

Osakis City Council – Special Meeting
City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East
December 1st, 2021
7:00 PM

Present: Alan Larson, Dan Wessel, Tim Thornbloom, Laura Backes, Randy Anderson

Absent: None

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Bev Snyder, David Determan, Donald Moore, Peter Koel, Kevin Piepho, Yvonne Piepho, Jessica Peterson, Layla Rismoen, John Timmerman

The December 1st, 2021 meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and those present were welcomed by Mayor Dan Wessel.

Roll call was taken – all present.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carries

Public Hearing

Project #60: Rental Ordinance

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comment regarding a proposed Private/Vacation Rental Ordinance the council is looking to adopt.

Council received the following:

- Draft copy of the Private/Vacation Rental Ordinance – a copy was also made available to all public before and during the public hearing.
- Good Neighbor Brochure
- Comprehensive Plan Tourism chapter pages.
- Memo of Agreement between Horizon Public Health and the City of Osakis.

Jessica Peterson from Horizon Public Health was in attendance to answer questions regarding inspections and the license application.

Jacobson gave a short presentation highlighting items in the ordinance.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to open the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion Carries

Mayor Wessel informed those present wishing to speak, to state their name and address for the record. They were given 2 to 3 minutes to speak and reminded this is a respectable event. Mayor Wessel said that we will hear all comments on the topic.

Bev Snyder (13 K Street East) – against the ordinance. Has lived in Osakis for 19 years and was a peaceful town. Now there are many new neighbors per week. Drunks coming over, kids looking for marshmallow forks. Snyder said she feels uncomfortable.

Mayor Wessel stated if there are issues, the police need to be called. The police need to enforce those issues if there is a need to address the concerns.

Don Moore (15 4th Avenue East) – in the past, he was against the regulations but wants to know who documents the violations.

Moore asked if a fence is required and can the city decide if one is needed?

If there are complaints – call the police/city hall about the complaint and fill out a form. This will document the complaint.

Moore asked about a sign for the boundary lines. People walk on their property on the lakeside to take pictures. Moore wants signs for people to stay on their own property so they are not liable. Does not want to put up a fence on his own property. They should have to put up a fence to mark boundaries.

Snyder commented that the road should be blacktopped and make it a one way so it is not so dusty and the traffic does not ruin the road.

David Detterman (Todd County) – stated the county has been instructed by the state to put a rental ordinance in place. The county will enforce the ordinance. The county has the ordinance and discussion on the agenda.

Detterman explained that it would be the counties job to do inspections on properties. The state says they also have to enforce it. The county is still working on the ordinance.

At the local level (city) an ordinance can be put in place with rules above the county level requirements. What is right for the city to allow in town is what would be enforced.

John Timmerman (819 Lake Street East) – asked who is to be in charge of the ordinance?

Local ordinance as long as they are meeting the minimum required of the county. The city can be more restrictive, so the city ordinance would be enforced.

All present had an opportunity to speak.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carries

The council will take the public comments into consideration and the Private/Vacation Rental Ordinance will be voted on at the next regular council meeting to be held on December 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., held at the Community Center.

Project #360: Employee/Personnel

This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant to state statute 13.D.05.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to suspend the special meeting and open the closed meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion Carries

Mayor Wessel wanted to discuss some personnel issues with the full council to consider how to move forward.

Council received copies of the information for the Drug and Alcohol policy.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson, to close the closed meeting and open the special meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Motion Carries

Mayor – Daniel J. Wessel

City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson