

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
SPECIAL WORKING DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Robinson, Christensen, Delperdang. Absent: Hentges. One council seat is vacant at this time.

OTHERS PRESENT: Hank Grant, Dennis Colton, Les Marousek, Sharlene Eckard, Susan Robinson, Barb Mendenhall, Carmen DeKoster, Julie Delperdang, Sheri Donnenwerth, Sarah Christensen, Butch & Debbie Parks, Mike Chozen, Brad Beck, Marjorie Mueller, Joyce Waddell.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Council to consider setting a date for a public hearing for the purpose of considering an appointment to fill a city council vacancy: City Administrator Dennis Daly stated that since a vacancy has occurred on the council, the City must either appoint someone to the seat or conduct a special election. In the event the Council wishes to appoint, it must be done by public hearing. After such an appointment, the public may petition the Council within 14 days of the appointment requesting a special election. Christensen/Robinson moved to set May 14, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. as the date and time for a public hearing to appoint a new member to the City Council. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Bud's Pub with Sunday sales and outdoor service area: Robinson/Christensen moved to approve the Class C Liquor License for Bud's Pub. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to discuss city issues with the Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission, committees, and other city officials: The Mayor welcomed everyone to the special working dinner meeting and thanked all board, commission, and committee members for their time and efforts on behalf of the City.

Daly reported some of the sewer infrastructure is old and is starting to fail, and problem areas in town have been identified. There will be an item on the next agenda asking for a study to address the issues. Discussion followed on the sewer system.

Planning and Zoning Commission member Hank Grant reported the Commission is now completing its meetings for the zoning ordinance update, and have set May 8, 2013, as the date for the public hearing to consider the update, at which time the Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council.

Board of Adjustment member Dennis Colton reported the Board has not met for several months so there is nothing to report at this time.

The Mayor reported a proposed new burning ordinance will be considered at the May 8, 2013, meeting. A committee was formed of residents Steve Moore, Dennis Lippon, Kristi Thoreson, Rich Nicklay, and Administrator Dennis Daly. City Attorney Mike Chozen reported the committee met for approximately 1 1/2 hours and has come up with some regulations he thinks will work.

Daly reported the City has put into place a City Council Financial and Debt Management Policy with guidelines for the Council to go by. The guidelines include producing a five-year projected budget, a five-year capital improvement plan, ending fund balance guidelines, as well as other debt management issues. Daly went on to say the City of Okoboji now has a bond rating of A2 by Moody's Rating Service, which has already assisted the city with the last two bonds sold by saving a significant amount of costs by being able to receive a lower interest rate for the bonds.

Insurance agent Joyce Waddell stated the City should not see an increase in work comp premiums due to the fact the city is now experiencing a lower mod factor. The lower mod factor goes hand in hand with improved safety practices adhered to by the employees, thus keeping claims very low.

Engineer Brad Beck stated the drainage improvement projects are up for bid on May 14, 2013. All four projects are LID projects. Beck reported whoever gets the contract should be able to start prior to July 8, 2013, with a 75 working day window.

The Mayor reported a sign honoring Sue Larsen for her work on the LID projects was presented to her this past Tuesday. The Mayor also suggested that something be put together concerning her years of service to the City of Okoboji and possibly a plaque placed in City Hall acknowledging that service.

With nothing further to discuss, Robinson/Christensen moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator