

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Mayor VanderWoude

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Delperdang, Joyce Waddell, Doug Westerman, Kae Hoppe, Lissa Ballis, Kiley Miller

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor call the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Robinson/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 05/10/16, claims for June 2016, Bank Cash/Treasurers Report for May 2016, renewal of a Class E Liquor License (LE) for the Kum & Go, and a renewal of Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permits 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Kiley Miller, President & CEO, Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp., to give regular quarterly report:

Kiley Miller, President and CEO of the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp., presented the quarterly report to the Council. Miller stated it has been busy on the industrial attraction side as well the entrepreneurship side that now has 47 clients, 12 businesses with 17 new clients coming on board. Miller noted they are currently working on workforce and housing issues. The Home Base Iowa program is working with nine veterans now being placed in jobs that have come open. Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp. now has surpassed \$500,000 annual income. The Council thanked Miller for his report.

Council to consider casualty, liability and workers compensation insurance package for fiscal year

2016/17: Joyce Waddell of Bank Midwest Insurance presented the insurance package to the Council stating there were no property or casualty claims, one claim for a deer running into a police car plus there were no worker compensation claims for the year. Waddell stated that some property values were raised slightly. Waddell discussed the mod factor for the workers compensation insurance is at an all-time low placing that at .85 which helps keep the cost for that insurance low. The premium for fiscal year 2016/17 will be \$35,556.66 for property and casualty insurance and the worker compensation insurance for fiscal year will be \$9332.00 for a total of \$44,888.66. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the insurance package for fiscal year 2016/17 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Osceola Rural Water to request the purchase of water from the City of Okoboji: Doug Westerman of Osceola Rural Water thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. Westerman gave details of the current service area of Osceola Rural Water stating he currently purchases water from Milford Utilities to assist in water service to his area around Wet Lake Okoboji. Westerman explained the low water pressures he experiences during the summer months. He is currently working on a new contract with the City of Milford but is in need of fixing pressures as soon as possible. Westerman is respectfully asking the City to allow him to purchase water but knows this is completely up to the City.

Councilmember Mendenhall asked if the 260,000 gallon per day was the most he would ask for.

Westerman stated his peak demand is 220,000 gallons but would be asking for more in the case of an emergency.

Councilmember Robinson asked what the peak demand he has now on contract with Milford Utilities. Westerman stated it currently is for 240,000 gallons per day.

City Administrator Daly stated that before the City of Okoboji would be allowed to enter into an agreement such as this it would have to pass before the City of Arnolds Park and the Central Water System according to the new agreement with the two cities.

The source of water that Osceola Rural Water was discussed.

Councilmember Delperdang asked if this should have been an action item. Daly stated he was asked to put this on the agenda as such but in light of the discussion one is not needed at this time.

This item will on a future agenda for further discussion and/or action. No action taken.

Council to consider an Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities with the Iowa Department of Transportation: Robinson/Andres moved to approve the agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a donation to the 4th of July Fireworks display: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve a donation of \$250.00 to the 4th of July Fireworks display. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the re-appointment of the Design Review Committee with terms to expire July 1, 2019: Hentges/Andres moved to the approved the re-appointment of the Design Review Committee with terms to July 1, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the re-appointment of Marjorie Mueller to the Park Board with term to expire July 1, 2019: hentges/Mendenhall moved to approve the re-appointment of Marjorie Mueller to the Park Board with term to expire July 1, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on possible hiring of interim Zoning Administrator: The Mayor reported there would be no discussion or action taken on this item at this time and will put this item on the special meeting she will call for June 20, 2016.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Mayor VanderWoude stated she is calling a special meeting for June 20, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss and consider an outdoor service area for the Okoboji Commons Hotel and to have discussion and possible action for hiring an Interim Zoning Administrator.

Councilmember Mendenhall brought information to the Council concerning Bur Oak Blight (BOB) that is taking place in town. Mendenhall stated everyone should be concerned about this problem as it could affect everyone at some point and time since the disease can travel from tree to tree. Mendenhall noted there are ways to treat a tree based on the information he has received. More information can be found at <http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/2012/9-12/buroakblight.html>. Information can be found at the Okoboji City Hall for anyone that wishes to have a copy as well.

Councilmember Delperdang asked City Administrator Daly about the letters the Council received in their packets. Daly stated the letter concerning the mobile home has been taken care. The second letter concerning the settling of the street at the Craig Brownlee residence cannot be resolved as the time period for completion of the ditch work is five years old and the city is not able to collect from the resident that needed to excavate the street for water and sewer service. Daly stated the City must absorb this expense and it will be quite high. Delperdang thought that in the past City Engineer Brad Beck was retained to observe street excavations. Daly stated he could not recall if that took place or not but would have more information concerning stricter guidelines for excavating in the City right-of-way.

Expenditures for the month of May 2016 are as follows: General Fund - \$79241.80; Trust & Agency - \$8703.16; Road Use Tax - \$6699.49; TIF - \$57800.00; Debt Service - \$493268.76; Water - \$395489.11. Receipts for the same period was in the amount of \$178265.97 creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1785902.07. \$288367.85 of the reported amount is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carted. Meeting adjourned at P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator