

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mendenhall, Robinson, Andres, Hentges, Delperdang

OTHERS PRESENT: Norm Johnson, Andy Lux, Jill Peters, Leo Parks, Jr., Stephanie Parks, Fran Shloss, Jason Petersen

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Hentges/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mendenhall/Hentges moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 07/14/15, claims for August 2015, and the Clerk's Report ending July 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider a request for funding for the Bedell Family YMCA: Norm Johnson, CEO of the YMCA of the Okobojis reported on the newest addition located at the Bedell Family YMCA. Johnson also reported on the ambitions, goals and support of the YMCA of which there is now approximately 5800 members of which he is very happy about. Johnson explained the Blue Zones process ongoing at the YMCA. The "Y" currently offers meals for children in need with a computer room now available for after school work. The "Y" assists with math and reading during the summer months to further assist students. Johnson stated the Bedell Family YMCA is requesting funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 over a five year period.

Andy Lux of the Bedell Family YMCA reported on the community impact the "Y" has produced. Between January and July 2015 Lux reported that over 89,000 persons have visited the YMCA which included the Spirit Lake and Milford, Iowa facilities. Lux reviewed more participation in various events stating the "Y" has given approximately \$140,000.00 in financial assistance annually to youth and families to be able to participate in memberships and character building programs within the YMCA.

Mayor VanderWoude encouraged everyone to view the new addition.

Councilmember Andres stated it was her opinion it is a quality facility which is wonderful for youth and adults alike. Andres felt the "Y" builds values and a strong community.

Councilmember Delperdang asked Johnson if they participate in the baseball program. Johnson stated not at this time but there would be room for two ball fields. Delperdang asked Johnson how much tourist participation there was in a day or a month. Johnson stated that every member is a member across the nation so a tourist may be a member but possibly 600 – 700 tourist members use the facility during the summer.

Johnson defined how financial assistance is applied for and awarded.

Councilmember Mendenhall stated he would like to see more given to the YMCA if possible.

The funding request was discussed with the Council advising Johnson the Finance Committee would meet to discuss the issue and report to him as soon as possible.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-06 "Resolution directing the Clerk to publish notice of the hearing on the adoption of the proposed "Code of Ordinances of the City of Okoboji, Iowa";

Hentges/Mendenhall moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-06. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. With the vote being in the majority the mayor declared the motion duly carried. Daly reported the City will receive a CD that will loaded onto the City website showing the complete Code of Ordinances.

Council to consider the first introduction of Ordinance No. 226 “An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Okoboji, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to amusement devices”:

Andres/Delperdang moved to approve the first introduction of Ordinance No. 226. Upon the call of the roll the vote was follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None.

Delperdang/Hentges moved to waive the second and third introductions of Ordinance No. 226. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider the first introduction of Ordinance No. 227 “An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Okoboji, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to disorderly conduct”;

Andres/Hentges moved to approve the first introduction of Ordinance No. 227. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried. Hentges/Andres moved to waive the second and third introductions of Ordinance No. 227. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Hentges/Andres moved to have Ordinance No. 226 & 227 placed on their final passage and adoption. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

The police report was given by Police Chief Jason Petersen. Petersen reported the department is moving ahead with the placement of new SHIELD software and is now receiving bids for new computers for the officers.

The Mayor reported there is a section of the Code of Ordinances that addresses parking regulations during snow removal operations. The Mayor directed the police chief to review this City Administrator Dennis Daly and maintenance employee Neal Houge.

The Mayor reported there are several areas in town where overhanging trees have become a problem and are hitting trucks. Those areas are now being identified and will be addressed.

Daly reported the City has received a new ISO rating for fire protection in town. The Council asked to have this information placed in the next newsletter.

Daly reported a letter will be sent out to all residents along the Dixon Beach walkway advising them of the upcoming project.

Expenditures for the month of July 2015 are as follows: Public Safety - \$22,834.43; Public Works - \$12,490.90; Culture & Recreation - \$2,379.03; Community & Economic Development - \$3,495.00; General Government - \$81,519.91; Water - \$40,914.16; Road Use Tax - \$26,715.83; Capital Projects - \$9,231.40; Trust & Agency - \$1,657.71. Receipts for the same period were \$156,571.81, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,225,258.22. \$222,569.87 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Hentges/Andres moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.