

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Larsen, Robinson, Hentges, Delperdang. Absent: Christensen

OTHER PRESENT: Travis Squires, Susan Robinson, Brad Beck, Mike Miller, Jason Petersen, Walter Mendenhall

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Hentges/Larsen moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hentges/Robinson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 12/11/12, claims for January 2013, Clerk's Report ending December 2012, renewal of a Class B Liquor License for The Inn with Sunday sales and outdoor service area, and a renewal for a Class B Liquor License for the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center with Sunday sales and outdoor service area. All ayes. Motion carried.

Okoboji resident Walter Mendenhall of 4307 Lake Shore Drive spoke to the council stating he lives adjacent to a ravine where the city is considering placing rain gardens and new drainage pipes. Mendenhall felt there were no problems with drainage until the city started constructing curb and gutter throughout town. Mendenhall went to say when he saw the original plans, he noticed a walkway and steps to be placed on a bank nearest his home and is totally against that, but since has learned that has been removed from the plans. Mendenhall stated he is against the project because in his opinion the existing rain gardens do not work now since new curb cuts should take place to allow more water into them. Mendenhall stated in his opinion simply placing rock in the washed out area of the ravine would suffice at a lot less expense than what is proposed. Mendenhall also indicated he is upset because he knew nothing of this project until he was notified for a request for an easement from the city for the placement of a new rain garden, and is not excited about doing it again as he has given them in the past. Mayor VanderWoude stated this has been discussed and worked on for at least two years. Mendenhall stated the first he has heard about it was when Beck Engineering sent him plans. VanderWoude stated this has been on past agendas with this not being a snap decision. Councilmember Robinson stated it was his understanding the bank and stairway issue Mendenhall raised has now been removed and does agree with Mendenhall that some of the rain gardens could be modified and is hoping the engineer will address those. Councilmember Hentges stated rock was tried at another location just to the south, and it did not work. Engineer Brad Beck reviewed the location of the proposed rain gardens stating the concept is very much in line with a project currently in place at the City of Spirit Lake whereby drain water is placed underground to inhibit surface erosion. Beck stated there was rock used at another access to the south that did not work; and if this were what the city would want to do for this project, he would not put his name on it. After further discussion, it was decided that Mendenhall would meet with Beck to review the plans further.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Miller to give an update on the water treatment plant project: Central Water System superintendent Mike Miller reported to the Council the new water treatment plant building and plumbing is now complete. New water pumps and control wires are currently being installed. Miller stated he is hopeful the new plant will be up and running for a test in a month or so and be completely online later in the spring or early summer. Miller stated the project is now 85% to 90% complete and will have another report for the Council in the near future.

Council to consider Resolution No. 13-01, "Resolution fixing date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a loan agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligations of the city thereunder:" Robinson/Hentges moved to adopt and approve Resolution No. 13-01. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson, Larsen; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider Resolution No. 13-02, “Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement, authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$5,945,000 General Obligation Water and Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same:” Before a vote was taken on Resolution No. 13-02, Travis Squires of Piper Jaffray reviewed the bond re-financing of the existing SRF loans and providing for extra funds to complete the water plant project. Squires reviewed the new debt schedules for the re-finance showing a new true interest cost of 2.28% versus 3.25% the city is now paying. The new principal and interest payment for the life of the new bond shows a savings of \$569,579.00. Squires stated Piper Jaffray would lessen their cost as a good faith effort to .925%, which computes to a \$5000.00 savings to the city. After further discussion, Hentges/Larsen moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-02. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson, Larsen; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider SRF Payment Request #35 for Gridor Construction and MEC Invoices (\$55,483.06) and 1/2 of ILRW share (\$7,113.22) payable to the Central Water System in the total amount of \$62,596.28: Larsen/Robinson moved to approve SRF Payment Request #35 in the amount of \$62,596.28. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the re-appointment of Dennis Colton to the Board of Adjustment with term to expire 01/08/18: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the re-appointment of Dennis Colton to the Board of Adjustment with term to expire 01/08/18. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a seat belt use policy for all city employees: Robinson/Larsen moved to approve a seat belt use policy for all City employees. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider changing the date of February 2013 council meeting: Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve that the next regularly scheduled council meeting be moved to February 20, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen gave the police report.

City Administrator Dennis Daly reported some serious sewer main problems have been found at various locations in town. Daly stated the infrastructure is approximately 80 years old and now is the time to address these issues as soon as possible. Daly went on to say he knows of one option to fix the problem, which is to have the existing pipe lined if possible. Daly stated he would keep the council apprised of the situation.

Expenditures for the month of December 2012 are as follows: Public Safety - \$27,828.65; Public Works - \$29,987.55; Culture & Recreation - \$1,740.28; Community & Economic Development - \$10,500.00; General Government - \$40,275.67; Water - \$138,629.10; Road Use Tax - \$1,997.15; Trust & Agency - \$278.00. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$165,675.99, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,025,019.33. \$106,760.37 of the reported amount is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Robinson/Larsen moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator

CITY OF OKOBOJI**PAYROLL 2012**

BUDACH, PAUL	\$192.00
CHRISTENSEN, NEAL	\$600.00
DALY, DENNIS	\$63,112.20
DELPERDANG, JAMES	\$650.00
DONNENWERTH, SHERYL	\$40,259.36
ENGELKES, CARRIE	\$1,117.50
FURMAN, JORDAN	\$1,536.00
GRIMMIUS, MATTHEW	\$192.00
HENTGES, JAMES	\$600.00
HOSS, JESSE	\$1,536.00
HOUGE, NEAL	\$43,172.38
JENSEN, TIMOTHY	\$41,015.03
KUIPER, TRACY	\$576.00
LARSEN, SUSAN	\$700.00
LOCK, EDWARD, JR.	\$1,152.00
LOWRY, STACY	\$384.00
LUDWIGS, MICHAEL	\$1,536.00
MENEFEE, KURT	\$36,851.92
MICHEHL, TREVIR	\$47,457.23
PETERSEN, ANTON	\$768.00
PETERSEN, JASON	\$54,895.97
ROBINSON, JARIEL	\$750.00
THEYE, MARLIN	\$45,527.51
VANDER WOUDE, MARY	\$3,600.00
WATTERS, MITCHELL	\$44,616.26
WATTERS, TERRY	\$960.00
YUNGBLUTH, ANDREW	\$576.00
TOTAL:	\$434,333.36