

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2017

PRESIDING: Mayor VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges, Jerry Robinson

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: Julie Andres, Walter Mendenhall

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Anderson, Greg Drees, Brad Beck, David Stein, Jason Petersen, Amanda Harskamp, Jason Peters

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M. Hentges/Robinson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hentges/Delperdang moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 01/10/2017, Claims for February 2017, Bank Cash Report for January 2017 and Renewal of a Class LC Liquor License for the Outrigger with Sunday sales. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Anderson to present Council with proposed resolution to support the funding of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund: Mr. Anderson gave a history of the establishment of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Mr. Anderson explained that there is currently no funding mechanism in place for the fund and that the proposed funding mechanism is 3/8 of a cent increase in sales tax. Mr. Anderson named the various groups and individuals across the region that have supported this proposed resolution. Councilmember Robinson stated that he is a member of Pheasants Forever who have supported the resolution and asked that the City support the resolution. Councilmember Delperdang expressed concern on raising sales taxes given the amount of support that citizens of Dickinson County already give to help to protect the environment. Hentges/Robinson moved to support the resolution to support the funding of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider written funding request submitted by the Okoboji Blue Water Festival: Mayor VanderWoude moved item up in the agenda. Mayor VanderWoude stated that this request has been factored into the City's upcoming budget process. Greg Drees thanked the City for their support and stated that next year's festival will include two nights of music. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider project costs and possible direction on bonding for Sanborn Avenue and Gordon Drive street projects: Mayor VanderWoude moved item up in the agenda. Engineer Beck explained that plans are close to completion for both projects and would be ready for bids. Administrator Peters explained that part of this agenda item includes direction from the Council as to signing the engagement letter with the City's bonding agent so that we can start the initial phases of preparing for the bonding process. Robinson/Hentges moved to direct Administrator Peters to sign the engagement letter to start the beginning phases of the bonding process. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider possible purchase of playground equipment for the Parks Department: Mayor VanderWoude stated that the City has discussed installing new equipment for years and that the Park Board is in favor of the purchase. Administrator Peters stated the Park Board had meet a while ago to discuss these options and he has been in contact with individual Park Board members regarding this agenda item so that they were aware it was going to be discussed. Administrator Peters stated that each member was in support of the purchase of the new equipment. Administrator Peters explained that this item was not budgeted for in the current Parks Budget. Councilmember Robinson inquired as to who would be installing the equipment. Mayor VanderWoude stated that our Parks Department would install

the equipment. A discussion was held to inquire to the Okoboji Tourism Committee to request funds to pay for the proposed playground equipment. Councilmember Hentges inquired as to whether there were funds available in our general fund for the purchase. Administrator Peters stated funds were available and could be a part of the budget amendment. Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve the purchase of playground equipment for the Parks Department in the current year's budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider bid to replace City Hall windows: Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve the bid to replace City Hall windows. All ayes. Motion carried

Council to consider a Board of Adjustment granted variance to Barbara Mendenhall 4313 Lakeshore Drive to construct a 3 season room and open deck on a pre-existing legal non-conforming structure: Attorney Stein explained that the only action the Council could take was to either approve the variance as granted by the Board of Adjustment or send it back to the Board of Adjustment. Delperdang/Robinson moved to approve the Board of Adjustment granted variance to Barbara Mendenhall 4313 Lakeshore Drive to construct a 3 season room and open deck on a pre-existing legal non-conforming structure. All ayes. Motion carried

Council to consider a Board of Adjustment granted variance to Mark Peterson of 7107 Lakeshore Drive to construct a new roof on the property that will entail raising the existing roof by 24 inches on a pre-existing legal non-conforming structure: Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve the Board of Adjustment granted variance to Mark Peterson of 7107 Lakeshore Drive to construct a new roof on the property that will entail raising the existing roof by 24 inches on a pre-existing legal non-conforming structure. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider written funding request submitted by the Regional Transit Authority dba RIDES: Mayor VanderWoude stated that this request has been factored into the City's upcoming budget process. Hentges/Delperdang moved to accept the written funding request submitted by the Regional Transit Authority dba RIDES. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider written funding request submitted by Okoboji Youth Little League: Mayor VanderWoude stated that this request has been factored into the City's upcoming budget process. Delperdang/Hentges moved to accept the written funding request submitted by Okoboji Youth Little League. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider retrofitting Arnolds Park/Okoboji boom truck to newer chassis: Councilmember Robinson inquired as to what chassis the boom truck would be moved onto. Administrator Peters stated that it would be moved from the current 1985 chassis to a 1995 chassis currently owned by Arnolds Park. Councilmember Robinson stated he believed moving the newer chassis was a good idea. Councilmember Delperdang inquired as to the cost of the retrofitting. Administrator Peters explained this cost was for the retrofitting and half the value of the 1995 chassis. Administrator Peters stated that this item was to be included in the upcoming 2017/18 budget. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the cost of retrofitting Arnolds Park/Okoboji boom truck to newer chassis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to review and consider the City Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget and set date for the Public Hearing to adopt the same: Mayor VanderWoude thanked Administrator Peters and Deputy Clerk Harskamp for their presentation to the Finance Committee. Councilmember Robinson also thanked Administrator Peters and Deputy Harskamp for their hard work. Councilmember Robinson inquired as to the effects of moving the first bond payment for the Sanborn/Gordon streets projects out to the 2018/19 budget. Administrator Peters explained that the benefit to the 2017/18 budget would be that the levy can be held at 4.5 and still have a positive balance for the budget. Administrator Peters stated that in his opinion moving this payment to the 2018/19 budget means that in order to have a positive balance

in that budget cycle the levy will need to be raised. Robinson/Hentges moved to set a March 14, 2017 public hearing for the City Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider possible stipulation agreement regarding litigation/administrative action in PERB case No. 100790 (possible closed session, possible action): City Attorney Stein recommended that the Council go into closed session. Robinson/Hentges moved to close the session to discuss pending litigation/administrative action in PERB case No. 100790. Roll call all ayes. Motion carried. Those present during closed session were as follows: Mayor VanderWoude; Jim Delperdang; Jim Hentges; Jerry Robinson; City Attorney David Stein; and City Administrator Jason Peters. Council went into closed session on or about 6:52 P.M. to discuss pending litigation/administrative action in PERB case No. 100790. Council came out of closed session on or about 7:24 P.M. Roll call vote. All ayes. No action was taken.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Reports: Chief Petersen stated that a request had been made for an officer to be present for an event at Pearson Lakes Art Center on 02/18/2017. Chief Petersen also reported that the police department's current computer system will not have enough storage space to hold the video recordings from the officers police dash cameras. Chief Petersen stated that he had been in contact with a vendor as to the cost of a system to store dash camera video recordings. Mayor VanderWoude inquired as to whether there were additional options or additional vendors that could be contacted. Chief Petersen stated that he would find additional vendors.

Administrator Reports: City Administrator Peters thanked new Deputy Clerk Harskamp for all her help in preparing the budget.

Expenditures for the month of January 2017 are as follows: General Fund - \$161,592.51; Trust & Agency - \$0.00; Road Use Tax - \$379.08; TIF - \$0.00; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$0.00; Capital Projects - \$0.00; Water - \$15,675.24. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$149,047.49 creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,290,897.30. \$274,609.52 of the reported amount is invested in Certificates of Deposit with United Community Bank.

Moved to adjourn. All ayes. Mayor VanderWoude adjourned meeting at 7:33P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor