

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Walter Mendenhall, Jerry Robinson, Julie Andres, Jim Hentges, Jim Delperdang

OTHERS PRESENT: Kiley Miller, Rebecca Giesel, David Stein, Jean Allen, Janette Davis, Steve Fester, Steve Goodenow, Jason Petersen, Keith Sherman.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Delperdang/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 11/10/15 and claims for December 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS APPEARANCES

Council to consider a request by city resident Paul Johnson to have the new Dixon Beach walkway cleared of snow for foot traffic: The City Council had received a letter from Okoboji resident Paul Johnson requesting the new Dixon Beach walkway be cleared of snow. Discussion followed concerning safety issues, damage to adjoining properties during snow removal, and damaging the integrity of the new walkway with snow removal equipment. City Administrator Dennis Daly was directed to contact the city engineer concerning placing equipment on the walkway and have this item placed again on a future agenda for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Kiley Miller, CEO for Iowa Lakes Corridor, to give annual report: Kiley Miller, CEO for the Iowa Lakes Corridor gave the annual report and requested the city continue with \$2500.00 a year support for the next four years. The request for funds will be considered when the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget is presented to the finance committee.

Council to consider the employee Health & Dental Insurance renewal: Jean Allen of Central Bank Insurance presented the Council with the employee health and dental insurance renewal. The Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance monthly premium for the renewal will be \$12,292.97 which represents a 10.8% increase. The Delta Dental dental insurance premium for the renewal will be \$811.86 which represents a 5.5% increase. The overall increase for the City's portion for Health and Dental insurance will be approximately \$834.00 per month. Delperdang/Hentges move to approve the Wellmark Enhanced Blue 1000 PPO and Delta Dental plan renewals as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment, extension or renewal of an electrical franchise with Interstate Power & Light Company: Mayor VanderWoude declared the public hearing open for discussion concerning an amendment, extension or renewal of an electrical franchise with Interstate Power & Light Company. With no comments received the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Council to consider first introduction of Ordinance No. 229 "An ordinance renewing/amending and replacing/substituting Ordinance No. 111 and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the city of Okoboji, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the city and its inhabitants": Robinson/Hentges moved for the introduction of Ordinance No. 229. All ayes. Motion carried. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to waive the second and third introductions of Ordinance No. 299. . Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried. Mendenhall/Robinson moved to now have Ordinance No. 229 placed on its final passage and adoption. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows;

AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to conduct a public hearing to consider leasing city property to Alltel Communications, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the installation of communication equipment: Mayor VanderWoude declared the public hearing open for discussion concerning the lease of city property to Alltel Communications, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the installation of communication equipment. With no comments received the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-14, 'Resolution approving the City of Okoboji, Iowa's lease of certain space on the City's utility pole and/or surrounding real and/or personal property to Alltel Communications, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, its lessees, successors and assigns, for the installation, operation, and maintenance of communication equipment; together with the non-exclusive right of ingress and egress from a public right-of-way, seven days a week, twenty four hours a day, over, under, and through the property and to and from the premises for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of Alltel Communication, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless' communication equipment": Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-14 with additional language to be added to read as follows "contingent upon Verizon Wireless receiving a work permit in IDOT ROW and any other necessary approvals required by the IDOT". Upon the call of the roll the votes was as follows; AYES; Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to conduct a public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder: The Mayor declared the public hearing open for discussion on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. With no comments received the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-12, "Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$680,000 General Obligation Loan Notes": Hentges/Delperdang moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-12. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to conduct a public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder: The Mayor declared the public hearing open for discussion on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. With no comments received the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-13, "Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$15,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes": Robinson/Andres moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-13. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider year bonuses for all city employees: Hentges/Robinson moved to approve a year-end bonus to all city employees in the amount of \$250.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Oaths of office to be administered: The oaths of office were administered to Mayor VanderWoude and Councilmembers Hentges and Delperdang.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

The policer report was given by Police Chief Jason Petersen.

Mayor VanderWoude reported that she has been approached concerning possible missing money. The Mayor there is no "missing" money whatsoever nor has there been any sort of embezzlement taking place. The Mayor reported there is an issue of \$84,000 not being accounted for with this being a data entry error that needs to be found. City Administrator Daly further stated there are other issues with the new accounting program that needs to be addressed but he believes this is all entry related also.

Daly reported the financial audit for the city is nearly complete and that he will report at a later date.

Expenditures for the month of November 2015 are as follows: Public Safety - \$97126.52; Public Works - \$19288.47; Culture & Recreation - \$42.19; Community & Economic Development - \$6357.50; General Government - \$27830.35; Debt Service - \$37781.26; Capital Projects - \$80543.52; Water - \$113534.22. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$224,700.51.

Robinson/Andres moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator