

Oberon council meetings quieter

Oberon City Council meetings are likely to be a little quieter in the future. Bob Stensland, 42, of Oberon has been ordered by the district court to stay away from city council meetings unless he writes to the city auditor to ask permission to be on the agenda for a specific subject.

The order was part of a sentence handed down by District Judge Donovan Foughty October 23 after Stensland pled guilty to two counts of disorderly conduct. One count related to him passing Sharon Gatlin on a gravel road, throwing rocks and gravel and crowding her toward the ditch. The other count related to a June 5 Oberon City Council meeting during which he threatened Sharon Gatlin with bodily harm and profanity.

According to the Oberon City Council minutes Stensland had

created disturbances at several city council meetings, to the point that the council arranged for a deputy sheriff to be present at several meetings this year.

Foughty placed Stensland on unsupervised probation for a period of 12 months, with the sentence deferred for 12 months on conditions stipulated by the court, including paying \$450 in court fees.

Stensland was represented by attorney Monty Stensland of Grand Forks. State's Attorney James Wang was the prosecutor.