

**CITY OF OKOBOJI SPECIAL WORKING DINNER MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015, 5:30 P.M.**

**Presiding:** Mayor Mary VanderWoude

**Councilmembers Present:** Delperdang, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. Absent: Hentges

**Others present:** Mike Raner, Owen Primavera, Carmen DeKoster, Les Marousek, Dennis Colton, Sharlene Eckard, Joyce Waddell, Neal Houge, Tim Jensen, Jill Peters, Julie Delperdang, Jane Shuttleworth, Brad & Teresa Beck, Ann Fitzgibbons, Barb Mendenhall, Joe Andres.

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Robinson/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider a dock permit for Laura Blumberg of 1914 Funnel Street for Dixon Beach #32:** Robinson/Andres moved to approve the dock permit for Laura Blumberg. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider a request by Arare Farms (Mark Petersen) to use 4" C900 water pipe for a water service line:** Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the request from Arare Farms to 4" C900 water pipe for water service line. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to discuss City issues with the Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission, committees and other city officials:** The Mayor took this opportunity to introduce Jill Peters who is filling in while Sheri Donnenwerth is on sick leave. The Mayor at this time also recognized Public Works employees Neal Houge and Tim Jensen by presenting both with a certificate acknowledging each for 1385 consecutive days of no lost work days due to workplace injury. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated this is in large part due to the SHIELD safety program the city participates in with the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission. Daly at this time recognized Safety Coordinator Michael Raner, who was present to see the certificates given to Houge and Jensen.

Owen Primavera, Board of Adjustment Chairman, stated there have been many changes to the zoning ordinance over the past 43 years. Primavera stated it his opinion there is no way that a zoning ordinance could be developed to cover everything possible. It has been his philosophy that the City of Okoboji be kept as residential as possible.

Barb Mendenhall, Planning and Zoning Commission member, stated the commission has made adjustments to the zoning ordinance over time with the latest being approximately 6 months ago or so. Mendenhall stated that dock issues will always be at hand and the city must be aware of those issues.

Carmen DeKoster, Design Review Committee member, stated the committee does not meet often with the latest meeting being for Mau Marine and the new restaurant.

Councilmember Delperdang wished to thank everyone for their volunteerism on each board, commission, and committee.

Councilmember Andres concurred with Delperdang stating it was her opinion the services offered in Okoboji are top notch.

Councilmember Robinson also agreed by saying it is gratifying to see that when there is an opening on a board, commission, or committee it is always filled. Robinson went on to say it shows that people are willing to step forward and serve for the city and this shows a sense of pride within the community.

Councilmember Mendenhall stated there are very dedicated and well educated persons that serve on the committees that have to make some very controversial decisions and that he is very appreciative towards Councilmembers Delperdang and Robinson for their depth of knowledge of what is going on with city policies and past issues as they are the longest standing councilmembers for the city.

City Administrator Daly stated since he has worked for the past 30 years he has learned a lot and passed his appreciation on to all the council, employees, board members and committee members for their hard work and dedication to Okoboji.

Robinson/Andres moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

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Dennis J. Daly CMC  
City Clerk/Administrator

