

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lissa Ballis, Rebecca Peters, Kae Hoppe, Brent Sexton, Jean Marten, Jason Peterson, Amy Pas

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Hentges/Robinson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hentges/Robinson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the previous meeting 03/08/16, claims for April 2016, Bank Cash/Treasurer's Reports for March 2016, and a renewal of a Class C (BC) Beer Permit for Mau Marine with Sunday sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS APPEARANCES

Police Chief Jason Petersen at this time introduced Brent Sexton as the newest police officer for the City of Okoboji. Sexton stated he was very happy he was chosen to serve for the City of Okoboji and enjoys working with the other employees of the City and the citizens as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Marten, Dickinson County Trails Board, to give annual update: Jean Marten, Director of the Dickinson County Trails Board delivered a report to the Okoboji City Council plus a new recreational trails directory. Marten reported on the trail issue and the new Okoboji Commons Hotel site. The report outlined 2015 accomplishments, trails maintenance, future projects, and signage. Marten was thanked for her hard work.

Amy Pas, Lakes Area Dog Park, to request funding for new dog park: Amy Pas of the Lakes Area Dog Park reported that a five year lease has been entered in for land south of the Indian Hills Golf Course on land owned by the Methodist Camp. Pas reported that she is now raising funds for the park and that \$35,000 is needed. Grant funds are being applied for at this time. Mayor VanderWoude asked how high the new fence would be at the park. Pas stated it would be six foot high commercial chain link fence. Pas was asked concerning maintenance of the park. Pas stated that the Methodist Camp has been contracted for \$26,000 per year for maintenance. Councilmember Mendenhall stated he was concerned somewhat about the lease. Pas stated the Lakes Area Dog Park would have the right of first refusal for purchase in case the property were to sell but also a lease may be re-negotiated at that time. Mendenhall asked if consideration has been given to the Humane Society as a partner in this venture. Pas stated yes and to please check their website but nothing is official. Mendenhall felt that better wording of the lease would be more direct. Pas stated she does not know all the specifics of the lease for this meeting but would be able to provide a copy at a later time.

Rebecca Peters, OTC Director, to make an introduction to the City Council: Rebecca Peters, Director of Okoboji Tourism was present to introduce herself to the Council as the new Director. Peters gave her background that has allowed her to assume position. The Council thanked Peters for her presentation.

Council to consider an agreement between the Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Commission and the City of Okoboji, Iowa: Delperdang/Mendenhall moved to approve the agreement between the

Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Commission and the City of Okoboji, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to discuss and consider continued support to the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation:

Discussion began with what direct benefits has the City of Okoboji seen for the years that support has been given. The Council and Mayor have not been able to see any appreciable benefits derived from the years of funding and also the \$10,000 requested could be put to good use for other city functions. Councilmember Hentges stated he felt the City should no longer continue to support the funding at this time but the Corridor could come before the Council if they wish. Mayor VanderWoude asked City Administrator Dennis Daly when the last payment was due on the current obligation. Daly stated the last payment is due and payable June 30, 2016. Hentges/Robinson moved to make the last payment to the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp. on June 30, 2016 and to not continue further funding at this time. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a new 6 month Class C Liquor License for the Inn at Okoboji Convention Center and Golf Center with Sunday sales and outdoor service area: Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve a new 6 month Class C Liquor License for the Inn and Okoboji Convention Center and Golf Center. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a reimbursement for overcharges of water usage for Gerald Kirke of 7012 Lakeshore Drive: Delperdang/Hentges moved to approve a reimbursement in the amount of \$3960.49 for overcharges of water usage for Gerald Kirke of 7012 Lakeshore Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Design Review Committee recommendation for a new commercial building for Snooks of Okoboji: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the Design Review Committee recommendation for a new commercial building for Snooks of Okoboji. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Design Review Committee recommendation for an open stage for performance purposes for the Mau Family Ltd Partnership: Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the Design Review Committee recommendation of an open stage for performance purposes for the Mau Family Ltd Partnership. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

The police report was given by Police Chief Jason Petersen.

Mayor VanderWoude reported that the Special Working Dinner Meeting will be on April 26, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. with dinner to follow at Tweeters

Councilmember Robinson asked Daly how he was coming with the "tiny house" issue. Daly stated that a letter was sent and the unit has been removed but did say he suspects there will be further conversation on this matter.

Councilmember Mendenhall asked how the City of Okoboji has addressed the Zebra Mussel. Daly that during the construction of the new water plant that measures were put into place to stop the infestation of the mussels in the water system. Mendenhall went on to say the sprinkler system companies have been contacting residents that use lake water for irrigation to discontinue. Daly concurred with Mendenhall stating that if one does not stop using lake water that person's system will

be plugged within two years. Those not wanting to irrigate with lake water will have to use city water or not irrigate.

Daly reported that at some point and time the Council will have to address future street work on Gordon Drive and would have this on a future agenda for discussion and possible action.

Daly reported there is a potential problem at the current landscape waste site concerning employee problems. Daly stated that two part-time employees have elected to leave leaving only one full time employee at the site. Daly is concerned the current full time employee may leave since this has taken place and felt this could place the future of the site in jeopardy. Daly stated he would have information for the future.

Expenditure for the month of March 2016 are as follows: General fund - \$62,741.19; Trust & Agency - \$1000.00; Road Use Tax - \$5432.46; Water - \$27963.09. Receipts for the same period was in the amount \$597,891.43 creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,111,669.34. \$287,762.54 of the reported amount is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

With nothing further to discuss or consider the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator