

## **MINUTES OF THE OKOBOJI CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2018**

Mayor Mary VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on March 13, 2018. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Jim Hentges, Julie Andres, Jerry Robinson, and Walter Mendenhall, via telephone, were all present for Roll Call. Councilmember Jim Delperdang was not present. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, Todd Abrahamson, Jeff Thee, Barry Sacket, Erin Reed, Phil Petersen and Kay Hoppe. Notice of the meeting was distributed and posted at the Okoboji City Hall, the U.S. Post Office located in Okoboji, and on the City of Okoboji website.

Motion by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Andres to adopt the agenda. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted "NAY": None. Motion passed 4-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Mendenhall to approve the Consent Agenda. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Hentges, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted "NAY": None. Councilmember Andres abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

### **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

Mayor VanderWoude provided opportunity for citizens to address the Council. No public comment was received.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Todd Abrahamson, Okoboji Community School District Superintendent, addressed and updated Councilmembers on the school district's upcoming bond referendum. Major issues of which Mr. Abrahamson addressed included the construction of a new middle school, improvements to the elementary and high school buildings, and the improvement of existing athletic facilities within the school district.

Ms. Erin Reed, Dickinson County Trails Board Executive Director, addressed and updated Councilmembers on the actions of the Dickinson County Trails Board. Ms. Reed discussed in detail fiscal year 2017/2018's annual report as well as what to expect for fiscal year 2018/2019.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor VanderWoude presented and discussed quotes obtained for a new truck from Mack for \$97,350.00 and equipment from Truck Bodies and Equipment International, Inc. for \$69,894.96 for a total of \$167,244.96. Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Robinson to authorize the purchase of a new truck and equipment. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted "NAY": None. Motion passed 4-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor VanderWoude presented and discussed Resolution 2018-01, The City of Okoboji refers to the City of Okoboji Planning and Zoning Commission to study and recommend the vacation of Eden Street per 137.02 of the City of Okoboji Municipal Code. City Administrator explained to the Council that this

Resolution is required by City Code to begin the vacation process. This Resolution does not approve the vacation of the street instead is the start of the process for consideration. Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Andres to accept Resolution 2018-01. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted “NAY”: None. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented and discussed an agreement between the City of Okoboji and the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission for annual SHIELD Workplace Safety and Compliance Program. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to enter into an agreement with the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission for the annual SHIELD Workplace Safety and Compliance Program. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted “NAY”: None. Motion passed 4-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTING AND CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY OF OKOBOJI CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019**

The City Council conducted a public hearing to consider the adoption and certification of the City of Okoboji City Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. There were no comments or written comments in favor or against the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor VanderWoude presented and discussed Resolution 2018-02, adopting and certifying the City of Okoboji Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget. Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Robinson to accept Resolution 2018-02. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted “NAY”: None. Motion passed 4-0.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

### **Police Report**

Police Chief Jason Peterson, via written letter, updated the Council on patrol vehicles, the City’s new officer, and advised on spring training schedules.

### **Mayor Report**

No Report.

### **Council Report**

No Report.

### **City Administrator Report:**

City Administrator thanked the Council and City Staff for continued support during transition into new role with the City. City Administrator advised Council on painting project taking place within City Hall and thanked City Staff for their efforts with the project to keep costs minimal. City Administrator advised the City Council on an upcoming road project by the Iowa Department of Transportation. The DOT will be doing patching work on Highway 71 from Okoboji Grove Road in the City of Arnolds Park, Iowa to East View Avenue in the City of Okoboji sometime in 2018. Approximate dates are still to be determined and the City Administrator would update Council on dates at a later point. City Administrator discussed a meeting with the University of Northern Iowa Center for Environmental Education relating to municipal use of pesticide to manage large lawn areas. City Administrator advised that he would look into the City’s use of pesticide and make a future recommendation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall. The following Councilmembers voted “NAY”: None. Motion passed 4-0.

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Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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Michael Meyers, City Clerk / City Administrator

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