

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

PRESIDING: Mayor VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Andres, Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges, Walter Mendenhall (telephonically), Jerry Robinson.

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: NONE.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Krambeck, Bob Shaw, Julie Scheib, Angela Kofoot, Jane Shuttleworth, John Wills, Daniel Sanders, 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/Hentges moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Robinson/Andres moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meetings 10/10/2017 and 11/6/2017, Claims for November 2017, and Bank Cash Report for October 2017 All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from James Krambeck of 3501 Fairfield Street and the Okoboji Cottage Management Trust of 3411 Fairfield Street to explore the option of vacating City owned property between the properties. Administrator Peters explained that the Council had first heard this request in August and at that time the Council suggested that the parties have the property appraised. Administrator Peters stated that the parties had submitted an appraisal. Administrator Peters stated approximately \$1,900 in additional property taxes could be added to the tax rolls if the property was vacated. Mr. Krambeck explained the history of the property and that they had incurred costs to maintain the property. Hentges stated he was concerned about giving this property away. Mr. Krambeck stated that the area has never been used as an access and the area was too small to build. Andres stated that she was concerned with the precedent that would be set if this property was vacated. A discussion took place between the Council members regarding whether property like this should be put up for sale. Robinson moved to proceed with the request from James Krambeck of 3501 Fairfield Street and the Okoboji Cottage Management Trust of 3411 Fairfield Street to explore the option of vacating City owned property between the properties. Issued failed due to a lack of second to the motion.

Council to hear update from Engineer Beck regarding the seawall on Dixon Beach. Engineer Beck explained that he had Mike Hawkins with IDNR to review the plans. Engineer Beck stated the next step after the IDNR makes their decision will be to submit plans to other federal agencies. A discussion took place between the Council members and Engineer Beck regarding how the sale of Inn might affect the planning process. No action taken, information only.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider an Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$289,619.07 payable to Rens Concrete, Inc. for the 2017 City of Okoboji Gordon Drive Street Project. Engineer Beck explained that the project should be completed by next week. Engineer Beck stated that the change order that was included in the Application for Payment was due to the location of unmarked utilities in the area. Engineer Beck stated that for the Gordon Drive project the final numbers will be slightly higher and the Sanborn Avenue Project will be slighter lower. Hentges/Robinson moved to approve Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$289,619.07 payable to Rens Concrete, Inc. for the 2017 City of Okoboji Gordon Drive Street Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider an Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$172,791.47 payable to OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Tri-State Paving for the 2017 City of Okoboji Sanborn Avenue Street Project. Engineer Beck stated that the striping for Sanborn Avenue would be done this week, weather permitting.

Andres/Hentges moved to approve Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$172,791.47 payable to OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Tri-State Paving for the 2017 City of Okoboji Sanborn Avenue Street Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a Board of Adjustment granted variance to Barbara Hanawalt/Four Sons Lake Property LLC of 3111 Lake Shore Drive for a new 40'X30' unattached garage on Lot 10. Mayor VanderWoude moved this item up in the agenda. Administrator Peters explained the reasoning behind the request for variance. Administrator Peters stated that city staff discover that an unmarked water main exists under the current site as presented and that the applicants have offered to move the accessory building 10 feet closer to the road so as to not be over the water main. Administrator Peters stated the project would still fall within the setbacks if approved. Engineer Beck stated that his office was unable to find a documented easement for this water main and asked that one be prepared so future home owners will be aware of this water main. Andres/Robinson moved to approve the Board of Adjustment granted variance to Barbara Hanawalt/Four Sons Lake Property LLC of 3111 Lake Shore Drive to a new 40'X30' unattached garage on Lot 10 contingent on the applicant submitting a survey with the structure 10 feet closer to the road. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to hear from Discovery House. Julie Scheib gave the Council an update on the number of people that the Discovery House serves. Bob Shaw gave the Council an update as the current operations of the Discovery House. Mrs. Scheib and Mr. Shaw thanked the Council for their support and requested that it continue in next year's budget. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider written funding request submitted by the Voluntary Action Center of the Iowa Great Lakes, Inc. Mayor VanderWoude moved this item up in the agenda. Angela Kofoot gave the Council an update on the Meals on Wheels program and the demographic they serve. Ms. Kofoot thanked the Council for their support and requested that it continue in next year's budget. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider entering into a 28E Agreement to join the Little Sioux Headwaters Water Management Authority. John Wills explained to the Council the benefits of creating a Water Management Authority. Mr. Wills stated that a major benefit of creating a WMA was to help in receiving federal grant money. Mr. Wills stated that this organization will not compete with the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission and stated that they were not asking for money at this time. Robinson stated he felt by joining this group the City will build on the work that the Water Quality Commission has done. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve entering into a 28E Agreement to join the Little Sioux Headwaters Water Management Authority. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider request from Dickinson County Airport to trim trees located in Speier Park to meet State of Iowa's Minimum Safety Standards. Administrator Peters stated that he had received a request from the Dickinson County Airport to trim trees in Speier Park. Administrator Peters explained that he had received a correspondence from Bruce Smith requesting trees in Speier Park be trimmed to the specifications provided by Mike Marr with IDOT. Administrator Peters stated that he was concerned over the extent of the request for trimming. Administrator Peters stated that the IDOT does provide funds for the trees to be trimmed. Administrator Peters stated that he has been in contract with Mr. Smith and Mr. Marr to see if a compromise can be reached on the extent of the trimming of the trees included in the request. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider a Board of Adjustment granted variance to Dennis & Judith Tierney of 6103 Lake Shore Drive to construct 4 feet of additional decking and new stairs on the lakeside of the property. Daniel Sanders explained the reasoning by the variance request. Delperdang/Andres moved to approve the Board of Adjustment granted variance to Dennis & Judith Tierney of 6103 Lake Shore Drive to construct 4 feet of additional decking and new stairs on the lakeside of the property. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider possible trade-in of 2017 Bobcat and purchase of 2018 Bobcat. Hentges stated he believed this a great deal for the City. Administrator Peters explained that this was the same procedure that the City has used in the past in regards to trading in the Bobcat. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the trade-in of the 2017 Bobcat and purchase of a 2018 Bobcat. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to review and consider Resolution No. 17-23 “RESOLUTION APPROVING 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 2017”. Administrator Peters stated that the City’s Auditor had made a small change to the report and the new numbers were provided to the Council. Administrator Peters stated that this report would be published in the Dickinson County News before December 1. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve Resolution No. 17-23 “Resolution Approving 2017 Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2017. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider written funding request submitted by Okoboji After Prom 2018. Mayor VanderWoude stated that the City had made a donation in the past. Robinson stated he thought the amount given in the past was \$200. No action taken, information only.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

Police Reports: Chief Petersen reported that the Bobcat that was stolen while parked in Speier Park had been located.

Council Reports: Hentges informed the Council that an Arnolds Park/Okoboji firefighter Todd Krukow had taken 2nd and 3rd in Firefighter Combat Challenge. Andres thanked Beck Engineering, City Staff, and the residents for all working together to make the Gordon Drive project go as smoothly as possible.

Administrator reports: Administrator Peters stated that striping on Sanborn Avenue would be taking place this week weather permitting. Administrator Peters stated that several residents had inquired about the possibility of striping Lake Shore Drive. Administrator Peters that a cost estimate on striping Lake Shore Drive was approximately \$22,000. Administrator Peters stated that the lawsuit against Okoboji Commons alleging restrictive covenant violations was filed by Attorney Stein on Thursday. Administrator Peters stated he had meet with the City’s health insurance agent and that he would be bringing estimates for the City in December.

Expenditures for the month of October 2017 are as follows: General Fund - \$167,579.33; Trust & Agency - \$0.00; Road Use Tax - \$0.00; TIF - \$0.00; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$0.00; Capital Projects - \$249,734.19; Water - \$27,506.39. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$807,620.68 creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,938,732.95. \$427,458.13 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 7:45 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor