

**CITY OF OKOBOJI  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Mary VanderWoude

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mendenhall, Andres, Hentges, Delperdang. Absent: Robinson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jean Marten, Brad Beck, John Leopold, Hugh Lively, Jason Petersen, Tom & Nyla Throckmorton.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Hentges/Mendenhall moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hentges/Andres moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 12/09/14, claims for January 2015, Clerk's Report ending December 2014, renewal of Class B Liquor License (LB) (Hotel/Motel) for The Inn at Okoboji with Sunday sales and outdoor service area, and a renewal of a Class B Liquor License (LB) (Hotel/Motel) for the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center with Sunday sales and outdoor service area. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Jean Marten, Dickinson Country Trails Board Executive Director, to give annual report:** Jean Marten, Executive Director for the Dickinson County Trails Board, thanked the City Council for its continued support of the trails over the years. Marten continued by saying City Representative Barry Sackett does an excellent job. Marten presented a report to the Council outlining and reviewing projects to be completed in 2015. RAGBRAI made a significant donation to the trails for emergency/directional/informational signing. Marten reported maintenance is a problem, but some patching and sealing took place in various areas of the trails system. Signage has been addressed by the Board members. Marten identified three future priorities of the Trails Board along with the lower priorities. The Council thanked Marten and the Trails Board for their continued hard work.

**Hugh Lively, CEO/RIDES, to present the Council with an increase of funds request for RIDES:** Hugh Lively, CEO of RIDES, presented the Council with an updated letter outlining the new request for funds. Lively stated RIDES is requesting an additional \$1750.00 per year, bringing the total to \$4000.00 per year. Lively provided ridership statistics for the City of Okoboji as well as documentation showing STE (State) funds and FTA (Federal) funds received for Region 3. Councilmember Delperdang asked Lively if he is anticipating receiving additional STE and FTA funds for next year. Lively stated RIDES has received an additional \$70,000 for STA funds but is still operating at a deficit, and has no information regarding additional FTA funds. Councilmember Andres asked if all the figures are projected. Lively stated what is in front of the Council at this time are actual figures from the past, and what is needed to operate in Okoboji. The Council thanked Lively for the report, and will take the request under advisement for future budget workshops. No action. Information only

**Council to consider setting a date for bid opening and possible acceptance of bids for the Country Club Drive Lift Station Improvements Project:** Hentges/Andres moved to approve February 10, 2015, at 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. as the date and times to open bids and consider awarding the same. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to review and consider the Fiscal Year 2013/14 City audit:** Mayor VanderWoude reported the auditor for the City, Winther Stave & Co., met previously with the Finance Committee as those in charge of governance. The Mayor and committee members stated it was another excellent and clean audit for the city with no problems. City Administrator Dennis Daly reported an excellent audit each year is important as it helps keep our rating with Moody's Rating Service at high level, which assists the City with purchasing bonds for future projects. Daly also reported there are copies available at City Hall for anyone that would wish to have one. Hentges/Delperdang moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2013/14 City audit. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider Resolution 14-21 "RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM:"** The Mayor reported Daly has been contacted by the City of Arnolds Park and was asked to table this item for a later date as the Central Water System asked for extra time to review the document. Item tabled for a future meeting, no action taken.

**Council to consider Ordinance No. 224, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE OKOBOJI CITY ORDINANCES AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES OR ATVS AND OFF ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES OR UTVS:”**

Hentges/Delperdang moved to introduce the first consideration of Ordinance No. 224. Upon the call of the roll, the vote as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Mendenhall; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Robinson. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried. The ordinance was explained at this time. After further discussion, Hentges/Andres moved to waive the second and third considerations of Ordinance No. 224. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Mendenhall; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Robinson. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried. Hentges/Andres moved to have Ordinance No. 224 placed on its final passage and adoption. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Mendenhall; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Robinson. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

**Council to consider Ordinance No. 225, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OKOBOJI, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 77 CONCERNING GOLF CART OPERATION ON CITY STREETS:”**

Andres/Hentges moved to introduce the first consideration of Ordinance No. 225. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Mendenhall; NAYS-None; ABSENT-Robinson. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried. Councilmember Mendenhall wished to discuss the ordinance stating he has severe concerns about the safe operation of golf carts on Okoboji city streets. Mendenhall went on to say with all the hills and curves in town, he is very concerned a car traveling even at the required speed limit would have a difficult time seeing the much slower golf carts in time. Councilmember Hentges asked Police Chief Jason Petersen if he knows of any incidences in Okoboji and Arnolds Park where golf carts have been struck by cars. Petersen stated he could only recall one time this has taken place. The Council stated since golf carts are not a major issue at this time, there should be more discussion before adoption. With no vote for waiving the second and third readings, Ordinance No. 224 will be considered at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting in February.

**Council to consider purchase of new Bobcat Skid Loader:** The Mayor announced since Councilmember (and Equipment Committee member) Robinson was not in attendance, she would like to table this item to a future meeting as Robinson had some concerns about the proposed purchase. Item tabled for a future meeting, no action taken.

**Council to consider and set wages for all city employee for Fiscal Year 2015/16:** The Mayor reported the Personnel Committee had met previously to consider wages for all employees. Mayor VanderWoude stated the CPI for this year is 1.7% but the Committee decided to set the wage increases at 2% as it did not represent an appreciable amount of money. Mendenhall/Hentges moved to approve a wage increase of 2% for all employees. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approved wages are as follows:

Dennis Daly	\$69,118 to \$70,500 per year
Sheryl Donnenwerth	\$41,753 to \$42,588 per year
Neal Houge	\$21.92 to \$22.36 per hour
Timothy Jensen	\$20.69 to \$21.10 per hour
Kurt Menefee	\$19.38 to \$19.77 per hour
Jason Petersen	\$58,718 to \$59,892 per year
Mitchell Watters	\$50,390 to \$51,398 per year
Marlin Theye	\$50,390 to \$51,398 per year
Trevir Michehl	\$50,390 to \$51,398 per year
Part Time police to remain at \$16.50 per hour (Certified Only)	

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Police Chief Jason Petersen presented the council with his report showing activities from the previous year plus a report generated showing the police sharing activities for the previous years.

Councilmember Hentges wished to report the up-to-date fire equipment that is owned helped save the lives of two persons that snowmobiled into open water recently. Hentges stated if ice conditions on Smith's Bay do not improve within 10 days, it may prompt the closing of Givens Street thus not allowing vehicles to enter onto the ice.

Daly reported he is now working on the City budget for 2015/16 and would keep the Finance Committee apprised as to when to have a meeting to start discussions.

Expenditures for the month of December are as follows: Public Safety - \$29,878.90; Public Works - \$30,259.07; Culture & Recreation - \$81.32; General Government - \$43,824.63; Water - \$13,644.88; Road Use Tax - \$345.07; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$885.07; Trust & Agency - \$2,752.69. Receipts for the same period were \$178,157.05, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,873,658.56. \$104,523.61 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Andres/Hentges moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dennis J. Daly, CMC  
City Clerk/Administrator

**CITY OF OKOBOJI      PAYROLL 2014**

ANDRES, JULIE	800.00
BREVIK, SHILO	285.00
DALY, DENNIS	67,118.88
DELPERDANG, JAMES	800.00
DONNENWERTH, SHERYL	40,644.38
FISHER, TRAVIS	371.25
HENTGES, JAMES	650.00
HOSS, JESSE	1,755.00
HOUGE, NEAL	47,990.09
JENSEN, TIMOTHY	44,360.42
KUIPER, TRACY	975.00
LAMBERT, GARY	14,294.68
LUDWIGS, MICHAEL	225.00
MENDENHALL, WALTER	700.00
MENEFEE, KURT	41,516.12
MICHEHL, TREVIR	48,061.79
MYHRE, MATTHEW	195.00
PETERSEN, ANTON	198.00
PETERSEN, JASON	62,166.73
ROBINSON, JARIEL	800.00
THEYE, MARLIN	49,826.27
VANDER WOUDE, MARY	3,600.00
WATTERS, MITCHELL	49,231.14
YUNGBLUTH, ANDREW	390.00
TOTAL:	476,954.75