

CITY OF OKOBOJI
SPECIAL WORKING DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Walter Mendenhall, Jerry Robinson, Jim Hentges, Jim Delperdang.

Absent: Julie Andres

OTHERS PRESENT: Owen Primavera, Dennis Colton, Les Marousek, Jane Shuttleworth, Carmen DeKoster, Russ & Sharlene Eckard, Julie Delperdang, Joyce Waddell, Marjorie Mueller, Lissa Ballis, Barb Mendenhall, Brad Beck, Ann Fitzgibbons.

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor VanderWoude welcomed everyone to the annual working dinner meeting stating this meeting offers the chance for all Board and Commission members to meet and discuss issues.

Council to discuss City issues with the Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission, committees and other city officials: Owen Primavera, Chairman of the Board of Adjustment, stated there are always exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Okoboji and after serving as the chairman for 44 years he has found this to be true. Primavera went on to say if has been the philosophy of the City of Okoboji to keep the city as residential as possible and to keep high density at a minimum on lakeshore property. Primavera stated that although the board has had some problems in the past he felt things are running well. Councilmember Mendehall stated that on behalf of the Council he wished to thank Primavera for his many years of service as well all other Board and Commission members.

Carmen Dekoster of the Design Review Committee stated that although she may have missed the last two meetings she would like to hear more information concerning Snooks of Okoboji. City Engineer Brad Beck explained how the building would be laid out on the property and how the parking requirements were allowed a variance to be less than what was required by the Zoning Ordinance.

Planning and Zoning Commission members discussed lakeshore bank erosion issues. Commission member Barb Mendenhall stated that Brad Beck is working on how to better identify levels of erosion on a lakeshore bank.

Planning and Zoning Commission member Jane Shuttleworth stated that zebra mussels are now in the Iowa Great Lakes and that nothing can be done to eradicate them at this time. Shuttleworth went on to say the zebra mussels will make the water more clear which will enhance more weed growth. It is illegal to use any aquatic pesticides to rid the lake of the weeds.

Russ Eckard, City representative for the Central Water System, reported that long time Water Plant Superintendent Mike Miller will be retiring at the end of this year. Eckard stated that two employees run the entire water plant and that the right person must be chosen to take his position. Eckard went on to say that interviews are now ongoing to hopefully have a person in place prior to Miller officially retiring. Parking issues and regulations were discussed.

Council to consider the dock alignment for Dennis McDougal of 1917 Lakeshore Drive: City Administrator Dennis Daly explained why this request was before the Council and turned their attention to a drawing provided by Clary Lake Service. Daly stated any time a dock configuration is anticipated to encroach into the projected lot lines into the lake for adjacent property permission must be granted to do so. The adjacent property in this case is City property in which the McDougal dock would extend into the lot by six feet. After further discussion Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve the dock alignment for Dennis McDougal. All ayes. Motion carried.

At this time Mayor VanderWoude thanked everyone for their service to the City of Okoboji and that dinner would be served at Tweeters.

Robinson/Hentges moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator