

CITY OF OKOBOJI SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 20, 2016, 5:00 P.M.
OKOBOJI CITY HALL

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Petersen, Steve Schwaller, Lissa Ballis, Misty Katzfey, Krisit Leigh, Bruce Leigh.

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting order at 5:00 P.M.

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

Council to consider an outdoor service area for the Okoboji Commons Hotel: Mayor VanderWoude asked owner Misty Katzfey if parking was going to be compromised as the new Smack Shack is designated as part of the outdoor service area. Katzfey stated no that the existing parking is far enough from the Smack Shack. The Mayor if she was going to use a gated fence for the outdoor service area. Co-owner Kristi Leigh stated they would use bollards and chains with the hours being 11 AM – 8 PM Monday – Saturday and 11AM – 3PM on Sundays. Councilmember Delperdang asked if there was going to be a problem with vehicular traffic between the Smack Shack and Highway 71. Leigh stated they intend to close the gravel area in front of the Smack Shack to vehicular traffic. The Mayor asked if the chains they intend to use with the bollards will be a safety issue. Leigh stated they are plastic and should pose no problem. Councilmember Hentges stated it was his opinion that fencing would be more appropriate than chains. Leigh stated it is not their intention to be a bar of any kind. Signage for control of alcohol on the property was discussed. Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve the outdoor service area as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to discuss citizen complaint regarding Lakeshore Drive parking: Councilmember Hentges asked if the city has received any complaints from kids that live at the former Crawford property that is now owned by Leo Parks Jr. City Administrator Daly stated he has received none other than several bicycles being parked there. Councilmember Andres stated she had spoken to Chris Hedgpeth and this issue is probably not the bicycles but the number of people residing at that residence and more about the parking at the properties and on the street. Councilmember Robinson stated he recognized the problem and spoke about the zoning ordinance concerning this issue. Councilmember Delperdang stated this is a problem for enforcement as it is very difficult to determine who is staying overnight in a house and that there is no use pursuing this as it will probably not go anywhere. Parking issues were discussed with the question being asked could parking permits be issued to control parking on a city street. Councilmember Delperdang stated it was his opinion he sees no viable solution to the parking issue as everyone has the right to use the city street for legal parking and the city should leave as is. Parking issues were discussed, bicycle parking, possible search warrant and other issues were discussed. Daly was directed to send a letter to the complainant.

Council to discuss and/or consider the possible hiring of an interim Zoning Administrator: The Mayor stated the city must now go to Plan B as the gentleman that was being considered for the position has elected to not accept as he had a family issue that has come up that was totally unexpected. Councilmember Andres stated that Northwest Iowa Planning is the other option working with a team of others that work for the city. Councilmember Hentges asked Daly if he knew of any others that could assist the City when needed. Daly stated the field is narrow as he knows of only current or former zoning administrators that did this kind of work. Daly stated that Ron Walker of the City of Arnolds Park is not

available as he is still working for that City. The only other former Administrator that could be contacted would be Ed Rice of West Okoboji. Councilmember Robinson stated when Daly had his previous illness that Northwest Iowa Planning did a good job for the city. The Mayor stated the City has the contract with Northwest Iowa Planning on file if needed. Councilmember Mendenhall stated most zoning issues should be taken up by City Attorney Dave Stein, Engineer Brad Beck and Northwest Iowa Planning if Daly is absent. The lakeshore bank issue at the Sturgeon property was discussed. Councilmember Andres stated she would speak with Ed Rice concerning the Interim Zoning Administrator issue. No action taken.

Robinson/Mendenhall moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned as 6:53 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator