

MINUTES OF THE OKOBOJI CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2018

Mayor Mary VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on September 11th, 2018. Councilmembers Andres, Delperdang, and Robinson were present. Councilmembers Hentges and Mendenhall were excused and absent. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, Police Chief Jason Petersen, City Engineer Brad Beck, Barbara Hein, Jeff Three, Dan Sanders, Steve Schwaller, Leo Jochum, Bev Jochum, Andrew Fisher, Hank Grant, Jan Grant, David Sollenbarger, Sheryl Sollenbarger, Molly Scott, Kae Hoppe, Michael Hoepfner, Dennis Colton, David Liesveld and David Scott. Notice of the meeting was distributed and posted at the Okoboji City Hall, the US Post Office located in Okoboji, and on the City of Okoboji website.

Motion made by Councilmember Andres and a second by Councilmember Delperdang to adopt the agenda. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to approve the Consent Agenda. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

CITIZEN APPEARANCES

Ms. Barbara Hein addressed the City Council relating to the signage on the Dixon Beach promenade. Ms. Hein expressed concern over the visibility of the present signage. Mayor VanderWoude agreed to move the signage on the northwest end of the promenade closer to the terminus on that end. Ms. Hein also requested that the City give attention to the Dixon Beach raingarden. Mayor VanderWoude advised that the City is aware of this raingarden and several others that are in need of rejuvenation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Andrew Fisher, CEO of the Bedell Family YMCA, gave an annual report updating the Council on the Bedell Family YMCA. Mr. Fisher thanked the Council for the City's support of the organization.

Brad Beck, City Engineer, discussed with the City Council relating to the Dixon Beach rip-rap / seawall project. Mr. Beck advised that the City has moved forward with the variance request from the Department of Natural Resources on the existing permit to potentially allow for up to ten feet of rip-rap. Mr. Beck reminded the Council that whether the decided for or against the full reconstruction of the seawall that rip-rap will be needed. Mayor VanderWoude readdressed that the City is moving forward with the variance process relating to the rip-rap option. Mayor VanderWoude advised that if the City receives the variance the City would then go through the usual bidding process that would later be acted on by the Council.

Councilmember Andres requested a cost estimate relating to 250' of seawall replacement. Mr. Beck advised that it would be approximately \$250,000.00. Mayor VanderWoude advised that the seawall project could still be done after the rip-rap were in place as both options require rip-rap. Mayor VanderWoude commented that the City should observe how well the rip-rap works prior to making a decision on the seawall itself outside of potential cosmetic repairs where possible. The Council discussed potential cosmetic repairs to the wall itself. Mr. Beck advised that the Council should have realistic expectations on the duration of whichever solution is most desired. Mr. Beck advised that he believed the rip-rap will be a dramatic improvement on the lakeside of the wall but advised there are still potential issues coming from storm water on the opposite side. Mayor VanderWoude expressed her concern relating to the desire for the project to look natural and in line with the City's lakeshore landscaping ordinance.

Councilmember Andres advised that she is unsatisfied with just a rip-rap solution and that the seawall needs to be part of a larger long-term capital improvement plan. Councilmember Robinson agreed with Councilmember Andres and advocated for figuring out how to budget for this project in the long term and that the Council will need to continue to keep this on the radar.

Mr. Phil Petersen expressed concerns relating to the variance request and advised the Council on Iowa Administrative Code relating to the amount of rip-rap a property owner is allowed to utilize. Ms. Molly Scott and Mr. David Scott addressed the Council in support of the sea wall replacement. Mr. Leo Jochum commented that he felt the rip-rap would be beneficial. Mr. David Liesveld asked that the City look into the storm water draining into the lake and spoke in favor of the seawall. Mrs. Jan Grant proposed deep rooted plants for whichever option is decided upon.

Mr. Beck discussed with the City Council drainage issues on the Echo Bay access point. Mr. Beck review with the Council the historical events leading up to present. Mr. Beck reminded the City that Echo Bay Homeowners Association and the City of Okoboji have an executed document which states that the City would not be liable for any further consideration unless the City does a project which creates additional drainage on the access point. Mr. Beck advised that under normal circumstances the City's installments on the property are functioning properly. Mr. Beck advised that if the Homeowners Association desired to install additional drainage inlets that they could hook into the City's storm water system. Mayor VanderWoude presented to the Council the aforementioned executed document. There was additional concerns with utilizing additional City monies on private property.

Mayor VanderWoude held a second consideration of Ordinance No. 243 "Adding New Language in Section 63.04 "Special Speed Zones" designating Stakeout Road from the intersection of Highway 71 to the intersection of Chalstroms Beach Road to have a 25 MPG speed limit". Mr. Meyers advised the Council that they only have three members of the Council present who can cast a vote and as a result any dissenting opinion on the Ordinance would render the Ordinance defeated. The Council discussed waiting to act until October when a full Council was expected. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to table the item. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude opened a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 244 “Adding new language in Section 63.04 “Special Speed Zones” designating all of Sanborn Avenue to have a 25 MPH speed limit.”

Councilmember Delperdang commented that he believes 35 MPH is an appropriate speed limit for Sanborn Avenue. Councilmember Delperdang commented that more enforcement may be needed.

Mr. Phil Petersen spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance change. Mr. Petersen referenced a letter which was submitted to the Council relating to accident data, ticket data, as well as references to the Iowa Department of Transportation’s speed limit Q&A brochure. Police Chief Jason Petersen reiterated that Sanborn Avenue is a residential street which Iowa Code dictates should be 25 MPH. Chief Petersen also reminded the Council that the highway that goes through town has a lower speed limit than Sanborn Avenue. Chief Petersen advised that the hill approached Highway 71 on Sanborn Avenue can be very icy so there is a concern for winter residents as well. Chief Petersen commented that the speed trail owned by Dickinson County is still broken, he has been awaiting that to be fixed. Chief Petersen commented on the added density of the area. Mr. Meyers advised the Council on two letters received on this issue. One in favor from Mrs. Jaime Hunter and one not in favor from Mrs. Jan Grant.

The public hearing was left open. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Delperdang to table the item. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution #18-11, “A resolution setting a public hearing for review and consideration of a text amendment to the City of Okoboji’s Zoning Regulations relating to time limitations on zoning permits”. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to approve. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution #18-12, “A resolution setting a public hearing for review and consideration of a text amendment to the City of Okoboji’s Zoning Regulations relating to communication towers”. Motion made by Councilmember Andres and a second by Councilmember Robinson to approve. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution #18-13, “A resolution setting a public hearing for review and consideration of a text amendment to the City of Okoboji’s Zoning Regulations relating to the legal expansion of a nonconforming structure”. Motion made by Councilmember Delperdang and a second by Councilmember Robinson to approve. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution #18-14, “A resolution setting a public hearing for review and consideration of a text amendment to the City of Okoboji’s Zoning Regulations for the rezoning of the Whitecap Addition Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5”. Motion made by Councilmember Delperdang and a second by Councilmember Robinson to approve. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution #18-15, “FY 2017/2018 Iowa Street Finance Report”. Mr. Meyers gave a detailed overview of the report. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to approve. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented a Board of Adjustment granted variance to the Okoboji Summer Theater for an accessory structure closer to the front lot line than that of the principal structure. Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to approve the variance. The following Councilmembers voted “YEA”: Andres, Delperdang, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS

No report from the Police Chief.

Mayor VanderWoude recognized Ms. Helen Gibson who passed away a few weeks ago. Ms. Gibson was the first female Councilmember in the City of Okoboji and served the City for 16 years.

Councilmember Robinson asked about the Department of Transportation’s patching project on Highway 71. Mr. Meyers advised that he would check into it the status.

City Administrator Meyers commented that the City completed the annual financial audit over the past week. Meyers advised that several lakeshore landscaping projects are scheduled to start soon and that the City will need to keep an eye on those projects. Meyers advised that the new Deputy City Clerk is transitioning into her role well and fully trained in Summit.

CLAIMS

AFLAC	PREMIUMS	319.85
ALDON CONSTRUCTION CO.	REPLACED ROLLERS	271.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	BILLING PERIOD 6/28-8/1	4,176.21
	ENGINEERING	
BECK ENGINEERING, INC.	FEES/RETAINER	4,953.75
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS SERVICE	66.65
BLUE LAKE WEBSITES	HOSTING COSTS 2018	112.17
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC.	CAULK/SNAP BOLT	8.98
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	AUGUST STATEMENT	1,365.25
CENTRAL STATES FUND	AUGUST PREMIUM	3,866.40
CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM	AUGUST WATER	33,733.00
COUNSEL	AUGUST COPIES	104
COURT REPORTERS OF IOWA	CRAMER DEPOSITIONS	1,309.10
DICKINSON CO		
CONSERVATION	GREEN WASTE	240
	2019 WATER QUALITY	
DICKINSON COUNTY WATER	CONTRIBUTION	23,000.00

EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,477.80
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FASTENAL COMPANY	SHOP SUPPLIES	194.89
FASTENAL COMPANY	WIPES	89.32
FICK'S ACE HARDWARE	MULCH	144.13
GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	3 PED BUTTON ASSEMBLIES	394.53
HEARTLAND SECURITY SERVIC	SECURITY SERVICE	26.95
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECT 4/REPLACE 11 EXT	1,748.00
IGL SANITARY DISTRICT	SEMI ANNUAL SEWER FEES	171
IOWA ONE CALL	48 NOTIFICATIONS	43.2
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTN	6,667.40
IPERS	IPERS- REGULAR	7.42
IPERS	DEP INSURANCE	133.7
MEDIACOM, LLC	8/25-9/24	174.65
MEDIACOM, LLC	8/25-9/24	143.67
MITCHELL WATTERS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	600
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE	AUGUST PREMIUMS	754.18
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	AUGUST STATEMENT	400.1
OKOBOJI MOTOR COMPANY	AC REPAIR	52.97
OKOBOJI MOTOR COMPANY	OIL & FILTER	71.65
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	Q1 FY19 SUPPORT	1,000.00
SAM WEDEKING EXCAVATING	HIGGINS MUSEUM DITCH	1,500.00
SIOUX SALES CO.	B/U TEST KITS	39.8
STAR LEASING, LLC	MONTHLY LEASE PYMT	83.39
STEIN LAW OFFICE	AUGUST LEGAL FEES	5,062.05
TRAN SOURCE	SWEEPER REPAIR	5,978.95
	AUGUST WATER EXCISE	
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	TAX	4,999.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	1,998.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	2.31
VERIZON WIRELESS	JUL 14-AUG 13	616.14
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS AND WEX BANK	PREMIUMS	3,978.31
	GASOLINE 6/23-7/22	1,216.91
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		120,772.70
PAYROLL CHECKS		27,426.42
TOTAL		148,199.12

Revenue for 08/15/2018 to 09/11/2018 totaled \$140,314.61. Expenditures were as followed:
 \$78,972.26 GENERAL FUND, \$136.09 ROAD USE TAX FUND, \$41,664.35 WATER FUND.