

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mendenhall, Robinson, Andres, Hentges, Delperdang

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Petersen, Cris Hedgpeth, Brad Beck, Leo Parks, Jr., Tom & Nyla Throckmorton, Fran Shloss and other unidentified individuals.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order. Hentges/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hentges/Robinson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 06/16/15, claims for July 2015, Deputy Clerk's Report ending June 2015, and a renewal of a Class C Beer Permit for the Okoboji Boats Sea Store with Sunday sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider approval of the contract for the 2015 City of Okoboji Dixon Beach/Maintenance Building Sidewalk Replacement Project: Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the contract for the sidewalk projects. All ayes. Motion carried. Engineer Brad Beck stated that he is looking into changing the design of the new steps at the Metz Beach access so that they won't look like plain cement steps. Beck went on to say there will be a pre-construction meeting on July 27th. Mayor VanderWoude stated she had been approached by Holliday Way resident Bob Moyle concerning bicyclists using the new sidewalk. Mr. Moyle is wishing that bicyclists be not allowed to use the walkway and also would like to see some old style lighting put into place along the walkway. The Mayor stated this will have to be talked about at a later meeting.

Council to consider Application for Payment No. 3 for the 2015 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Valve Replacement Project in the amount of \$24,576.12 payable to Grundman-Hicks L.L.C.: Brad Beck stated the project now is 98.3% complete with seeding and landscaping left to complete. A retainer in the amount \$7224.00 will be held until completed. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$24,576.12. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the removal and replacement of a City sanitary sewer on the lakeside at 3611 and 3613 Fairfield Street: City Administrator Dennis Daly stated that at the locations on Fairfield Street there is some extensive lakeshore landscaping taking place that will involve the sewer main currently in place. Geogrid will need to be put into place to stabilize the top of the lakeshore bank, but cannot be placed over the sewer main. Thus the need to move the sewer in the location of 3611 Fairfield approximately 6 feet to the east. Daly stated the furthest property to the north virtually would be unable to connect to the sewer, and that the sewer service line would have to cross private property to do so. Daly is suggesting extending a sewer line to a city access in the area so that all

can benefit. Daly stated the problem is that this project has not been budgeted in the 2016 city budget. Brad Beck stated he produced a preliminary figure of \$25,000-\$30,000 for the project. Beck reviewed a preliminary plan with the Council indicating that possibly a four way share of the cost could be accomplished. Council member Delperdang suggested a letter be drafted by City Attorney Stein be sent to the affected property owners proposing cost sharing. Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve a letter be drafted by City Attorney Stein to the affected property owners for cost sharing 25% for the sewer main project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a no parking area from 1205 to 1207 Eloise Street: Daly stated a property owner had approached him on Eloise Street concerning a possible parking problem. Police Chief Petersen stated he was not aware of any parking problem in this area. Daly stated he has not observed a parking problem in the area. After further discussion Mayor VanderWoude determined this situation would be monitored for future problems. No action taken.

REPORT PF OFFICERS

The police report was given by Police Chief Jason Petersen.

The Mayor wanted to remind everyone that last February the Council was approached about possibly removing snow on the walkway on Dixon Beach.

Council member Mendenhall voiced his concerns about the foreign workers in the lakes area that use bicycles as the primary mode of transportation and the recent traffic death of a worker in Spirit Lake. Police Chief Petersen stated there have been several meetings with the Chamber, police departments and other interested parties. Petersen stated there is an attempt underway to educate the foreign workers as best possible. Issues discussed surrounded traveling after dark, training, education and safety.

Daly reported the filings dates for electoral candidates will be August 24th for nomination papers as the earliest date they can be picked up and September 17th as the deadline to have them turned in. Daly reported that new state law demands any nomination papers now be delivered to the County Auditor and not to City Hall.

Daly reported the Funnel Street sewer lift station has again failed. Daly stated he would keep the Mayor and Council informed as to how progress is being made for repair.

Daly stated he would be getting with Tim Oswald of Piper Jaffray to start working on bonding.

Expenditures for the month of June 2015 as are follows: Public Safety – \$21,531.45; Public Works - \$12,239.28; Culture & Recreation - \$359.51; Community & Economic Development – \$5,373.00; General Government - \$22,918.76; Water - \$28,378.37; Road Use Tax - \$623.63; Capital Projects - \$112,394.48; Trust & Agency - \$319.00. Receipts for the same period were \$69,938.09, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of

\$1,295,603.22. \$222,294.14 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 6:37 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator