Present: Meyer, Lienau, Holthaus, Langreck, Beckman.

Absent: None.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chris Wiltgen, Joe Kriener Darin Kleve and Dave Greve, representing a planning committee that is proposing to create a joint-community recreation program, explained how they are anticipating the proposed program to work: a full time recreation director would be hired to manage and organize all youth and adult activities for the communities involved, each city involved would be asked to help fund the position, facilities in each community would be utilized, a board with representatives from each community would be established to oversee the program. Discussion between the groups followed. The Council will give further thought to the matter at the March 7th meeting before a decision is made as to whether or not the City will commit to the joint-community recreation program.

Officer Ward gave the police report; new officer is doing well; participated in training programs, working on a theft case.

Mayor Green reported he attended three meetings during the month which involved the County's emergency management, the County Assessor and the proposed joint-community recreation program.

Meyer made a motion approving the following consent items, January 4, 2016 council minutes, clerk's reports and the monthly bills, seconded by Beckman, carried.

Holthaus made a motion approving a building permit for D&L Properties, seconded by Lienau, carried.

Meyer made a motion to re-appoint Don Dilaura, as the City's representative, to the Winneshiek County Sanitary Landfill Board, seconded by Beckman, carried.

Lienau made a motion appointing Mayor Green to serve as the City's representative on the Tri-Township Fire District Board, seconded by Langreck, carried.

Holthaus made a motion approving the Alcohol Beverage Permit renewals for Silver Springs Golf & Country Club and Coop One Stop, seconded by Meyer, carried.

Meyer made a motion approving a \$100.00 contribution to the 2016 South Winneshiek Post Prom Event, seconded by Lienau, carried.

Langreck made a motion introducing **Resolution #563**, a resolution amending section 2.11 Insurance, of the City of Ossian's Employee Handbook, seconded by Beckman, carried.

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

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Beckman, Lienau, Meyer.

Navs: None.

Thereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

The city clerk went over the revenue and expense figures for the FY17 Budget with the Mayor and Council. The proposed tax levy is set at \$12.65; down \$.18 from the current budget's levy of \$12.84. Larger budget items discussed included sidewalk repairs, community center improvements, pickup, street maintenance, park improvements, summer recreation programs, cemetery mowing, debt payments and water & sewer improvements.

Holthaus made a motion setting the public hearing date and time for the FY17 Budget for March 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Meyer, carried.

Handicapped parking concerns near the Ossian Medical Clinic was discussed. It was concluded improvements to the parking issues will be addressed when weather permits.

The Council discussed a water issue involving a customer living outside the City's boundaries. The city clerk was directed to contact the City's attorney on the matter.

Holthaus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lienau. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Attest::					
City Clerk			Mayor		
January 2016 Expenses		IPERS-Jan. Ipers	1829.38	Winn. Co. Auditor-election expense	965.47
Acentek-phone/internet charges	454.55	Jude Zweibohmer-reimbursement	24.64	January payroll	7153.30
Aflac-employee deduction	165.84	Keystone Lab-lab fees	309.50		44048.91
Alliant Energy-electric utilities	5740.43	Linderbaum Auto Co-repair	152.00	January 2016 Expenses by Fund	
Baker & Taylor-library books	492.34	Luana Savings Bank-h.s.a.pymt	300.00	General	21687.99
Becker Hardware-services & repair	589.34	Malcom Enterprises-garbage	40.40.00	Road Use	2117.83
Beckmans Ace Hardware-misc supp	123.92	service MEP Engineers-engineering	4946.00	Employee Benefits	2092.12
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	728.73	services	860.63	Local Option Tax	1070.00
Book Look-library books	282.81	Mid America Publishing-subscription	43.00	Water	10600.22
Bruening Rock Products-rock	197.60	Omnisite-wireless service	276.00	Sewer	6480.75
Casey's-vehicle operations	168.38	Ossian Lumber Co-supplies	14.75	Total	44048.91
City Laundering-services	84.74	Post Office-postage	196.70	January 2016 Receipts	
Collection Service Ctr- employ.deduct.	990.00	Postville Vet Clinic-UPS chgs	54.00	General	24006.99
Corrpro-tower maint.	825.00	Reilly Const-handrail & install	3226.00	Road Use Tax	7599.29
Amos Publishing-subscription	19.99	Riley's-supplies	30.00	Employee Benefits	145.27
Decorah Newspapers-library ads	30.38	Rite Price Supply-library supplies	61.54	Emergency	24.23
Demco-library supplies	240.27	IRS-Jan Federal deposit	3440.31	Local Option Tax	8163.50
Denis Holien-fire dept. services	600.00	Shape Magazine-subscription	5.99	Library Trust	230.00
Farmers Union Coop-vehicle		Treas. State of Iowa- 4th qtr sales taxes	2167.00	Debt Service	148.61
operation	197.91	Tri Township Fire Dept-annual	2107.00	Water	10159.11
Fayette Publishing-publication fee	146.96	contrib.	1500.00	Sewer	12609.85
Hach Company-operating supplies	1247.46	U.S. Cellular-phones & services	93.93	Total	63086.85
Hawkins-operating supplies	10.00	Wellmark-insurance premium	1992.12		
IIW Engineers-engineering services	1070.00				