

Osakis City Council – Regular Meeting
City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East
February 13, 2023
7:00 PM

Present: Dan Wessel, Laura Backes, Tim Thornbloom, Stephanie Finnegan, Alan Larson
Others Present: Reenie Goodwin, Jessica Bratsch, Craig Dropik, Amber Kral, Chad Gulbranson, Molly Swenstad, Sheila Kroshe, Bruce Magnus, Mike Helwig, Echo Press, Osakis Anchor, Kevin Huwe, Ila Anderson.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Thornbloom, to approve the agenda as presented with the change of moving the project #110 Gambling to before the in-person staff reports. Motion Carried.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson, to approve the consent agenda including the city bills in the amount of \$763,185.05. Motion Carried.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson to approve the consent staff reports. Motion Carried.

PROJECT #110: GAMBLING

Mike Helwig and Bruce Magnus were present. Mike Helwig spoke on how they would make sure all proceeds would be put back into the community of Osakis. Council asked Reenie what her thoughts were on having the Osakis Lake Association in the Liquor Store for pull tabs. She stated that she would like to stay with the Nelson Community Club as there has been a good working relationship.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom to stay with Nelson Community Club for the pull tabs at the Osakis Municipal Liquor Store. Backes opposed. Motion Carried.

PROJECT #22: CLERKS REPORT

Council reviewed the clerk's report. No additional questions were asked.

PROJECT #74: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig Dropik was present. The Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is set for May 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will also be 3 guns raffled with the guns being purchased from Guns Galore for \$1,400.00. Discussion was held regarding the silo fire on February 4th. Craig stated that he is getting several estimates on repairing the damaged fire truck.

Mayor Wessel asked being the fire had been burning for a few days prior to the fire department being called out and the fire truck was damaged on the resident's property, is it the cities insurance responsibility to repair or should it fall back on the homeowner's insurance. Craig stated that this would be something that would need to be cleared up between the insurance companies. Craig also stated that the DNR has offered a loaner truck until the damaged truck is repaired. Township Meetings will be held Wednesday February 15, 2023.

PROJECT #76: POLICE REPORT

Council reviewed the monthly report from Chief Gulbranson. Chief Gulbranson was present. He reported that David Gizinski completed his DARE training and has started the DARE classes at the schools. He has not gotten a date on the delivery of the new squad.

PROJECT #292: HAZARDOUS BUILDING

Chief Gulbranson stated that he delivered a letter to Matt Kruse on February 10th in regards to his building on Main Street. He also stated that a letter was sent to Maynard Michels in regards to the repairs needed at the old NAPA building. He has now received 3 letters in regards to these repairs. If he doesn't hear from Michels within the week there will be a \$100.00 fine in 2-3 months.

PROJECT #60: ORDINANCE

Discussion was held on the administrative fees. It was decided to wait till things thawed out this spring. Chief Gulbranson stated that he felt the discussion on the ordinances needs to be tabled. This would give a better idea of what is under the snow and how to approach this.

PROJECT #24: LIQUOR STORE

Council reviewed the monthly report. Reenie needs to get some clarification on what the final numbers were and present at the next council meeting. Discussion was held about purchasing 40 bucket chairs. Each chair would cost \$150.00-\$160.00 and a logo \$15.00. They would like to sell each chair for advertising for \$200.00 per chair.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom to approve the purchase of chairs at the cost of \$5200.00. Motion Carried.

Reenie discussed the purchase of an air fryer. Cost is \$4500.00 or \$10,000.00 with no vent. The council has requested more information from other bars that have an air fryer as to what income they had last year from the air fryer.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of another full-time employee. Backes requested more information regarding the cost of adding another full-time employee. A meeting will be set up with Angela, Dan, Tim and Reenie to pull together costs.

PROJECT #197/185: WATER PLANT AND WATER TOWER PROJECT

Motion by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom to approve the bill from NERO Engineering for \$8,712.00. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2023-06 Resolution calling for bids on the Water Plant and Water Tower.

Resolution presented by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom to approve Resolution #2023-06 to call for bids on water tower and water plant. Resolution passed unanimously.

PROJECT #489: LIFT STATION

Motion by Larson, seconded by Backes to approve the final bill from Rice Lake Construction Group for \$18,880.00. Motion Carried.

PROJECT #441: PARK COMMITTEE

Jillian Reiner was present to review the Master Park Plan.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan to approve the bills from WSN for 1) \$6540.00 and 2) \$697.50. Motion Carried.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Thornbloom to approve the Master Park Plan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Thornbloom, seconded by Finnegan to set the public hearing regarding the Active Transportation Grant for March 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ed Pollard Community Center and to hold the regular council meeting at the same place at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Backes asked that approval of Reiner submitting the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant be tabled until the March meeting due to not having all the information. It was agreed that this would be tabled until March.

PROJECT #312: PARK BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

Amber Kral was present. Discussion was held on the moving of the Historical Marker. It was agreed that the rock that is down by the water plant should be used for this Historical Marker. Amber will bring prices for the moving of the rock and shrubbery to the next meeting.

Amber is working on getting a second quote on the concrete work for the walking path to the fishing pier. Amber also reported that she is working a grant for the art work to be done on Backes' shop and the back of the Visitor's Center.

PROJECT #219: STATE MN DOT HWY 27

Sheila Krohse was present. She stated that the Hwy 27 project is completed.

PROJECT #42: CLEAN UP DAY

Council reviewed the flyer and approved the May 20th date for the Clean Up Day. They also approved the pricing for the accepted items as listed on the flyer.

PROJECT #25: DOGS

Council reviewed the information on the Dog Vaccination Clinic and Dog Licenses. They approved the date for the clinic to be held April 19th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Prices for vaccinations will stay the same.

PROJECT #160: OSAKIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Finnegan and Wessel reported on the meeting they attended today at 5:30 p.m. They updated the council with the discussion held at the school meeting in regards to the traffic and parking concerns at the school and the road work that will be done by the school. Finnegan stated that there was some talk about putting a bump out to help with the flow of traffic.

PROJECT #382: UNION – CITY

It was clarified that the HSA amount was changed to \$125.00 and this was across the board for all full-time employees in the professional union.

PROJECT #43: BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of Review is set for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at City Hall. Todd County will be at 9:00 a.m. and Douglas County will be 10:00 a.m. Both Backes and Larson stated that they will be at the Board of Review. Mayor Wessel stated that he will also be attendance.

PROJECT #7: COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Wessel reported that the ceiling tiles have been completed at the Community Center. Larson stated that the double doors in the back need to be replaced.

PROJECT #255: CONSULTANT – SOURCEWELL

Council reviewed in letter from Sourcewell.

PROJECT #146: LODGING TAX

Mayor Wessel did the first reading of the changed to the Lodging Tax ordinance. This will be re-read at the next council meeting.

PROJECT #444: WASTE WATER PROJECT – MPCA LAWSUIT

Mayor Wessel reported on the last meeting in St. Cloud that he, Greg Gottwald and Angela Jacobson attended.

Motion by Thornbloom, seconded by Larson to approve the bill from Flaherty Hood for \$6540.00 for the NPDES Permit Matter. Motion Carried.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson to approve the bill from Flaherty Hood for \$6,312.04 for the NPDES Permit Matter. Motion Carried.

PROJECT #373: POLICY

Motion by Thornbloom, seconded by Finnegan to set the Special Meeting for March 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

Mayor – Daniel J. Wessel

City Clerk – Angela A Jacobson

Minutes taken by: Ila Anderson