

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

Absent: E. Meyer.

Zak Kriener from the Ossian Bee was present during the meeting. Penny Hertges and Paul & Carolyn Rael were present and participated in the discussion regarding the franchise fees.

Mayor Covell called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

Officer Ward reported a conditional offer has been made for the police officer's position left vacant when Officer Peters resigned. The likely start date would be late July or early August. The new hire will be attending the police academy in late August through mid December. Ward also reported there have been no leads on the vandalism that took place in June but surveillance cameras did identify there was one male and one female involved with the incidents.

Steve Steinberg asked the Council if there was any type of assistance from the City to help with expenses resulting from a water leak in his service line. It was explained to Steinberg, the property owner is responsible for all cost associated with the installation and maintenance of the water service line from the city's water main all the way into the house.

During the Mayor's report, Mayor Covell announced he would not be seeking re-election and will be stepping down when his term expires on December 31, 2015.

Holthaus made a motion approving the following consent items June 4, 2015 council minutes, clerk's reports and the monthly bills, seconded by Bushman, carried, one absent.

Mark Jobgen, the city's engineer working on the Jessie, Brooks, West Street Project presented the preliminary design of the project to the Mayor and Council. Jobgen went over the plan for clarification from the Council to determine if changes were needed before the final plan was drafted. Jobgen explained because of the funding the City is receiving, the final plans will need to be IDOT ready and comply with their regulations. The project is slated for FY16/17.

Bushman made a motion approving Change Order #1 for the Hall Street Pumping Station Project decreasing the amount of the original construction contract of \$126,437.00 by \$1,375.50 bringing the amount of the contract to \$125,061.50, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

M. Meyer made a motion approving Contract Payment #1 for the Hall Street Pumping Station Project in the amount of \$118,808.42 to F.L. Frapfl, Inc., seconded by Langreck, carried, one absent.

M. Meyer made a motion introducing **Resolution #558**, a resolution accepting the Hall Street Pumping Station 2014 Project as completed, seconded by Holthaus.

Whereas the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

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

Nays: None. Absent: E. Meyer.

Thereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

The Mayor and Council explained to residents attending the meeting the option available to the City to implement a franchise fee on both the residents electric and natural gas utility bills. They noted when a franchise fee is implemented, the local option tax on the utility bill is removed (the local option tax is still collected by other retail sales inside the City). By swapping a franchise fee for the local option tax on the electric and gas bills, the City keeps 100% of the revenue collected from the utility customers located inside the City. Unlike local option tax revenue which gets distributed to entities county wide. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Council to go with a 2% franchise fee on both Alliant Energy and Black Hill's Energy utility bills. Since there would not be a 1% Local Option Tax collected on the bills with a franchise fee, the net increase to both the gas and electric bills would be 1%.

Langreck made a motion authorizing the City of Ossian to establish a two percent (2%) utility franchise fee for both Alliant Energy for the sale and distribution of electric energy and Black Hills Energy for the sale and distribution of natural gas within the City of Ossian, seconded by Bushman, carried with M. Meyer voting no and one absent.

Bushman made a motion introducing **Resolution #557**, a resolution approving and adopting a revenue purpose statement for the use of revenue from electric and natural gas franchise fees, seconded by Holthaus.

Whereas the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

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

Nays: None. Absent: E. Meyer.

Thereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved

M. Meyer made a motion setting a public hearing for August 3, 2015 at 5:00 pm on proposed ordinances establishing a 2% franchise fee on both Ossian resident's Alliant Energy and Black Hills Energy's utility bills, seconded by Bushman, carried, one absent.

Bushman made a motion introducing **Resolution #556**, a resolution directing the clerk to publish notice of hearing on the adoption of the proposed Code of Ordinances of the City of Ossian, Iowa, seconded by Langreck.

Whereas the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

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

Nays: None. Absent: E. Meyer.

Thereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved

Holthaus made a motion approving Ossian Crown Club's application for a Beer Permit w/Outdoor Service, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

Bushman made a motion approving a building permit for Nora Hemesath and Duane Einck, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the sample Urban Revitalization Plan prepared by Attorney Zahasky. It was concluded more thought and discussion is needed before a plan is put in place.

Bushman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Holthaus, carried, one absent. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor

<b>June 2015 Expenses</b>		Landmark Service-weed control	637.20	Sewer	14242.55
Acentek-phone/internet charges	458.61	Linderbaum Auto-equip repair	85.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>315194.87</b>
Aflac-employee deduction	161.52	Luana Savings Bank-h.s.a.pymt & fees	320.00	<b>June 2015 Receipts</b>	
Alliant Energy-electric utilities	5818.42	Malcom Enterprises-garbage service	5049.75	General	30517.71
Allied Systems-maint services	160.00	Marvin Meyer-mtg reimb	96.60	Road Use Tax	13964.00
Baker & Taylor-library books	901.76	MidAmerica Books-library books	122.60	Employee Benefits	159.45
Becker Hardware-services & repair	1199.20	Midwest Tape-library videos	194.16	Emergency	29.62
Beckmans Ace Hdwe-misc.supp/rep	384.96	Municipal Supply-supplies	164.30	Local Option Tax	7853.39
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	185.53	Ossian Lumber Co-supplies	179.12	Debt Service	187.86
Brockman's-misc supplies	4.78	Post Office-postage	251.75	Capitol Project	140000.00
Bruening Rock Products-rock	94.79	Ossian Library-petty cash	74.40	Water	13076.23
Cardmember Service-library supp.	12.93	Oxmoor House-books	36.91	Sewer	14443.17
Casey's-vehicle operations	414.67	Postville Vet Clinic-UPS chgs	54.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>220231.43</b>
City Laundering-services	145.74	RDF--playground supplies	3272.40		
City of Decorah-services	250.00	Reilly Const-repair	600.00		
Collection Service Ctr-employ.deduct.	990.00	Riley's Inc-operating supp	60.00		
Demco-library supplies	94.00	Rite Price Office Supp-supplies	140.24		
F.L. Krapfl-lift station constr.	125061.50	Rivals-library supplies	25.00		
Farmers Union Coop-vehicle operations	754.72	River City Paving-cold mix	403.19		
Fayette Publishing-publication fee	90.25	Scholstic-library supplies	157.50		
Gjere Construction-concrete services	39377.00	IRS-June Federal deposit	4375.95		
Good Housekeeping-subscription	32.07	Trans Iowa Equipment-equip repair	13.24		
Guildcraft-library supplies	42.68	Treas. State of Iowa-state taxes	2476.00		
Hach Company-supplies	158.58	U.S. Cellular-phones & services	93.50		
Hawkins-operating supplies	5.00	Upstart-library supplies	13.86		
HTM Sales-operating supplies	289.89	Wellmark-insurance premium	1824.90		
ICAP-property/vehicle insurance	17004.18	Westrum Leak Detection-services	762.50		
IIW Engineers-services	8659.75	Ziegler Inc.-repair	105.58		
IMWCA-work comp insurance	3920.00	June payroll	11631.93		
Iowa Codification-city code services	2400.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>315194.87</b>		
IA State Revolving Loan-loan pymt	69190.00	<b>June 2015 Expenses by Fund</b>			
Iowa History Journey-subscription	18.95	General	90279.07		
IPERS-June Ipers	2551.93	Road Use	3559.18		
John Deere Financial-maint supplies	254.88	Employee Benefits	470.00		
Keystone Lab-lab fees	235.00	Library Trust	379.98		
Kyle Meyer-services	650.00	Debt Service	69020.00		
		Capitol Project	129051.50		
		Water	8192.59		