

**OSSEO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Al Lindquist called the regular meeting of the Osseo City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2011.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Council members Allan Hartkopf, Duane Poppe, Mark Schulz, Rick Weber, and Mayor Al Lindquist.

Staff present: City Administrator Jeffrey Dahl, City Attorney Loren Magsam, and Public Services Director Randy Korfiatis.

Others present: John Cochran, James Kelly, Gary Lally, Tom Carey, Brent Lindgren, John Griffith, Kelly Lindell, Joe Holm, Eldon Tessman, Barb Gonior, Alicia Miller, and Ron Barger.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lindquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA [Additions - Deletions]

Lindquist asked for additions or deletions to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Weber, to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Receive EDA Minutes of February 7
- B. Approve City Council Minutes of February 14
- C. Receive January Fire Report
- D. Receive January Police Report
- E. Receive American Legion January Gambling Report
- F. Receive Fire Relief Association January Gambling Report
- G. Receive Osseo Lions Club January Gambling Report
- H. Receive Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association January Gambling Report
- I. Accept Retirement of Don Peterson from Osseo Fire Department
- J. Approve Hire of Fire Fighter Matthew Miller

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Poppe, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

6. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Barb Gonor, 409 Broadway Street East, thanked the Council for voting down the Highway 169/County Road 30 project. She indicated she has been an Osseo resident her entire life and she did not want to see the community changed so drastically.

7. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. LET'S GO FISHING

Dahl stated Kelly Lindell and Joe Holm had a presentation to make to the Council regarding Let's Go Fishing and a unique opportunity for the community.

Joe Holm, Executive Director of Let's Go Fishing, stated he ran a non-profit organization to bring seniors boating and fishing free of charge. He indicated this was a great way to keep seniors active and outdoors. All recreational activity was offered free of charge through volunteers. The program paid great respect to the elders in the community.

Mr. Holm presented a video to the Council with further information on the Let's Go Fishing program. He then requested the Council to consider five to seven individuals within the community to form a leadership team in the City of Osseo for a Let's Go Fishing chapter. The City would then begin holding committee meetings and fundraising to purchase a pontoon.

Weber questioned if this was the right time for the City to purchase a pontoon given the state of the budget. Mr. Holm stated fundraising would assist with the expense and the recreational activity would greatly benefit the seniors in the community.

Lindquist asked if the boat would be docked at a lake or left on a trailer. Mr. Holm explained the pontoon would remain on a trailer ready for use when needed.

Schulz inquired if a neighboring community had this program. Mr. Holm indicated the closest community with this program was White Bear Lake and Chaska.

Schulz stated he would love to see Osseo spearhead this program, while collaborating with neighboring communities to seek volunteers and funding.

Weber questioned what level of liability was left to the City. Mr. Holm stated Let's Go Fishing took out insurance for the program. In addition, a retired DNR water patrol officer assists with training.

Schulz indicated he was interested in the program for the City and to draw together volunteers and move forward with supporting this initiative. He clarified that, at this time, Let's Go Fishing was not seeking any financial support.

Lindquist agreed, stating the Council was supportive of this program and would begin searching for volunteers for the Let's Go Fishing program.

Kelly Lindell, Comfort Keepers, explained the program would bring the City of Osseo great exposure while adding another great opportunity for the seniors living in the community.

B. OSSEO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/ODD FELLOWS ENDOWMENT
FUND PRESENTATION

Dahl briefly reviewed the history of the Odd Fellows group and their contribution to the Osseo Community Foundation. City Attorney Magsam further reviewed the Odd Fellows Group noting this organization had funds available for an endowment or donation to the City. The Odd Fellows drafted an agreement with the Osseo Community Foundation indicating how grants were to be completed. The monies donated were to be used for designated purposes to support senior citizen and youth recreation activities.

Eldon Tessman, former Odd Fellows lodge member, provided further history noting the group had been in the community for 100+ years. The organization disbanded in 2001 but had additional monies available which have been endowed to the community. He requested the City further acknowledge the Odd Fellows group and the donations made to the City.

Weber recalled attending a Father/Son event at the Odd Fellows lodge. He suggested the City investigate the use of Odd Fellows funds for fundraising efforts for the Let's Go Fishing program.

Schulz suggested the Council acknowledge all donations made to the City in a more public manner. He requested this be discussed in further detail at a future meeting to honor all those making donations to the City. He asked that staff speak with Roger McHugh to have him present at the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Poppe, to discuss how the City can better acknowledge those making donations to the City. The motion carried 5-0.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY DEPOSITORY AND BROKERS FOR THE INVESTMENT OF CITY FUNDS

Dahl stated at the first meeting in January the Council tabled action on this item. The Budget and Finance Committee met on January 21 to discuss the item with Gary Braaten, City Finance Officer. To summarize, Minnesota statutes mandate that the City annually designate its depositories and brokers by resolution for the investment of City funds. Through this Resolution the City would be consolidating its depositories to three.

A motion was made by Poppe, seconded by Weber, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-12 Designating City Depositories and Brokers for the Investment of City Funds.

Schulz questioned where the City was with the number of brokers and depositories before consolidation. Dahl indicated the City had four brokers but the City would be back to two brokers after several items matured later this year.

Schulz asked if the auditors' concerns were being addressed through this Resolution. Dahl stated the City would have two brokers at the end of the year, which addressed their concern.

The motion carried 5-0.

B. REVIEW SUMMARY OF COUNTY ROAD 30/HIGHWAY 169 WORK SESSION

Dahl summarized at the February 14 meeting the Council denied a municipal consent request from Mn/DOT for the County Road 30 and Highway 169 project. The intersection is currently signalized and Mn/DOT was proposing to replace this interchange with limited access from County Road 30 to Hwy 169 and from the south.

Dahl noted Mn/DOT has requested the Council provide Mn/DOT with more direction as to its preferred alternative for the interchange. The Council had conducted a work session meeting prior to the regular Council meeting tonight to discuss this issue in further detail and come up with several options. Potential solutions and future direction for the project were discussed with no clear consensus on a preferred solution.

Schulz stated, based on his conversations with the public, access to the City from the north was the most important issue at this time.

Weber agreed with Schulz's statement.

Poppe indicated he struggled with the issue as the design for the interchange was flawed. Access from the north would greatly benefit the residents and wanted to see this explored further.

Hartkopf explained he received several thank yous from residents and members of the Brooklyn Park community for trying to approve the interchange. He suggested the Council proceed with the plans as presented by Mn/DOT.

Poppe questioned why access to the south was being planned for through the interchange, but access to the north was not. John Griffith, Mn/DOT, explained that after reviewing the traffic studies, access to the south was necessary. Access to the north was more costly and had consequences given its close proximity to TH610. Further discussion ensued regarding the future flow of traffic through the interchange.

Schulz asked if a premise of the proposed project was to decrease the flow of traffic down Central Avenue. Mr. Griffith stated as a premise to the traffic study completed in 1999, Mn/DOT was trying to reduce the traffic flow from the downtown area to Highway 169.

Schulz noted his biggest concern was a reduction in traffic on Central Avenue. This went against the goals of the Council and Osseo business owners.

Weber questioned if Mn/DOT would pursue an appeals process. Mr. Griffith indicated the appeals process would allow the City to explore other options. A case would need to be presented by the Council to an appeals board. He noted Mn/DOT needed municipal consent in order to use special funding for this project. The appeals process would keep the project moving forward and not allow it to stall.

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Schulz, to direct staff to appeal the proposed project for the Highway 169/County Road 30 interchange. The motion carried 5-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dahl reviewed the Accounts Payable with the Council.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Hartkopf, to approve the Accounts Payable (Listing 022811AP, run 2/24/11 12:14 PM, for \$55,555.60) as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

11. ADMINISTRATOR-CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Dahl reminded the Council a strategic planning session was scheduled for April 2. The planning session would be held at the community center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dahl noted the EDA would be holding a work session at 6:00 p.m. prior to its regularly scheduled meeting on March 7 to discuss possible redevelopment options for the Iten building.

Dahl reviewed the Council Committee meeting schedule. Future reports would be brought to the Council.

12. COUNCIL AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

Weber noted he was at the capitol last week. He thanked all the residents that called and wrote to him over the past several weeks. He also thanked Ms. Sarah Rippe and Mr. Marcus Thomas for working with the Council on this issue.

Poppe indicated work on the Financial Management Plan would greatly assist the City with addressing priorities for the future. He encouraged the public to stay involved in the process and to attend the upcoming work session meeting.

Schulz stated he was at the capitol recently, as well, and felt it was a great opportunity. He encouraged the other Council members to speak with those at the capitol to assure that the needs of the City are heard. He thanked the members of the community for providing feedback to the Council on their needs and concerns.

Schulz explained he would be attending the School Board work session meeting on March 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the district offices where they will further discuss the Council decision made regarding the Osseo Alternative Learning Center.

Hartkopf indicated he attended the Newly Elected Officials meetings last Friday and Saturday. The sessions were extremely well done and he encouraged all Council members to attend.

Lindquist expressed his condolences on behalf of the City to the family and friends of Mayor Lampi with the City of Brooklyn Park. He indicated he also attended the Newly Elected Officials meetings last week and was excited about the information presented. He reviewed several statements that stuck with him.

Lindquist thanked the *Osseo Maple Grove Press* for a recent publication that highlighted Osseo, titled Past, Present, and Future. He stated the publication was very well done.

Lindquist explained that he would be out of the country next week for his daughter's wedding. For this reason, the Osseo Trolley would not be available.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Schulz, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial Services, Inc.