

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2017

PRESIDING: Mayor VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Andres, Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
Walter Mendenhall, Jerry Robinson.

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: NONE.

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Sanders, Jeff Thee, Brad Beck, Jason Petersen and Jason Peters.

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Andres/Robinson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 09/12/2017, Claims for October 2017, Bank Cash Report for September 2017, and Renewal of a Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Okoboji Winter Project Inc. All ayes, with Andres abstaining. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to discuss paving and striping Lake Street. Engineer Beck stated that his office completed a topographical survey of the lake side portion of Lake St. Engineer Beck stated there would be a lot of disruption to the lake side portion of Lake St. if parking was going to be installed. Engineer Beck provided a cost estimate to install 14 parking spaces on the non-lake side portion of Lake St. Engineer Beck stated an approximate cost of \$121,000 to install these parking spots. Engineer Beck stated he estimated 12 spots could be installed on the lake side portion of Lake St. Mendenhall stated that these spots could add another \$100,000 of cost. A discussion took place between the Council regarding what type of materials could be used for the parking areas. A discussion took place between the Council regarding the area to the north of Lake Street that is owned by Smith and how turning the non-lake side portion of Lake St. into a parking could affect future access to Smith's property. Robinson stated he felt the City needs to decide if they want to pursue this any further and he felt the cost outweighed the benefit. Administrator Peters stated that he had heard from Mr. Bestick regarding this matter and he informed him that if this issue was to proceed the City would approach the neighbors. Delperdang stated that he was concerned about maintaining the adjoining properties' access and the negatives outweigh the positives in this matter. Mayor VanderWoude asked for a motion to proceed with this matter. Issued failed due to a lack of motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider the appointment of Daniel Sanders to the Board of Adjustments with term to expire January 8, 2020. Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve the appointment of Daniel Sanders to the Board of Adjustments with term to expire January 8, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried. Delperdang stated that Steve Dulin had also expressed an interest in the position. Mayor VanderWoude stated that there could be another opening on this board in the near future.

Council to consider an Application for Payment #2 in the amount of \$242,800.79 payable to Rens Concrete, Inc. for the 2017 City of Okoboji Gordon Drive Street Project. Engineer Beck stated that this application is through 44% of the project. Administrator Peters stated that he had received notice that there would be a future change order for addition \$12,500. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the application for Payment #2 in the amount of \$242,800.79 payable to Rens Concrete, Inc. for the 2017 City of Okoboji Gordon Drive Street Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider proposal from KW Electric to install new light pole and fixtures on Exchange Street. Mayor VanderWoude explained that the City has received concerns over the lighting on

Exchange St. Administrator Peters stated the proposal is to install two additional lights and fix an existing light. Administrator Peters explained this was not a budgeted item and its effect on the current budget. Administrator Peters stated that if approved, it would represent a cost to the City of \$12,565. Delperdang stated that he preferred that the work be done this year. Delperdang/Andres moved to approve the proposal from KW Electric to install new light pole and fixtures on Exchange Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to hear update on water meters from City Administrator. Administrator Peters stated that Neal has been experiencing major difficulties with the meter reading system. Administrator Peters explained that during the last meter reading cycle, the entire route was wiped out by the system and Neal had to re-read the whole town. Administrator Peters explained SENSUS informed the City that the malfunction was an issue they were aware of, but neglected to inform the City. Administrator Peters stated that Ferguson Waterworks has provided a quote to replace our current system with a system that would allow Neal to “radio read” all the meters in town. Administrator Peters stated the quote of \$398,250 is to fully replace and/or retrofit all of the meters and \$91,000 of this quote is for Ferguson to do the installation. Administrator Peters stated he believed they could find a cheaper option for installation. Administrator Peters stated that he was not asking the Council to approve this matter at this time, but wanted to begin a discussion on whether the Council would like him to further investigate replacing the system. A discussion took place between the Council regarding the current system. No action taken, information only.

Council to review Quarterly Budget Report. Administrator Peters stated that when budget was created he informed the Finance Committee that he would provide the Council with a Quarterly Budget Report. Administrator Peters stated that the only item that stands out is the Planning and Zoning Budget and this amount is over budget due to the unforeseen costs associated with planning for the Seawall. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider Design Review Committee’s recommendations regarding the design for complete exterior finish and re-branding of McDonalds building at 1004 Stake Out Road. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the Design Review Committee’s recommendations regarding the design for complete exterior finish and re-branding of McDonalds building at 1004 Stake Out Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

Police Reports: Chief Petersen stated he worked with the street department to create a list of recommended portions of Lake Shore Drive that could be limited to parking on one side of the street.

Council Reports: Mendenhall inquired about the write in process for the upcoming election. A discussion took place between the Council regarding past elections.

Administrator reports: Administrator Peters stated that work is scheduled to begin on Sanborn Ave. on October 13th. Administrator Peters stated that the Curly Leaf Pondweed group would be meeting on October 12th and if the Council would like to give feedback they should contact Tony Gray, with Central Water. Administrator Peters stated that representatives from ICAP will be in town next week to review the City’s facilities.

Expenditures for the month of September 2017 are as follows: General Fund - \$153,061.73; Trust & Agency - \$0.00; Road Use Tax - \$168.41; TIF - \$0.00; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$0.00; Capital Projects - \$47,601.31; Water - \$35,384.23. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$252,620.10 creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,589,908.57. \$427,060.11 of the reported amount is invested in Certificates of Deposit with United Community Bank.

Mayor VanderWoude entertained a motion to adjourn. Robinson/Hentges moved to adjourn. All ayes.
Mayor VanderWoude adjourned meeting at 6:46 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor