for the First Responders if anyone knows of anyone interested have them stop at city hall.

### **Project #74: Fire Department**

Travis Middendorf was in attendance.

Middendorf informed the council of the calls:

- 3 calls for the month – Skid-steer fire in Todd County on CR 2, one call cancelled and on 9/28/19 responded to a rollover.
- 24 calls year to date.

Middendorf also informed the council on the following:

- Fire Prevention was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and went well.
- Active Shooter training will be held November 23<sup>rd</sup> with Police & First Responders.

### **Project #76: Police**

Chad Gulbranson was in attendance. Council received the September Police report.

Gulbranson reviewed the following:

- A lot of call out this month.
- TZD – for the Seatbelt Wave.
- Two felony arrests were made this month.
- Active Shooter training with Fire & EMS
- New part-time officer Kyle Drum was hired.

Council received a resolution to approve to allow part-time officer Kyle Drum to be enrolled in Police PERA.

Resolution 2019-15 was presented by Dahlheimer, seconded by Olson, to approve part-time officer Kyle Drum to be enrolled in Police PERA. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

### **Project #205: City Crew**

Greg Gottwald was in attendance. Council received the September Public Works report.

Gottwald informed the council of the following:

- Waiting on a Water Plant report form Eric Meister.
- MPCA sampling set for Faille Lake.
- Discharging with a different chemical than in the past and has been going well.

- Derek Lang has been working on completing the DOT test and Wastewater test.
- Working on a down tree in the road right-of-way.
- Purchased the new used plow truck and getting the wing put on it for plowing.
- Flower pots downtown – move off of the sidewalks and possibly to the park with added greenery.

### **Project #5/430: East Side Pond / Sediment Pond**

At the last council workshop, Gottwald commented on getting a memo from the Sauk River Watershed District and a cost proposal for the clean out of two of the ponds in the city limits that the city takes care of. The East Side Pond (in the Industrial Park) and the King Street Pond (located on the corner of King Street) are the ponds the city takes care of.

The SRWD stated that the East Side Pond needs to be cleaned out but the King Street Pond is just suggested to be cleaned out.

Council and Gottwald received the following information:

- Technical Memo from Jon Roeschlein (SRWD) and Houston Engineers.
- Sauk River Watershed Best Management Practice Agreement from 2007 (East Side Pond).
- 2012 letters from SRWD and Landteam Engineering regarding the pond maintenance.

The total estimate cost of cleanout is \$124,154.00.

After reviewing the agreement and the letters regarding the pond maintenance, Clerk Jacobson would suggest that Gottwald work with Sheila Krohse (Bolton & Menk) to evaluate if the ponds are at least at half of the storage capacity from the as-built design capacity before any maintenance is completed.

The city has currently \$161,000 in the Storm Sewer Maintenance Fund.

Gottwald will work with Krohse to determine if it is necessary to clean out the East Side Pond at this time and if it meets the 50% capacity to have it cleaned out.

### **Project #444: Waste Water Project**

The council was informed that we have had no word from the MPCA.

Council received the following bills to approve:

- Hall and Associates in the amount of \$298.05
- September bill from Flaherty & Hood in the amount of \$112.05
- October bill from Flaherty & Hood in the amount of \$2.85

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Backes, to approve the bill for Hall and Associates in the amount of \$298.05 and the bills for Flaherty & Hood in the amount of \$114.90. All Ayes

### **Project #467: 2017 Project**

Sheila Krohse was in attendance and updated the council on the progress for the 2017 warranty items:

- Warrantee work was complete for all concrete areas.
- Central & Main – water in the crosswalk still needs to be removed and replaced.
- Suggested that the Main Lift is put on the PFA list and do a facility plan to get in on funding. The city would have 5 years to do a project.

### **Project #460: Downtown Project – Bryan Danielson**

Clerk Jacobson updated the council regarding the sidewalk at 40 Main Street East. Danielson met with Dan Marthaler about the options for the entrance and Danielson has decided to move the front door to the west and this area will meet ADA compliance without changing the sidewalk area.

### **Project #110: Gambling License**

Becky Hensley was in attendance for the Osakis Economic Development Corporation (OEDC). At the meeting, the council received a request from the OEDC to have a Gambling License at the Osakis Bowling Barn & Grill located at 40 Main Street East.

Council received Resolution 2019-16 to review and approve a Gambling License at the Bowling Barn & Grill.

Hensley also presented a letter from the OEDC Board regarding the operations at the Liquor Store.

Resolution 2019-16 was presented by Dahlheimer, seconded by Backes, to approve a Gambling License for OEDC at the Bowling Barn & Grill located at 40 Main Street East. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

### **Project #464: Solar Energy – Novel**

Council received a quote from Novel Energy for a solar energy subscription for the power with the City of Osakis.

Items received:

- City account list.
- Slideshow presentation of a solar garden.
- VOC Commercial Subscription Agreement.
- Novel Solar Garden information.

A few points to note:

- This Value of Solar (VOS) program is different from the past program in that the Xcel Energy bill credit rate is set for 25 years and our subscription rate will always be 1 cent/kWh below the bill credit rate – thus guaranteeing a 1 cent/kWh savings.
- We have included and can out after year 10 – this means if you wanted to get out of the program after year 10, you can by giving us a 2 year replacement period. If we find a replacement the first day after year 10, you are out at that point with no penalty. If you say nothing, the program will continue on to year 25 or until you say you want out.
- Estimated savings per year is \$1,981 for up to 25 years.
- The solar garden that we would be located in are the tow gardens located by Osakis.
- Capacity is limited, and the garden is based on first come first serve agreements.
- The solar garden that the city is in currently, is Sunshare and if filled up so we did not get in on all the capacity for the city in that garden.
- Solar agreement was sent to the city attorney for review.

The consensus of the council if the city attorney reviews the agreement and ask for \$.02.

**Project #196: Fee Schedule**

Council received the proposed Fee Schedule for 2020. Clerk Jacobson has included the fees from the previous discussion at the budget workshop and has suggested a few other fees.

Council reviewed the proposed Fee Schedule for 2020 and made no suggestions at this time.

Council will review again and the proposed Fee Schedule for 2020 will officially be adopted the first council meeting in January 2020.

**Project #451: Council Meetings**

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> which is Veteran’s Day.

Council discussed the date and decided to move the council meeting to the first Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Project #192: Truth in Taxation**

The date for the Truth in Taxation public hearing has been set for Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first item on the agenda.

This hearing date will appear on the tax statements for all residents and would be the time the residents can be heard on the cost of the tax levy that the city is proposing for the year 2020.

**Project #213: Lifeguards**

Council received totals for the beach and lifeguards for the 2019 season:

	<u>Swimmers</u>	<u>Picnic</u>
June	480	468
July	871	501
August	489	310
2019 Totals	1,840	1,279
2018 Totals	2,750	1,198
2019 Wages \$6,800	Beach Maintenance	\$2,400

**Project #435: MN DOT (Hwy 27 Reconstruction)**

Council received a notice form the MN DOT regarding an informational open house about the plans for Hwy 27. Construction will be from Hwy 82 to Hwy 71.

The open house will be held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Osakis Community Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It would be good if council can stop and received information about this project so you are aware of the plans if residents have questions.

## **Project #233: Sauk River Watershed District**

Scott Henderson and Sarah Boser were in attendance from the Sauk River Watershed District and gave a presentation regarding the JD2 sediment pond.

Henderson stated that they were looking at list from 2013/2018 and some addresses were sent out to property owners from 2013. Henderson stated that they will be sending out new letters this week.

Henderson and Boser informed the council and the public of the following:

- A study was done in the 90's until 2000 and 2001 when the JD2 pond was put in.
- A project hearing was held in 2002 for appraisal of benefit.
- Benefit area is Osakis City and Tier 1 & 2.
- Construction of the pond was done in 2003

Henderson explained that with the heavy rain damage in 2004 & 2005 the dyke and pond needed repairs.

- They addressed the nutrients entering the ditch to Lake Osakis to clean up the phosphorus issue.
- 22,000 tons of matter was removed with the 2019 clean out. This calculated to 1,800 dump truck loads.
- It is a benefit to have a clean lake for the property owners around the lake.

The public asked or made the following questions/comments:

- To date, how much has been spent on the JD2 pond? Henderson's answer was about \$1,000,000.
- Who pays downstream? There are concerns that others downstream do not pay their share.
- Tier 1 and Tier 2 are property owners in the county that pay.
- The school is taxed.
- The city is taxed.
- All properties in the city are taxed.
- Some feel the taxing is unfair in the city – too many taxed that all have to pay.

Henderson stated that he has heard the public's comments and will ask the board about redetermination.

In 2002 it was determined that the benefit to the City of Osakis was 50% and the other 50% was a benefit to the lake residents.

Henderson stated that the sediment pond needed to be cleaned out and state statute requires it to be cleaned out by the law.

Information on Crooked Lake was given – It was dug in in the 1900s by easement. The ditch drained a large water basin and there was a need to recreate a drainage pond to help clean up the lake.

Henderson stated that he will talk to the SRWD board and discuss the determination of the project from 2002.

A comment was made to have a hearing regarding the assessments before and not after.

Comments were made on the SRWD's proposed new building – a 1.8 million dollar building for six employees – could have a lower cost for the building and use the difference to help with the clean out cost of \$650,000 instead.

The amount that flows through the sediment pond is about 40% on a good day and 10% high flow. It was asked how much phosphorus is in land sediment.

Tax all in the watershed district – more can be done with funding.

**Items for council to consider for future:**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Mayor – Keith E. Emerson

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City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson