

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Petersen, Tim Hoheisel, Terry Yarns, Jason Eygabroad, Holly Zinn, Mike Gonnerman, and other unidentified individuals.

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. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 01/13/15, claims for February 2015, and the Clerk's Report ending January 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to consider second introduction of 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:" Mayor VanderWoude announced since only three Councilmembers were present for this meeting, she chose to not address this item and move it to a future meeting. The Mayor stated there have been concerns of where golf carts and ATVs can travel. The Mayor noted that State law prohibits the use of golf carts and ATVs on Highway 71.

Council to consider the purchase of a new Bobcat Skidloader: Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the trade and purchase of a new Bobcat Skidloader in the amount of \$4894.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Chris Yungbluth to give the annual Fire Department report: Fire Chief Chris Yungbluth was not able to attend this meeting but will attend at a future meeting.

Tim Hohseisel, Executive Director of the Pearson Lakes Art Center, to introduce himself and request continued funding of the art education program: Mr. Tim Hoheisel introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Hoheisel spoke of his background and thanked the Council for the past support for the art education program. On behalf of the Pearson Lakes Art Center, Hoheisel formally requested funding in the amount of \$5000.00 for fiscal year 2015/16. Holly Zinn, Art Program Director for the Pearson Lakes Art Center, presented information to the Council outlining ten things you should know about Pearson Lakes Art Center. The Council thanked Hoheisel and Zinn for their hard work, and advised them the request is under consideration at this time for the fiscal year 2015/16 budget. No action. Information only.

Council to conduct a public hearing to consider awarding a bid for the Country Club Drive Lift Station Improvements Project: The Mayor now declared the public hearing open for comments to consider awarding a bid for the Country Club Drive Lift Station Improvement Project. With no comments, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Engineer for Beck Engineering, Inc., Jason Eygabroad, presented the Council with tabulations from three bids received and opened at 2:00 P.M. this day. The bids were in the amounts as follows: Grundman-Hicks, L.L.C. of Cherokee, Iowa \$147,000.00; GM Contracting, Inc. of Lake Crystal, Minnesota \$225,062.50; H & W Contracting, L.L.C. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota \$275,075.00. Eygabroad stated it was his opinion the bid for \$147,000 was a fair bid, but above the engineer's estimate of \$70,000.00. City Administrator Dennis Daly was asked if the city had funds available to pay for the project. Daly stated at this time there was not, but since the Council has considered other projects, now may be the time to look at funding for all the projects and then proceed. The Council elected to not consider the bid at this time, but have the item placed on a future agenda. Daly was directed to investigate funding for the projects and report to the Council at that meeting. Daly reminded the council the bid received from Grundman-Hicks is good for 60 days. No action taken.

Council to consider a request from Mr. Bill Anspach, owner of record of Lots 16 & 17 Fair Oaks Beach, commonly known as 6703 Lake Shore Drive, to relocate a city owned storm

sewer: Engineer Jason Eygabroad presented a proposed plan to the Council showing a plan to relocate a city owned storm sewer located at 6703 Lake Shore Drive. Daly reported this project will be paid by Mr. Anspach. Daly stated the reason for the request is Mr. Anspach is planning to construct a new home on Lots 16 & 17, and with the storm sewer in the current location, it would prohibit him from doing so plus new easements would be granted to the city. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the proposed plan for storm sewer relocation at the Anspach property as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-01 “RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM:” Mayor VanderWoude announced since only three Councilmembers were present for this meeting, she chose to not address this item and move it to a future meeting.

Council to discuss and possibly consider future funding for the new Lakes Area Dog Park: The Mayor reported the Lakes Area Dog Park is a newly founded group that has found a proposed site for new dog park. The Mayor stated the new location is in the vicinity of the Methodist Camp, and is hoping the city can help out financially in the near future. No action. Information only.

Council to review and consider the preliminary city budget for fiscal year 2015/16 and set date for public hearing to adopt the same: The Mayor announced the Finance Committee for the City has met and now makes a recommendation to the council for the budget figures. Councilmember Robinson stated the total levy this year would be set at \$4.5000 per \$1000 valuation for an increase of 1.7 cents. Hentges/Mendenhall moved setting March 10, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. as the date and time for the public hearing to adopt the fiscal year 2015/16 City budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen gave the police report.

Mayor VanderWoude stated she is calling for a special council meeting for March 3, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss and consider the three items tabled at this meeting.

Councilmember Mendenhall stated he felt a letter should be sent to the IDNR requesting them to respect the zoning laws of the City of Okoboji concerning the operation of docks in Smith’s Bay. Mendenhall said it was his opinion this would be deemed to be appropriate at this time. The Mayor stated the way the vote went at a previous meeting, she did not see that a letter could be sent since the issue was done at that meeting. Mendenhall felt it is better it be stated now and put the onus on the IDNR. The Mayor felt this should be taken to the City Attorney for an opinion before anything is sent on behalf of the City. Councilmember Robinson stated the city will again be addressing this issue when other commercial dock permits come due. Mendenhall stated a letter is prudent so this issue does not further propagate itself along the lakeshore anywhere. Robinson stated it was his opinion that someday in the future the IDNR may have to be taken to court and asked if the city willing to take that on.

Daly reported he has drafted a new application form for appointments to any city boards or commissions. Daly consulted with the City Attorney concerning this and has already placed it on the city website. The Mayor suggested this be placed in the city quarterly newsletter.

Daly reported he has been approached repeatedly by Century Link to have a link to their website be placed on the city website. The Council stated they are not going to start this practice as the city website is for city use only and respectfully denied the request.

Daly stated he has been asked again concerning a “pooper scooper” law. Daly explained that cities that do have this law on file have continual problems with this. The Council stated there are “doggie pots” in various areas of town and that dog owners should be encouraged to use those.

Expenditures for the month of January 2015 are as follows: Public Safety - \$134,156.79; Public Works - \$72,189.61; Culture & Recreation - \$4,872.39; Community & Economic Development - \$69,894.70; General Government - \$32,356.60; Water - \$23,791.28; Road Use Tax - \$2,287.08, Trust & Agency - \$34.46. Receipts for the same period

were \$296,038.62, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,054,814.85. \$254,733.52 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Hentges/Robinson moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator