

**Osakis City Council – Regular Meeting
Held Via Virtual Meeting Zoom
June 8, 2020
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Angela Jacobson

Others Present – conference via phone: Reenie Goodwin, Chad Gulbranson, Craig Dropik, Mark Grinstead, Eric Jacobson, Sheila Krohse, Jared Rubado, Zac Brun, Becky Hensley, Emily Brun

June 8th, 2020 meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Emerson at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – All present as indicated above.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Idlewilde Resort, Arbitration and Sportsman’s Club. Roll Call Vote – Motion Carries

Backes noted that she wanted a change to the May 20th, 2020 minutes regarding the comments on the Liquor Sales and purchase of the police car.

Jacobson will make these adjustments.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the general consent items, including the May city bills in the amount of \$229,415.08, meeting minutes from April 21st, 2020, May 11th, 2020 and May 20th, 2020 with the Overtime Report descriptions for time should be put in for reasons. Roll Call Vote – Motion Carries

Project #24: Liquor Store

Reenie Goodwin was in attendance via phone.

Council received the following reports:

- Statement of Revenue & Expense
- 2 Year Liquor Store Expenditures & Revenues
- Bullet Points
- Liquor Store Sales for May
- Exp/Rev On Sale
- Exp/Rev Off Sale
- Inventory cycle counts
- Sales for the month total -\$1,327.00

Goodwin informed the council of the following:

- The On-Sale can be open at 50% capacity beginning June 10th.
- Pull-tabs will start July 1st. The Nelson’s Community Association will put the pull-tabs in place.

The council questioned why sales are so high and still does not show a profit.

Goodwin stated – because the On-Sale is not open and there was a big beer purchase. It will pick up after the On-Sale is open.

Emerson commented – setup expense on June 1st, so we can have outside, now can be open inside and seems that the expense was not necessary.

Project #73: First Responders

Mark Grinstead was in attendance via computer.

Council received the May reports:

- 28 calls for the month, 5 no-shows.
- Usually average 16 calls a month – May was a busy month.
- 2.3 average member response per call.
- 5 calls had a solo responder.
- 103 calls year to date.
- 61% of the calls were between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 43% of the calls were in town.
- 50% were in Osakis and Gordon Township.

Grinstead informed the council of the following:

- The First Responders had their May meeting via Zoom. Reviewed COVID-19 protocols and discussed equipment needs.
- We have no new COVID-19 protocol updates besides the fact that it will be lingering for the rest of the year.
- May was a busy month. Some members aren't responding to covid type calls due to being susceptible. Grinstead is not worried about call percentages lately due to this.
- One of the newest members, Cheyenne Christopherson, has really stepped up and has responded to a lot of calls.
- Had a few full code calls. One was a local 15 year old, 66 year old that was successfully defibbed and brought back, and another citizen was airlifted from the scene after being stabilized. These are stressful calls and we try to call and help each other following these type of calls.
- Putting in for a Centerpoint Energy Community Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,500.
- The First Responder rig needs to have some work done.
June's meeting has been tentatively scheduled to be held at the Community Center where we can social distance. Zoom meetings haven't been very effective for group discussions.

Project #74: Fire Department

Craig Dropik was in attendance via phone.

Council received the May Fire Department report. The department had 13 calls for the month.

Dropik informed the council of the following:

- The Fire Department had an ISO Audit. Improved our fire rating from a 5 to a 4. Improving 1 number for the community and surrounding area as of September 1st will help with insurance rates. They should reflect the better rating and response of the Fire Department.

Dropik discussed Resolution 2020-10 regarding applying for the Sourcewell NFPA 1962 Fire Hose Testing Grant. This is for an Innovation Funding Application for 1962.

Resolution 2020-10 was presented by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve participation in the Sourcewell NFPA 1962 Fire Hose Testing Grant. Roll Call Vote – Resolution passed unanimously.
Motion Carries

Project #76: Police

Chad Gulbranson was in attendance via phone.

Council received the following:

- Police Report for May
- Monthly schedule for June

Gulbranson informed the council of the following:

- Covered a couple shifts for Calvin Uhl while on Work Comp.
- Had 4 callouts in one day. – One detox run and responded to a medical.
- The new squad was finished last week. Cage needed to be changed due to Grinstead being taller.

Council discussed the decal.

Gulbranson said they called and it was taken in to get done. Police is reflective on the squad when others are metallic.

Backes – it is hard to see and we would like more of a say. Backes asked why did the council not approve the lettering.

Backes also asked if we can have Winning Edge fix the mistake they made.

Will need to check on if they can make it a darker color.

Council requested a copy of what Gulbranson had ordered for the lettering and will review it at the next meeting. Take pictures and send to the council to see and the council will review at the next meeting,

Gulbranson discussed the cameras with the council. The cameras are not being put up until everyone sees where we want to cover. Can be done after workshop discussion and design done.

Project #205: Public Works/City Crew

Greg Gottwald was not in attendance.

Council received the monthly Public Works Report.

Project #343: Fireworks

Council received a copy of the lease agreement with the Osakis Country Club.

So far, we have received donations totaling \$4,500 from the EDA and VFW.

Jacobson has not heard from the Elks regarding a donation from them.

Last year, the city spent \$7,250. The council was asked if they want to look for more funding or put on the fireworks show with the funds we have. We currently are \$2,750 short.

The VFW will be having a meeting June 9th, and will request more funds.

Dropik said the quote is for the same amount at last year. The cost was reduced by \$400 and we can have the same show as last year or we can pick and choose items from the order.

Discussion was held regarding seating at the Country Club and if we can't have people seated there, how are we going to keep people off the grass. Or if they can, how will we monitor keeping groups 6 ft apart.

A message can be put on Facebook regarding the fireworks and the entrance could be roped off.

Dropik and Jacobson will review the rules from the Governor's office when it gets closer to see what is allowed.

Project #249: Planning & Zoning

Emily Brun submitted a proposal for Idlewilde Resort. The proposal is for the completion of the water and sewer lines to the cabins and for the sunset clause.

Dahlheimer informed the council that the Planning & Zoning discussed this matter:

- The homeowner has a situation now regarding the sunset clause.
- Looking to have rental units as long term and not short term.

Zac Brun met with existing Home Owners Association (HOA) and they are ok with longer term rental and being included in the association.

Dahlheimer will talk to Viking Savings Bank to see what can be done. What was not completed in the past is not Brun's issue. If we have rentals, it needs to fit for rental properties.

Items that need to be discussed per the Development Agreement:

- Condition of the pool building.
- Condition of the Lodge.
- Green space – Jim Leigh was supposed to put this into place.
- Parking plan sketch for development.

Z. Brun commented that HOAs funding at the current level with no new tenants will not fix those items but if we can address the issue, we will be able to clean things up.

Discussed with the Planning & Zoning what is needed to be done to move forward. Council is ok with allowing rental units there if these matters get addressed and taken care of.

Dahlheimer will get a list of what needs to be worked on and worked out who and how it will be taken care of.

Emily and Zac Brun will look at what they can also do.

Janet Steinbrecher is renting out the row of cabins and this property would also fall into what is done.

There are concerns that if people bought in, now as owners you could have many different rentals and short term may be difficult.

Idlewilde was a very nice resort at one time.

Dahlheimer will meet with Vikings Savings and go through the list for the next meeting. Bruns can also get the list to go through.

The timeline would be – at the June 18th Planning & Zoning meeting, the members would make their recommendation. An amendment agreement would be drafted in July for the council to review at their August meeting would be the first option to get this done and approved by the council.

Council agreed that next month they will review this.

Project #482: COVID-19

Council received Resolution 2020-12 to approve temporary outdoor seating and ordinance change 126.

Council discussed ADA – see if they have an interest in pursuing for cafes. Council agreed to hold off at this time.

Council received the City of Alexandria’s sidewalk ordinance and application.

Council felt that Jacobson should check with the restaurants and see if they want sidewalk cafes.

ADA compliance would need to be met.

Project #110: Gambling

Council received a request form the Immaculate Conception Church for a Gambling Permit on November 1, 2020.

Council also received Resolution 2020-11.

Resolution 2020-11 was presented by Anderson, seconded by Olson, to approve a Gambling Permit for Immaculate Conception Church for November 1, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Resolution passed unanimously. Motion Carries

Project #429: Election

Council discussed a grant for ADA compliant election equipment at a cost of \$3,620. Currently, there is a balance of \$825 in the election fund.

This is not necessary but would be part of the grant and the council felt we should wait on this matter at this time.

Project #444: Wastewater Project

The MPCA has not given us any information, just clarified what was discussed and what each party was going to do.

Council received a bill from Flaherty and Hood for \$5,358.75 for the month of May.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the bill from Flaherty and Hood in the amount of \$5,358.75. Roll Call Vote – Motion Carries

Project #84: Budget

Council will look at scheduling Budget meeting in July.

Project #110: Gambling

Council received a request for a Gambling License for September 19, 2020 from the Sportsmen’s Club.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Gambling License for the Sportsmen’s Club for September 19, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Motion Carries

Project #477: Haglund/Snyder Lawsuit

Last month, the council had a discussion about who pays for the cost of the sewer line. An estimate for the sewer line is \$13,000.

Emerson was under the impression that Jim Snyder and Kevin Haglund would share the cost.

The cost is for extending the sewer pipe to bring to the property line.

They are still dealing with the property extension on their properties.

The assessment policy is 70/30.

Council discussed the assessment policy and costs as normal for regular property assessments.

The attorney will review and waiver the hearing if we agree.

Contact the attorney so the legal part can be done and get a quote to it can get done.

Project #21: State Demographer

Council received a letter from the State Demographic Center and the state estimate for the population of Osakis is 1,773.

Project # : Union

Council received an arbitration letter that states they want to move forward with arbitration. Cost of the dispute is \$100 in overtime.

Council discussed a MOU – can be put in place and would not be a bad plan so at the next negotiations we can fix the language. Gulbranson was pretty clear.

In a MOU, we could agree to a lower settlement. If we pay the \$100 to Uhl, in negotiations, we will speak loud and clear that we have given all year on this matter and will not give in at negotiations.

If we don’t continue this discussion, we don’t go forward if it happens again.

Council feels it is worth going through the process of arbitration.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Anderson, to schedule a date for arbitration. Roll Call Vote – Motion Carries

Jacobson will work with the city attorney with reviewing items for arbitration.

Other Items for Discussion:

None.

Items for Future Meetings:

No comments for future items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor – Keith E. Emerson

City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson