

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cris Hedgpeth, Jason Petersen, Leo Parks, Jr., David Stein, Jr., Judy Salzwedal

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Andres/Mendenhall moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Robinson/Andres moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meetings 04/15/14 and 04/29/14, claims for May 2014, Clerk's Report ending April 2014, a renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Tweepers Bar & Grill, Inc. with Sunday sales and outdoor service area, a renewal of a Class C Liquor License for O'Farrell Sisters with Sunday sales, and a renewal of a Class C Liquor License for the Lakes Art Center with Sunday sales and outdoor service area. City Administrator Dennis Daly reported the Lakes Art Center is experiencing problems with having the dram shop insurance being placed on the ABD website. Daly went on to say since their license does not expire until May 31st he has time to endorse it as approved by the Council. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS APPEARANCES

Leo Parks, Jr., owner of Okoboji Boat Works, stated he was contacted by Rich Jordett of the IDNR concerning a boat hoist he has been ordered to move. Parks stated Daly had called the IDNR concerning city public access #1 whereby he has a hoist that is on city property based on a complaint by dock permit holder Kevin Bestick. Parks stated the dock only encroaches by eight or nine feet. Parks went on to say the hoist has been there approximately 38 years with no problem until now, and as long as it is not harming anyone, then why move it; but it could be moved at a moment's notice if the city were not to allow it to remain. Parks explained the hoist situation on the current dock saying Bestick has not used his hoist for 13 years, and Larry Soyer (the other permit holder) has not used his hoist now for several years. Parks stated if there is a reason to move it other than a technicality then it could be moved, but felt a precedent has been set by allowing the hoist to remain 38 years. Mayor VanderWoude stated a decision cannot be made at this meeting since there was no agenda item for this meeting. Parks stated he understands this, but possibly the council could come up with a decision at the next meeting. The Mayor produced a photograph from 2004 showing no hoists in that area then. Park stated that was when he was reconstructing the lakeshore and had to temporarily remove the hoists. The Mayor also pointed out that at a previous meeting in 2013, Parks was not granted a request for a permit amendment for city access. The Mayor went on to say this is now in the IDNR's hands and the rules must be followed. Parks asked if the hoist(s) need to be moved. The Mayor indicated the hoists need to be moved.

Okoboji resident Cris Hedgpeth wanted to go on record saying many residents are very disappointed by the extension of the covered dock that is being put into place at Okoboji Boat Works. Hedgpeth stated at a

past meeting the council was told the height of the covered hoists would be lowered during the winter, and that has not been done but is a moot point now. Hedgpeth stated it is unsightly and should not be allowed.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to consider an appointment to the Arnolds Park Library Board: Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the appointment of Mitch Brown of 3802 Lake Shore Drive to serve as the City of Okoboji representative on the Arnolds Park Library Board to fill a vacancy with term to expire July 1, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the current city budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and subsequent Resolution No. 14-11, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014:" Mayor VanderWoude declared the public hearing open for comment to consider an amendment to the current city budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. With no comment from the public, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. City Administrator Daly explained the purpose and the requirements for a budget amendment. Robinson/Andres moved to adopt and approve Resolution No. 14-11. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider Resolution No. 14-12, "Resolution appointing Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as paying agent, note registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent and note registrar and transfer agreement and authorizing the execution of the agreement:" Mendenhall/Robinson moved to adopt and approve Resolution No. 14-12. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall; NAYS-None. With the vote being the in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate: Andres/Mendenhall moved to approve the Tax Exemption Certificate. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Resolution No. 14-13, "Resolution amending the 'Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$955,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2014, and levying a tax for the payment thereof,' passed and approved on March 11, 2014, by substituting a new resolution therefor, authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$685,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2014, and levying a tax to pay said notes:" Robinson/Mendenhall moved to adopt and approve Resolution No. 14-13. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider Requests for Proposals for a new city website: Councilmember Andres reported proposals have been received from Morphew Studios, Blue Lake Websites, and Blink Marketing Inc. Andres stated the goal was to create a fresher looking website. Andres stated the website should not be a marketing website, but be more functional including city ordinances for example. The site should provide a source of information for other sites as well. Andres stated it was her opinion that the proposed designs

from Blue Lake Websites and Blink Marketing Inc. were more modern looking with Morphew Studios looking a little more old fashioned. Andres felt that the Blink Marketing proposed design allowed scrolling rather than clicking. The price ranges were Blink Marketing at \$2500.00, Morphew Studios for \$1800.00 and Blue Lake Websites for \$1000.00 - \$1200.00. Hourly charges for extra work were approximately the same for all proposals. Andres felt that Blink Marketing may be providing a little too much information as far as supplying information for restaurants and things like that. Andres asked Blink Marketing if the price would be different if some of the information was removed but had received no response as of yet. Andres went on to say that as far as placing the zoning ordinance and code of ordinances on the website, it would be an easy thing to do. Councilmember Delperdang asked how much information should be placed on a website. Delperdang stated the city has come under fire for not providing enough information to the general public and was wondering how much information should be provided via a website. Delperdang stated possibly a webcam type application could be put on a website for the general public to view. Delperdang did say however that prices should be considered and the labor involved. Discussion followed about possibly videotaping council meetings and how it could be done on the website. Suggestions followed how daily or weekly updates of happenings in Okoboji could be placed on the website. Councilmember Delperdang stated the council needs to be careful not to make the website too onerous for the city staff. Andres stated it was her opinion that the business that would best fit the city needs should be selected at this time and then work on design and applications for the new website. Councilmember Robinson stated the city needs to investigate if the companies that provided proposals have the capability to do what the council has talked about at this meeting. Councilmember Mendenhall stated with the changing technology one should be chosen that is the most advanced, and for someone that is able to go above and beyond what is asked of them. Discussion followed with Andres receiving direction from the Council to further investigate what can be further offered by Blink Marketing as far as availability and price are concerned. No action taken, tabled for future meeting.

Council to consider an Agreement between the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission and the City of Okoboji, Iowa: Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the agreement between the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission and the City of Okoboji, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider advertising for bids for a new police vehicle: Police Chief Jason Petersen stated he and Officer Trevir Michehl have been working on drafting a bid for a new police vehicle and are asking the Council for permission to send out the bid requests. Discussion followed concerning the time frame for future purchases and fund availability. The Council gave Petersen permission to proceed.

Council to consider a request by Mr. Doug Hein for 2111 Holliday Way to install an underground electrical line and a water line from the lake to seed and water city property along the walking path on Dixon Beach: Daly explained the property in question is city owned property adjacent to the walk path along Dixon Beach. 2111 Holliday Way has a steep bank along the path that is in need of attention. Daly went on to say Mr. Hein wishes to install an underground electrical wire and pipe to operate a pump for water from the lake to water the proposed hydro-seeding in this area. Daly stated there are other adjacent property owners that have placed lawn sprinklers on city property, but Mr. Hein is one of a few that have

asked permission. Robinson/Andres moved to approve the request by Mr. Doug Hein. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider changing the date of the regularly scheduled July 2014 Council meeting:

Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve moving the July 8, 2014, regularly scheduled Council meeting to July 15, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried.

RAGBRAI Update: Mayor VanderWoude gave a RAGBRAI update. VanderWoude stated the main campsite would be the Okoboji High School, with Boji Junction, Brooks Golf Course and Parks, and the Spirit Lake High School the other designated sites for camping. Information booths will be located at Arnolds Park City Hall and the Pavilion at the amusement park. RIDES routes for transportation is still being worked on. It was reported the main route for bicyclers would come up Highway 71 from A34 in Milford. The route exiting on Monday will be split so as relieve congestion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen reported Officer Trevir Michehl is now attending Defensive Tactic Instructor School that will enhance training for the Okoboji Police Department. Petersen was asked when a new police vehicle is purchased if some of the equipment on the current car could be used. Petersen stated some of the current equipment could be used, and reported Michehl has found a company that sells equipment that could offer 45% savings to the city.

The Mayor asked how the Okoboji Marketing Committee was coming with the request from the city for the Lakes Area Hockey Association. Daly stated they are going to pay, but there was an issue concerning the open meetings requirements which has been resolved.

Councilmember Delperdang questioned the relationship with the IDNR. Delperdang stated it was his opinion the city was to review the finished product for a commercial dock and was wondering how the IDNR can unilaterally allow additional hoists without the city reviewing the application. Daly reported that according to the IDNR, the dock in question has been operating as a commercial dock for years in a residential district with a special use permit. Daly went on to say at the October 2013 meeting, the Council was provided with a dock permit issued to Okoboji Boats for the addition of the three mooring spots at the end of the cruiser dock at Okoboji Boats. Leo Parks, Jr. provided this as a matter of good faith to the Okoboji City Council. Councilmember Andres stated that in the IDNR dock rules, this is passed on to the City; however, it has been proven the City has no power anyway with no review. Andres felt a portion of the IDNR rules should be changed or modified to allow the City to have more power in the decision making of dock permits. Councilmember Robinson suggested this be lobbied at the State level.

Councilmember Robinson reported the Fire Board has contracted with the City of Arnolds Park staff to perform the billing and bookkeeping for the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire Department.

Councilmember Mendenhall stated he wished to reiterate his concerns about the Dixon Beach walkway. Mendenhall stated it is his opinion that due to the condition of the walkway, it is time to do something about it. Robinson stated he has walked the area several times and is concerned about public safety and the liability the city could incur if something were to happen. The Mayor stated the approximate cost would be \$80,000 - \$100,000. Delperdang stated several years ago an eight foot path reconstruction was investigated, but at that time the council was not interested in doing something that large.

Daly reported he has spoken to Engineer Brad Beck concerning the path (approximately 4 – 5 feet wide) plus the Park Board will be meeting to suggest upgrades to the playground equipment at Speier Park. Daly suggested if the Council wished to do these projects, then possibly borrow funds for the projects and get them done. Delperdang suggested an agenda item for a future meeting to discuss proceeding with the projects. Daly reported the area that was damaged due to repair will be done per the contract.

Daly reported he has been approached by an engineering firm for Verizon for the placement of a small antenna to be mounted on a light pole in town. Daly stated he would have more information for action at a future meeting.

Daly reported he has been approached by a resident concerning a possible drainage problem at the intersection of Julia Street and Lake Shore Drive. Delperdang stated the area in question is problematic concerning the amount of water that drains to the area. Daly stated he would contact Brad Beck and possibly come up with a solution. Mendenhall commented on the curb and gutter that was put into place in the past.

Expenditures for the month of April 2014 are as follows: Public Safety - \$20,955.63; Public Works - \$11,708.80; Culture & Recreation - \$272.99; Community & Economic Development - \$6,100.50; General Government - \$32,757.24; Water - \$19,859.41; Road Use Tax - \$1,789.38; Capital Projects - \$146,286.95; Trust 8 Agency - \$3,422.95. Receipts for the same period were \$820,303.27, creating balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,580,117.86. \$118,388.04 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Robinson/Andres moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator