

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013, 5:30 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Hentges/Robinson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider City employee wages for fiscal year 2013/14: The Mayor announced she would like to make a change for employee Neal Houge by awarding him a \$1.00 an hour raise now and making him the Shop Supervisor since he is doing the job now, rather than wait until July 1, 2013, and then give him the balance of his raise at that time. Also, the Mayor stated there was not much discussion during wage negotiations concerning raising the wages for part-time police officers from \$16.00 to \$16.25 per hour effective July 1, 2013. It was agreed that Houge and the part-time police wages be adjusted as discussed. Members of the Personnel Committee explained wage increases would range from 7.5% to 16%. The wage proposals are as follows: Dennis Daly \$62,423 to \$67,105 per year (7.5%), Sheri Donnenwerth \$37,709 to \$40,537 per year (7.5%), Neal Houge \$18.69 to \$21.29 per hour (15%), Tim Jensen \$18.27 to \$20.28 per hour (11%), Kurt Menefee \$16.63 to \$18.46 per hour (11%), Jason Petersen \$22.61 to \$26.23 per hour (16%), Mitch Watters \$19.67 to \$22.62 per hour (15%), Marlin Theye \$19.67 to \$22.62 per hour (15%), Trevir Michehl \$18.32 to \$21.07 per hour (15%). Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the wages for fiscal year 2013/14 as presented. AYES: Robinson, Hentges. NAY: Delperdang. Motion carried.

Council to review and consider the preliminary fiscal year 2013/14 budget and set date for public hearing to certify: City Administrator Dennis Daly reported the Finance Committee met on January 16th and within the budget are the proposed wages, and also reported it is recommended that Pearson Lakes Art Center would receive the \$5000.00 request for its children's program. Daly reported the proposed total levy for 2013/14 would be \$4.48039 per \$1000 of valuation - the same as last year. Daly reported there is an increase in expenditures due to increases in wages, insurance, revolving funds, and other expenses. Daly stated there are six programs within the budget that set the general fund levy, and there is a debt service fund that sets the debt service levy. Daly stated the General Fund Levy of \$3.02796 per \$1000 of valuation is anticipated to generate \$929,153.00 in tax dollars, while the Debt Service Levy of \$1.45243 per \$1000 valuation is anticipated to generate \$453,631.00 in tax dollars for a total combined tax levy of \$4.48039 per \$1000 of valuation. Total expenditures in the General Fund are anticipated to be \$1,381,752 with revenues in the General Fund anticipated to be \$1,383,687. Total expenditures in all funds are anticipated to be \$3,202,996, with total revenues in all funds anticipated to be \$2,696,059. Hentges/Robinson moved to approve the preliminary budget as presented and set the date of March 12, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. as the date and time to conduct a public hearing to certify the fiscal year 2013/14 budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hentges/Robinson moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator