

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Dulin, Robinson, Christensen, Hentges, Delperdang

OTEHRS PRESENT: Sara Christensen, Jason Petersen, Perry Pearson, Julie Andres, Jane Shuttleworth, Rod Meendering, Arvin Druvenga, Walter & Barb Mendenhall, Brad Beck, Aaron Jones

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Christensen/ Hentges moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Christensen/Hentges moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the previous meetings 10/08/13 and 10/21/13, claims for November 2013, and the Clerk's Report ending September 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to conduct a public hearing to solicit comments on adopting the City of Okoboji 2013 Zoning

Ordinance: Mayor VanderWoude declared the public hearing open to solicit comments on adopting the City of Okoboji 2013 Zoning Ordinance. With no comment from the general public, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and solicited comments from the City Council. Councilmember Christensen stated he acknowledges all the work and time put in to drafting the new zoning ordinance, but he is still uncomfortable with the new document, and went on to express his feelings about the proposed new zoning ordinance. Christensen stated he would vote no on this ordinance with the recommendation that the commission return to their work and 1. Hold public meetings that target specific citizen and business issues. 2. Try not to hold meetings with the public that requires them to swallow the whole elephant at one time as this is a sweeping document and the review and approval process should be segmented, focused and well represented by the business and public. Christensen is asking the committee to review the document and again focus on changes and not what other committees do, and in doing so he urged the commission to shed its pride of authorship and listen. And finally Christensen could not understand what the urgency has been to finish the ordinance. Councilmember Delperdang asked if there would ever be a document that is free of controversy or free of differences of opinion as to the structure of the city ordinances, and whether it is an obtainable goal to completely eliminate conflict or controversy. Christensen stated absolutely not, but there is a point at which some of the major obstacles can be eliminated and reduced, and the sensitivity to hearing from business people is the one that bothers him the most and he thinks they should be heard. Delperdang stated if the end point is a moving target, it seems to him that at some point a line needs to be drawn in the sand and say this is the best we can do right now, but that it is not negative to say it's a living document open to change and amendment and that the city can at some point adjust for that. Delperdang went on to say maybe the city needs to get this done and deal with consequences as they appear. Discussion followed.

Council to consider introduction of the first consideration of Ordinance No. 221, "Zoning Ordinance of The City of Okoboji, Iowa:" Hentges/Dulin moved to introduce the first consideration of Ordinance No. 221. The vote was 4 -1 with Dulin, Robinson, Hentges, and Delperdang in favor, and Christensen opposed. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion carried. The Mayor asked for a motion to waive the second and third consideration of Ordinance No. 221. The second consideration of Ordinance No.221 will be taken up at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Discussion followed

Council to review and consider the City audit for fiscal year 2012/13: Arvin Druvenga of Winther, Stave and Co. of Spencer, Iowa, presented and reviewed the fiscal year 2012/13 city audit. Druvenga first reviewed the document entitled "Conversation with those charged with governance" and then proceeded to the audit outlining the auditor's responsibility. Druvenga reviewed the financial statements, individual funds, water fund, bonds and notes payable. Druvenga stated that as the city operation is a cash-only basis, the figures for bonding are not reflected in the totals. Druvenga stated the budget status for the City of Okoboji is very stable. Discussion followed. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the audit as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider an Application for Payment No. 3 payable to Beck Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$101,762.34 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project: Engineer Brad Beck gave a report on all divisions of the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project. Beck stated all divisions are proceeding well and should be completed this fall except for seeding and sodding. Beck reported there would be change orders to be approved in the future for unforeseen drainage problems that needed to be corrected immediately. Robinson/Dulin moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$101,762.34. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Pay Estimate #42 for MEC Invoices and 1/2 ILRW portion payable to the Central Water System in the amount of \$158.14 for the water plant project: Hentges/Christensen moved to approve Pay Estimate No. 42 in the amount of \$158.14. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a dock permit application for Roger Miller of 2003 Holliday Way for Dixon Beach Dock #28: Hentges/Dulin moved to approve the dock permit application for Roger Miller for Dixon Beach Dock #28. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a granted variance for John & Nancy Vernon of 1909 Funnel Street for the construction of a deck on a non-conforming structure: Christensen/Hentges moved to approve the granted variance for John & Nancy Vernon of 1909 Funnel Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a granted variance for Mike O'Hair of 1905 Lake Shore Drive for the construction of a second story addition on a non-conforming structure: Robinson/Dulin moved to approve the granted variance for Mike O'Hair of 1905 Lake Shore Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider an Okoboji After Prom 2014 donation: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve a donation to the Okoboji After Prom 2014 in the amount of \$100.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a request and quote for the implementation of a mobile website: City Administrator Dennis Daly reported he had been contacted by Kreighton Stokely of the Sioux City Journal concerning the implementation of a new mobile website for the city. The Sioux City Journal has offered an advertising agreement for the website. Daly stated he is not well versed in things such as this and as is asking to get information from the city's current website administrator. The Council elected to table this item in order to gather information for a future meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen gave the police report.

Mayor VanderWoude expressed her desire to update the City's current website and asked Daly to look into other individuals who offer this service and see what is available.

Councilmember Hentges wished to thank the Planning and Zoning Commission members for all their hard work concerning the new Zoning Ordinance.

Expenditures for the month of October 2013 are as follows: Public Safety - \$79,893.89; Public Works - \$11,050.46; Culture & Recreation - \$78.95; Community & Economic Development - \$1,020.00; General Government - \$41,892.14; Water - \$120,107.30; Road Use Tax - \$294.67; Capital Projects - \$227,006.80; Trust & Agency - \$218.13. Receipts for the same period were \$759,950.48, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,735,265.34. \$80,858.33 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Robinson/Dulin moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator