

Town of Ogden Dunes
Regular Council Meeting
December 6, 2010

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Connie Collins, Bill Gregory, Brad Wood, Eric Haussman, Eric Kurtz, all present.

Minutes:

Councilman Wood motioned to accept the minutes from the November 1, 2010 meeting, a second was made by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Claims:

Motion to accept town Claims #42388-42431 & 43110-43162 excluding 43150, and checks #2830 through 2878, and sanitation claims #411 through 419 was made by Councilman Kurtz and was seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Old Business:

Ordinance #745 Revision of Zoning, Building and Subdivision Control section 152.099, motion to pass was made by Councilman Haussman and seconded by Councilman Wood. All were in favor motion passed.

Ordinance # 747 Amending Town Code Prohibiting feeding Wild Animals & Birds.

Motion was made by President Gregory to read and to pass at the December 29th meeting. First reading was done by Councilman Wood. All were in favor.

Fire House Task Force:

Councilman Haussman, explained that there were not any grants available and they would have to look into a bond or loan. The committee recommends that renovations and expansion be done. There will be an open house on January 23rd, at 12:00 till 3:00 pm so the public can see and review what the committee is suggesting. Letters will go out in with the January water bills. The committee has \$2500 left in the budget and the remaining will be sent for the letters. President Gregory spoke of transparency in the past and said this

will be open for comments. He thanked the committee for all of their work.

Branding Leadership Team:

President Gregory finally met with Erin Argilyn, there is now a new version and that will probably start in January. There is a great change in the web page, welcoming site will continue. Go to ogdendunes.net to see these changes. He thanked Mark Coleman for all of his work.

Short Term Rental litigation:

It has now gone to the Supreme Court could possibly have a decision by December 22nd. Councilwomen Collins noted that it could take up to 90 days for a decision. The public can go to www.in.gov.supremecourtcalendar and watch, each session is 20 minutes long.

Hillcrest wall repair will run between 12,000 to 23,000 to repair.

Councilman Kurtz asked if Street Commissioner Matthys would get bids out for paving in 2011. Could he have for the December 29th meeting, and are his maps still in order?

Councilman Kurtz explained the ordinance #748 amending the salary ordinance as a one time

2 1/2 % compensation rate for all full time employees. Councilman Haussman felt it was reasonable, President Gregory said yes he agreed. Councilman Wood thought that it should be passed on the first reading as to not put everything on the clerk treasurer at the last minute. Councilwomen Collins felt it should be passed at the December 29th meeting. It was in agreement to wait till the 29th meeting.

Councilman Kurtz read Ordinance #749, the 2011 Salary Ordinance by title. Giving the employees a 2 ½ % raise for 2011.

Ski Hill Road vs. Ski Hill Circle

Councilman Kurtz recommends that Ski Hill Circle be eliminated and making part of Ski Hill road. There has been much confusion and emergency crews have been unable to identify the location. Councilman Kurtz suggested that a letter be typed to residents, Plan commission, County and dispatch. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Kurtz and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor motion passed.

Interest forms for serving on boards, commission, and committees.

President Gregory asked for open terms for the January meeting. Anyone interested in serving on a committee can pick up a form at the town hall. Try to get on the web page.

Other:

Councilman Kurtz spoke on discussions with IDEM and how they have agreed to come to Ogden Dunes and see what we are talking about, Permit to secure maintenance on seawalls, toe protection was denied but a surprise appeal was filed and we were able to reach an agreement and they will accept under the usual permit. Town Council was allowed to submit. If the seawall would fail it will allow us to protect the homes. Councilman Kurtz signed the agreement. All of the council accepted. President Gregory suggested that everyone go to the National Lakeshore in Shoreline protection plan meeting on December 9th in Michigan City off of US Hwy 12 6-8 pm.

Community Information/ Announcements:

Agenda for the December 29th End of Year Meeting

Ordinance# 747, 748, 749

Resolution #2010-02 Financial Transfers.

Next Meeting December 29th, 2010 at 6:30 Town Hall

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Haussman. All were in favor.

President Bill Gregory

ATTEST:

Donna Smith Clerk Treasurer