

**Osakis City Council – Regular Meeting**  
**Osakis City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East**  
**April 13, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

Present: Judy Dvorsak, Laura Backes, Stephanie Finnegan

Absent: Randy Anderson, Tim Thornbloom

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Kevin Withers, Bonnie Schultz, Travis Middendorf, Craig Dropik, Laura Ostlie (Bollig), Levi Middendorf, Riley Kraemer, Shari Maloney, Carlene Dean, John Swenstad

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dvorsak at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of #76 Police, #249 Planning & Zoning and #74 Fire from general consent items and with the addition of Resolution 2026-147, #102 Bollig and budget sheets. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the general consent items, including the March city bills in the amount of \$402,453.01 and meeting minutes from March 9, 2026 gambling meeting, March 9, 2026 meeting and April 7, 2026 meeting. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #160: OSAKIS PUBLIC SCHOOL / FFA INSTALL BOOK BARN**

Levi Middendorf and Riley Kramer were present.

Discussed a movable flower pot and book barn to be located at Park Osagi. The structure would be built by the school and will resemble a flower pot with book barn on top for the books. The unit is portable and will be maintained by the FFA class. Books are Ag related.

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the FFA class to put and maintain a book barn at Park Osagi. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #102: EDA / BOLLIG**

Laura Ostlie was in attendance to discuss updates for the Engfer Development (Trailside Acres).

- Waiting on the Greater MN Housing Infrastructure Grant. Should hear in a month.
- CVT quote - \$1,200 plus \$4,500 for soil borings for city property and lots.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve \$5,700 for CVT soil boring. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve \$4,000 for Anez wetland delineation proposal. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve the March 23, 2026 meeting minutes. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #46: WATER AND SEWER / EDU CHARGE**

Council received the draft amendment to the ordinance to establish a base charge for availability. This would apply to any commercial or residential property that is vacant. The current base rate is \$37.75 and is adjusted annually.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve to move forward with the adoption of ordinance change #146 for the May meeting. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #74: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Dropik informed the council of the following:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the pancake fundraiser.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – mock crash – after the Beautification Clean-Up.
- Mark Pomerleau and Ryan Larson will be retiring from the department this year. Pomerleau has 35 years and Larson has 22 years. Looking for applicants to fill two spots in 2026.
- Smoky the bear fire sign – Jacob Uhl took care of it for 6 years. Would like to see someone in town who could update the fire danger sign. Will talk to the boy scouts and police department.

**PROJECT #76: POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Council discussed the new squad police lettering and decal. After the last squad was lettered (September 2020), the council wanted to have the squad lettered to have police presence shown on the vehicle.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to table the discussion for the May meeting. All Ayes  
Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #24: LIQUOR STORE**

Council received Liquor Store reports for March. Also, a detailed inventory report for the off-sale showing inventory at \$137,492.76.

The inventory report for April for the on-sale is basically useless until the new on-sale system is in place.

Quotes have been updated from Joe Riley Construction and Eagle Concrete for the parking lot. Greg Graves would like to go over the bid with the council members so it is understood what they are doing for the price.

Mark Lee has not submitted an updated bid. Troy Benning would like to focus on Riley’s quote since he has an updated bid submitted.

Quotes for the parking lot will be discussed with the Liquor Store committee.

Information from Benning – E-tab will cost \$2.50 per game with a maximum of \$125.00 per month.

**PROJECT #441: PARK BOARD**

Updated for the council – in February a motion was made to move forward with the bidding process for Phase 1 of the Park Osagi project. The board moved forward with the bidding but found out in March that the bidding needed to be postponed because the DNR required a Phase 1 archaeological survey. Bids were not opened, but instead will be re-advertised at a later date.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve the March 31, 2026 Park Committee meeting minutes. All Ayes  
Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Resolution 2026-12 was presented by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the resolution authorizing application for the benefit funds grant through Sourcewell. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously. Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #312: BEAUTIFICATION TEAM**

Amber Kral was not in attendance.

The Park Board has approved to move forward with a Sourcewell grant in the amount of \$30,000 to cover the concrete cost, tables and benches for Park Osagi.

Other items discussed – lifeguard sign and no jumping off the fishing pier sign.

**PROJECT #261: WATER PROBLEM**

Letters were sent on January 14, 2026 and again on February 17, 2026 to all property owners on the Central Avenue block requesting they call with available dates for a March meeting. Only three property owners had responded.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve to not hold a meeting unless more responses are received.

**PROJECT #22: CLERK / BUDGET / SAVINGS**

Clerk Jacobson informed the council the savings, revenue and expenditure sheets for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 numbers are not final because need final audit adjustments.

**PROJECT #261: WATER PROBLEM**

At the March 9, 2026 council meeting, the council decided that it would not move forward with meeting with property owners for concerns of the drainage of water behind 226 Central Avenue. Letters were sent to the property owners and they were not interested in meeting.

As of that meeting, two other property owners informed Clerk Jacobson that they would like to meet.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve to meet May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to have conversation about the drainage and desire to solve the issue. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #387: CROSSWALKS**

Council discussed crosswalks back in September 2025.

At the March 2026 meeting, the council made a motion to move forward with the crosswalk project. The cost for a crosswalk sticker this is heated up and applied to the roadway is \$630.00 each.

Pop-up signs were discussed for Hwy 82 at the March meeting. Two pop-up crosswalk signs were ordered. Council would like 2 more ordered.

**PROJECT #7: COMMUNITY CENTER**

Interviews were completed on March 12, 2026 for the new Community Center manager.

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve to hire Dan Wessel as the Community Center manager at \$15.00 per hour with approval of all background information complete. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the Nutrition Services lease agreement for the use of the Community Center for senior meals as presented. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #42: CLEAN UP DAY**

City Clean Up Day has been scheduled for May 16, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Flyers for the event have been put on the city website, Facebook and around town.

**PROJECT #414: SURPLUS ITEMS**

Police vehicles were sold at the Americas AA Auction.

The black police truck sold for \$10,500 and the white SUV sold for \$2,200. The funds will be put back to savings minus the cost to Americas AA Auction for the sale.

**PROJECT #249: PLANNING & ZONING**

Council reviewed Ordinance 2026-147 for language changed for sign requirements – exterior wall signs on buildings shall not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the buildings wall surface.

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve Ordinance 2026-147 amending section 31.11 (3) of the city code relating to permitted signs. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve the March 12, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting minutes. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #321: VISITOR’S CENTER**

Last year, the Visitor’s Center operated on a part-time basis. Funding was available to cover staff expenses.

The City requested contributions from local organizations and gambling organizations to assist with the expenses:

- Heritage Center – \$400
- VFW – \$500
- Osakis Lake Association – \$500
- Chamber of Commerce – \$500
- EDA (Lodging Tax funds) – 1,988

Due to budget constraints, the Council budgeted \$6,000 for staffing costs for 2026. Contribution requests would need to be made.

Jackie Schultz will return for the season but Anna Sadlemyer will not. We can advertise for more help or ask for volunteers from the Heritage Center members.

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve to increase to \$14.50 per hour for 2026. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the request for additional funds for staffing of the Visitor’s Center for 2026. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #286: DONATIONS**

Donations have been made to the Osakis First Responders, Fire Department and Osakis Beautifications. These donations help keep the organizations operating and the City is very thankful for the community’s support and generosity.

Resolution 2026-10 was presented by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve donations to the City of Osakis for the purposes as listed for the First Responders, Fire Department, and Osakis Beautification. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously. Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #310: BLACKS RESORT BLOCKING LAKE STREET**

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to approve Blacks Resort to block Lake Street on a date that works to put docks in and notification to the City. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #140: TODD COUNTY / HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Council was sent a link to the Todd County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Information was also provided to the emergency managers Chad Gulbranson and Craig Dropik.

Both Dropik and Gulbranson have reviewed the plan and have no concerns in adopting the plan.

Resolution 2026-09 was present by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve the 2025 Todd County Hazard Mitigation Plan. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously. Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

**PROJECT #263: POLICE UNION / LELS**

LELS Union sent notification to start the negotiations for 2027-2028 contracts.

Proceed and will look for MAPE and AFSCME notifications to start.

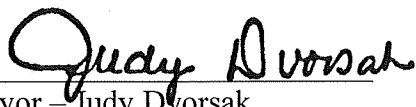
**PROJECT #444: WASTE WATER PROJECT / NERO ENGINEERING**

Motion by Finnegan, seconded by Backes, to approve payment to Nero Engineering in the amount of \$19,677.50. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom

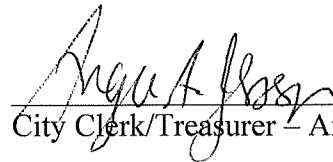
**OTHER ITEMS:**

Next Council meeting – May 11th, 2026.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Finnegan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Anderson, Thornbloom



Mayor – Judy Dvorsak



City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson