

Present: E. Meyer , M. Meyer, Holthaus Langreck, Bushman.

Absent: None

Zak Kriener from the Ossian Bee, Don Dilaura and Brian Zweibohmer were present during the meeting.

Mayor Covell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Covell announced the public hearing regarding the FY2015 Budget Amendment was open for comments. There were no oral or written comments made. M. Meyer made a motion closing the public hearing, seconded by E. Meyer, carried.

Officer Ward gave the police report noting there were issues with juvenile complaints, domestic violence and traffic matters. Ward explained he is actively working to hire a new police officer to replace Officer Peters who recently resigned. Ward also stated he is still working to put together a list of potential nuisances within the City.

Mayor Covell reported there was mock disaster drill that recently took place in Ossian involving many community groups and individuals.

Bushman made a motion approving the following consent items April 6, 2015 council minutes, clerk's reports and the monthly bills, seconded by E. Meyer, carried.

Langreck made a motion introducing **Resolution #554**, a resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, seconded by M. Meyer.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Bushman E. Meyer, M. Meyer.

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

The Mayor and Council discussed equipment needs to pull the trailer to water the hanging planters in the downtown area. Options included: continue to use the city's lawn mower, purchase something used or buy a new lawn mower and use the old mower for a back-up and watering the plants. Safety for the volunteers watering the plants, power needed to pull the trailer and costs were the main points debated.

E. Meyer made a motion to purchase a John Deere Series X738 Full Time 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with a 60" deck and soft sided cab for \$12,092.00. The motion died for lack of a second.

Bushman made a motion to purchase a John Deere Series #378 Full Time 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with a 60" deck for \$10,650.00, seconded by M. Meyer, carried with Holthaus and Langreck voting no.

Pam Buddenberg and Terry Linderbaum, representing the Visioning Committee discussed the bike/walking trail that is part of the visioning planning. Since part of the proposed trail would be out side the city limits, they suggested the Council may want to approach the Winneshiek County Supervisors to seek their support for the project. Bushman suggested to Buddenberg and Linderbaum that they ask to be put on the agenda for one of the Supervisor's meetings and he would go with members of the visioning committee on behalf of the City Council.

Cost estimates, from Prairie Road Builders, Inc. and Blacktop Service Company, submitted for summer 2015 street maintenance were reviewed. Langreck made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by Blacktop Service Co. to make seal coat repairs, asphalt overlays and patches on various streets and alleys including; a portion of N. Boody Street to Sand Road; south side of Main St. from Mary St. to S. West St; .alleys from S. West St to Lydia Street, Ogden St. to De Sales School, a portion from Ogden to S. Boody St.; Fisher Avenue, seconded by M. Meyer, carried.

Bushman made a motion introducing **Resolution #555**, a resolution amending the City of Ossian's Employee Handbook regarding vacation benefits, seconded by Holthaus.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Bushman E. Meyer, M. Meyer.

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

M. Meyer made a motion approving the renewal of Columbus Hall's Class C Liquor/Beer/Sunday Sales permit along with their request to transfer their Alcoholic Beverage Permit to Carey's Park on June 6-7, 2015 seconded by Bushman, carried.

There was a general discussion regarding the progress being made with the improvements taking place at Carey's Park.

M. Meyer made a motion approving a mortgage release for each of the following property owners, Kevin Schneider and Serena Timp, from the owner occupied grant/loan awarded to them in 2007, seconded by Bushman, carried.

E. Meyer made a motion approving an amendment to a temporary easement, for construction of a building and permanent easement for a storm sewer, to correct the legal description, seconded by Holthaus, carried.

The June regular council meeting will be moved to Thursday June 4, 2015 so the city's attorney can attend the meeting.

It was the consensus of the majority of the City Council to charge the City of Castalia \$750.00 to sweep their streets.

Bushman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Meyer, carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

April 2015 Expenses		Flags USA-supplies	331.00	U.S. Cellular-phones & services	94.03
Acentek-phone/internet charges	455.16	Galls-supplies	86.89	Wellmark-insurance premium	1824.90
Aflac-employee deduction	161.52	Hawkins-operating supplies	10.00	Westech-repair	2464.00
Alliant Energy-electric utilities	5421.19	IAMU-2nd qtr safety alliance fee	302.90	April payroll	7582.03
Baker & Taylor-library books	551.72	IIW Engineers-engineering services	650.00	Total	56523.33
Becker Hardware-misc. supp/repair	303.62	IPERS-April Ipers	1864.36	April 2015 Expenses by Fund	
Beckmans Ace Hdwe-misc.supp/rep	53.97	Jeremy Larson- shop supplies	51.80	General	33674.17
Better Homes & Gardens-subscript.	22.00	Junior Library Guild-library books	44.25	Road Use	5757.17
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	505.40	Keystone Lab-lab fees	257.00	Employee Benefits	2124.90
Booklook-library books	283.80	Letter Werks Sign City-supplies	23.00	Water	8550.27
Brian Zweibohmer-mtg reimb	21.00	Linderbaum Auto Co-equip repair	132.00	Sewer	6416.82
Cardmember Service-library supp.	6.00	Luana Savings Bank-h.s.a. pymt & fees	310.00	Total	56523.33
Casey's-vehicle operations	204.78	Malcom Enterprises-garbage service	5018.25	April 2015 Receipts	
Center Point Large Print-library books	240.50	Ossian Lumber Co-supplies	104.25	General	104997.73
City Laundering-services	84.74	Post Office-postage	192.82	Road Use Tax	6071.65
City of Calmar-police services	15250.00	Ossian Library-p/cash reimb	57.96	Employee Benefits	13410.50
Collection Service Ctr-employ.deduct.	990.00	Postville Vet Clinic-UPS chgs	54.00	Emergency	2490.94
Daves Collision Shop-repair	1180.01	Real Simple-subscription	20.00	Local Option Tax	7117.14
Dennis Hageman Const-const.services	125.00	Reilly Const-snow removal	3530.00	Debt Service	15801.17
Don Dilaura-mtg reimb & repair reimb	359.98	Riley's Inc-operating supp	30.00	Capitol Project	8797.10
Farmers Union Coop-vehicle operations	60.36	Rite Price Office Supp-supplies	33.32	Water	11525.10
Fayette Publishing-publication fee	79.34	IRS-March Federal deposit	3330.31	Sewer	13745.81
		Trans Iowa Equipment-equip repair	276.17	Total	183957.14
		Treas State of Iowa-1st qtr s/tax	1488.00		