

CITY OF OKOBOJI  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**PRESIDING:** Mayor VanderWoude

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Andres, Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges, Jerry Robinson

**COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT:** Walter Mendenhall

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Schwaller, Julie Delperdang, Paul Plumb, Matt Richter, Jason Peters

Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Hentges/Robinson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council to consider fund request from Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. in support of Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant funding campaign.** Paul Plumb thanked the Council for considering the request. Delperdang stated that Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. feels that if it can gain financial commitments from surrounding communities, its chances of obtaining the \$1 million dollar grant will be increased. Delperdang stated the amount requested was \$10,000 over a 5 year period. Matt Richter stated that there are 12 criteria the grant board reviewed and they received As in all but one category. Mr. Richter stated the grant board felt they needed greater financial support from the surrounding communities. Mr. Richter stated the final review of the grant applications would be on Wednesday. Mayor VanderWoude stated she had called the special meeting so that the Council could vote on the matter before the grant review meeting. Hentges asked if the Park foresees a time when they will not need to ask for money. Mr. Plumb stated that the facilities is old, but this year they will be in the black. Mr. Plumb stated this request is due to the timing of the anonymous donor group and the possibility of the \$1 million grant. Andres stated that she has not found anyone that was not in support of the Park and the commitment asked of the City is a small one. Robinson/Andres moved to approve a commitment of \$10,000 to Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. to be paid over 5 years with first installment to be made in current fiscal year. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to review and consider Resolution No. 17-22 “RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017”.** Administrator Peters explained that this report deals with the City’s Tax Increment Financing District. Robinson inquired as to when this district would expire. Administrator Peters stated that is scheduled to expire in 2020. Hentges/Robinson moved to approve “RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017”. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Hentges/Andres moved to adjourn. All ayes. Mayor VanderWoude adjourned meeting at 5:11 P.M.

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Mary VanderWoude, Mayor