

Osakis City Council – Workshop Meeting
City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East
July 25, 2022
5:30 PM

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

Absent: Tim Thornbloom

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

Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Dan Wessel.

Wessel reported on his attendance to the LMC Conference. He stated that there was a lot of good information on working together as a team.

Question was asked if more than 3 council members attend the National Night Out from 5-7:00 PM would that be considered a quorum? Angela will check on that.

PROJECT #468: SPECIAL EVENTS

Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson, to have the barricaded area highlighted where alcohol will be consumed and served starting at 10:00 AM on 9/10/22 and ending at 1:00 AM on 9/11/22 for Taste of Osakis. All Ayes Absent: Tim Thornbloom

PROJECT #312: BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

Discussion was held on the Fishing Pier and the resolution. Approval of the agreement and funding is needed prior.

PROJECT #373: POLICIES

Discussion was held on the overtime policy. There is to be no OT unless it is necessary.

Personnel reviews are due each January and July on all employees. The Mayor will complete the reviews for all supervisors and the supervisors will complete for the employees. Motion by Larson, seconded by Backes to approve the copy of the Employee Performance form to use starting July 2022. The form is to be re-evaluated in 1 year.

Discussion was held regarding employee the use of sick time. If an employee has called in sick they must be home in order to receive sick pay. This time is not to be used just to have time off.

Angela is to contact the City Attorney to have the Personnel Policy updated right away.

PROJECT #74: FIRE DEPT

Community Night Out will be August 10, 2022 from 5-7:00 PM at Park Osagi. There will be food, music, bean bags, inflatables. The council liasons for the Fire Dept, First Responders and Police will be in attendance to answer questions from the public.

Dropik reported that they have had 3 false calls in the past 30 days. Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson to charge \$300.00 for a false call in a 30 day period. Absent: Tim Thornbloom

Discussion was held on the cost of a house burn. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson to charge \$1,500 for an out of town house burn and \$1,000 for an in town house burn. Absent: Tim Thornbloom

PROJECT #24: LIQUOR STORE

Discussion was held on employment issues and the possibility of adding an additional person to help pick-up shifts to eliminate overtime. Goodwin is to review wages and determine the increase this would create in PT wages.

Council reviewed the application for the new digital sign. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson to purchase the digital sign from Rose City Canopy. Absent: Tim Thornbloom

Discussion was held regarding selling edible cannabis products. Motion by Larson, seconded by Backes to not allow the sale of edible cannabis products until we have gone through regulations for zoning permits and process.

PROJECT #76: POLICE

Discussion was held about police vehicle operations. Motion by Wessel, seconded by Anderson that all city vehicles are to be only driven by city employees. Absent: Tim Thornbloom

PROJECT #444 WASTE WATER PROJECT

MPCA had filed an appeal with the Supreme Court on their ruling. The Supreme Court denied their appeal. There will be a hearing on August 16, 2022 to determine the process for permits in the future.

PROJECT #205: PUBLIC WORKS

Discussion was held on the main lift station project. Gottwald reported that the pumps have arrived to get the project going. A resolution for the main lift station financing was presented. The council would like to see the rate on the project and how long it is good for.

Discussion was held on getting new banners for downtown. Gottwald is to work with the chamber to get pricing.

Discussion was held the proposed shop. Gottwald is to put together a proposed size and layout. Also, to get proposed pricing.

It was decided that changes are needed and to move forward with placing play ground equipment at the 8th Ave Park.

PROJECT #73: FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders are over their 2022 budget for wages. There has been more calls in 2022 by July 25th than all of 2021. Schultz wants to know what to do. Backes will talk to the group on how to handle the increase of calls at their next meeting.

PROJECT #22: CLERK

Wessel commented that we need to work together that information should be given to the council to review. Jacobson commented that we work together for the same goals. The council gets their information/requests in their packets. More information is needed to make decision. The council is not required to make a decision if they don't have enough information ahead of time. There needs to be more involvement from those that have the skills to take care of a project and work efficiently use each others strengths to get projects done.

These workshop meetings are meant to bring up thoughts and ideas and to ask hard questions. Better to have the questions here and look to each other for input or they will be asked in public.

PROJECT #146: LODGING TAX

Discussion was held on to promote the Osakis area. Council stated they do not want to loose these funds for advertising. Angela is to contact Gordon and Leslie townships to see if they are interested in keeping the ordinance. If so, get the remaining townships on board with the city.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson to adjourn at 9:35 PM. All Ayes. Absent: Tim Thornbloom

Mayor – Daniel J. Wessel

City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson