

CITY OF OKOBOJI  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Mary VanderWoude

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Walter Mendenhall, Jerry Robinson, Julie Andres, Jim Hentges, Jim Delperdang.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Shaw, Mitzy Katzfey

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Andres/Mendenhall moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Robinson/Andres moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the previous meeting 02/12/16 and claims for February 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Okoboji Tourism Committee to present annual report to the Council:** Representative for the OTC, Mitzy Katzfey, gave the annual report. Hotel/Motel tax revenues were reviewed and discussed as well their annual budget.

**Bob Shaw, Discovery House, to give annual report to the Council:** Bob Shaw of the Discovery House gave the annual report to the Council. Shaw produced a handout to the Council which showed the budget, a letter from the Board of Directors and a job description for a new director for the home. Shaw stated the budget has been reduced by \$10,000 as the structure is now paid for. Shaw respectfully asked the Council to continue its yearly support of the Discovery House.

**Council to consider Resolution No. 16-02, "Resolution Directing the Acceptance of a proposal to Purchase \$485,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2016":** Hentges/Mendenhall moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-02. 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 re-appointment of Barb Mendenhall to the Planning & Zoning Commission with term to expire 08/15/20:** Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the re-appointment of Barb Mendenhall to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider the re-appointment of Sharlene Eckard to the Park Board with term to expire 07/01/18:** Mendenhall/Andres moved to approve the re-appointment of Sharlene Eckard to the Park Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider the sale of a 2001 FL80 Freightliner plow truck to the City of Arnolds Park:** Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the sale a 2001 FL80 Freightliner plow truck to the City of Arnolds Park in the amount of \$35,000.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider a variance amendment granted to Irv Dana of 2107 Lakeshore Drive:** Mendenhall/Andres moved to approve a variance amendment to Irv Dana of 2107 Lakeshore Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider the City Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015:** Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the City Audit for Fiscal Year ending June30, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to review and consider the City Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget and set date for the Public Hearing to adopt same:** The Council reviewed the City budget for fiscal year 2016/2017. Of particular concern was dispersing money for discretionary funds. Discussion followed concerning what is a discretionary fund and what is not. Of particular interest was the request for \$5000 for the Okoboji Blue Water Festival. City Administrator Dennis Daly was directed to fashion a letter to the OTC asking they fund 50% of the request. The Council is concerned about the number of requests that come before them each year the amount of money budgeted for those requests. It was the consensus of the Council that the Finance Committee set a cap of \$50,000 for discretionary fund requests.

Daly pointed out the property tax levy of \$4.50000 per \$1000 of valuation is remaining unchanged from the previous year with expenditures anticipated to be in the amount \$1,454,590 and revenues anticipated to be in the amount of \$1,446,448 respectively in the General Fund. The proposed Tax Asking for Fiscal Year 2016/17 is anticipated to be \$938,476 in the General Fund. The Debt Service Tax Asking is anticipated to be \$571,172.

Hentges/Andres moved to set the Public Hearing to adopt the budget for March 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Okoboji City Hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

The Mayor reported she would like to proceed with a design for some type of new signage for the Dixon Beach walkway that would control the use of bicycle traffic.

Councilmember Robinson stated he again has been approached by Okoboji resident Paul Johnson concerning the removal of snow from the Dixon Beach walkway. The Council stated they were not interested in doing so and directed Daly to contact Johnson.

Councilmember Mendenhall stated that since he was elected to serve as Council he is asking that in his absence from a meeting if the City would have the ability to do a conference call so that he may attend by those means. Mendenhall stated the wants to be involved at all possible. Discussion followed concerning the use of electronic means for a meeting and what prompts the use of such.

Daly reported there will be another project to review and discuss that involved Gordon Drive in front of Mau Marine. Daly stated there should be enough funds available for the project and timing of the project is crucial. Information will be forthcoming to the Council.

Expenditures for the month of January 2016 are as follows: General Fund - \$379,351.96; Trust & Agency - \$2356.63; Road Use Tax - \$3252.49; Water - \$31174.75. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$265,580.70.

Hentges/Robinson moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dennis J. Daly CMC  
City Clerk/Administrator

