

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2017

PRESIDING: Mayor VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Andres (left meeting at 6:15 pm), Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges (Arrived at 6:03 pm), Walter Mendenhall, and Jerry Robinson.

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: NONE.

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Zinn, Cindy Stanbro, Daniel Sanders, Mark McGill, Joe Van Otterloo, Rod Meendering, Lacie Brandt, Jason Eygabroad, Mitchell Waters, Brent Sexton, Amanda Harskamp, Jason Petersen and Jason Peters.

After the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Andres/Mendenhall moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Robinson/Andres moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 11/14/2017, Claims for December 2017, and Bank Cash Report for November 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Oaths of Office to be administered to newly elected officials. Mayor VanderWoude moved this item up in the agenda. The oaths of office were taken by Mayor VanderWoude, Councilmember Andres, Councilmember Mendenhall and Councilmember Robinson.

Mayor to make the following appointments: Mayor Pro Tem, Personnel Committee, and Finance Committee effective January 2, 2018. Mayor VanderWoude moved this item up in the agenda. Mayor VanderWoude made the following appointments: Mayor Pro Tem, Jerry Robinson; Finance Committee; Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges, and Mary VanderWoude; and Personnel Committee, Julie Andres, Walter Mendenhall, and Mary VanderWoude.

Council to consider an Application for Payment #4 in the amount of \$119,742.42 payable to Rens Concrete, Inc. for the 2017 City of Okoboji Gordon Drive Street Project. Jason Eygabroad stated that the project is basically completed. A discussion between Mr. Eygabroad and the Council took place regarding the water quality structure that was installed. Robinson/Hentges moved to approve Application for Payment #4 in the amount of \$119,742.42 payable to Rens Concrete, Inc. for the 2017 City of Okoboji Gordon Drive Street Project.

Council to consider an Application for Payment #2 in the amount of \$42,199.69 payable to OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Tri-State Paving for the 2017 City of Okoboji Sanborn Avenue Street Project. Jason Eygabroad stated that the project is basically completed. A discussion between Mr. Eygabroad and the Council took place regarding the fact that work was not completed within the contract time frame. Delperdang/Robinson moved to approve Application for Payment #2 in the amount of \$42,199.69 payable to OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Tri-State Paving for the 2017 City of Okoboji Sanborn Avenue Street Project.

Council to hear update and funding request from Bob Kirschbaum, Executive Director of the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Holly Zinn gave the Council an update on the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Ms. Zinn explained the programs that had been offered in the past year and thanked the Council for their support. Ms. Zinn requested that the City continue its support next year's budget. No action taken, information only.

Council to hear update and funding request from Greg Drees, Chairman, Okoboji Blue Water Festival. Greg Drees gave the Council an update on the Okoboji Blue Water Festival held this past

summer. Mr. Drees thanked the Council for their support and requested that it continue in next year's budget. No action taken, information only.

Council to hear update and funding request from Cindy Stanbro, Executive Director, Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association. Cindy Stanbro explained that the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association was teaming up with Pearson Lakes Art Center to offer youth classes. Ms. Stanbro requested that the City show its support through next year's budget. No action taken, information only.

Council to hear update and funding request from Jerry Clark, Clark Museum of Okoboji Area and Iowa History. Administrator Peters stated that Mr. Clark was not in attendance and that materials regarding the Museum were in their packet. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider written funding request submitted by the Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault (CAASA). Mayor VanderWoude stated the letter was in the packet. Delperdang stated that the City had given \$1,000 in years past. No action taken, information only.

Council to consider the Employee Health & Dental Insurance renewal. Administrator Peters explained that another packet of information was on the Council members' desks. Administrator Peters stated that the packet was provided by our Police Officers and is the plan that the Teamsters have offered them. Administrator Peters stated that the remaining City Staff could be added even though they were not members. Administrator Peters stated that this information had been provided to the City's insurance agent so they could compare it to the Wellmark plans in their Council packets. Mark McGill and Joe Van Otterloo of Walker Insurance Agency, Inc. presented information on the renewal of the Employee Health and Dental Insurance plan with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Joe Van Otterloo explained how the plan presented by the Teamsters differs from the Wellmark plans. A discussion took place between the Council and Mr. Van Otterloo regarding the differences in the three Wellmark policies presented. Administrator Peters explained he had spoken to the City's Attorney, the police officers' union representative, and a representative of the union's health insurance provider to make sure that all parties were ok with this information being presented at tonight's meeting. Mitchell Watters stated that the officers wanted the City to have the information on the proposed union policy. Administrator Peters explained that the numbers shown on the plan presented by the Union could change based on the health questionnaires that the remaining City staff would have to submit. Administrator Peters explained that if the police officers decide to go with a different provider through union negotiations, they can be removed from the Wellmark plan when their contract takes effect, without affecting the remaining employees. Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve the Wellmark Enhanced Blue 1000 PPO and Delta Dental plan renewals as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the City Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Rod Meendering of Winther Stave & Co explained the results of their independent audit. Mr. Meendering stated that this was a clean audit. Administrator Peters stated that there are copies of the audit available at City Hall. Hentges/Robinson moved to accept the City Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider yearly bonuses for all city employees. Hentges/Mendenhall moved to give a \$250 yearly bonus to each city employee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider having City Administrator inform the City's Financial Institutions that Jason Peters' name shall be removed as a signatory for accounts on December 29th, 2017 and add Amanda Harskamp's name. Mayor VanderWoude added this item as an action item per the request of the City's financial institutions. Robinson/Hentges moved to have City Administrator inform the City's Financial Institutions that Jason Peters' name shall be removed as a signatory for accounts on December 29th, 2017 and add Amanda Harskamp's name. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

Police Reports: Chief Petersen stated that it had been great working with Administrator Peters over the past year. Chief Petersen stated that CAASA was a great program for the City to support.

Mayor Reports: Mayor VanderWoude thanked Administrator Peters for his service.

Council Reports: Delperdang thanked Administrator Peters. Hentges thanked Administrator Peters. Hentges requested that during future road construction projects that the City makes sure there is at least one access for emergency vehicles. Robinson thanked Administrator Peters. Robinson suggested they explore new options to address funding requests based on the number of requests they have received. A discussion took place between the Council regarding how these have been addressed in the past. Mendenhall inquired about the removal of city docks and stated that the City should consider putting a request for donations for pickleball courts be placed in the quarterly newsletter.

Administrator reports: Administrator Peters stated that a special strategy meeting would be held on December 19th, 2017 to discuss the City's response to Teamsters first contract proposal. Administrator Peters stated he would also be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting to go over the current budget before he leaves. Administrator Peters thanked the Council, the Mayor, City Staff, and citizens of Okoboji for a great working relationship.

Expenditures for the month of November 2017 are as follows: General Fund - \$77,810.83; Trust & Agency - \$1,500.00; Road Use Tax - \$97.92; TIF - \$1,900.00; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$37,114.49; Capital Projects - \$474,326.29; Water - \$80,355.69. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$241,049.45 creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,520,307.51. \$428,190.35 of the reported amount is invested in Certificates of Deposit with United Community Bank.

Mayor VanderWoude entertained a motion to adjourn. Hentges/Robinson moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor VanderWoude adjourned meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor