

CITY OF OKOBOJI  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

Absent: Julie Andres

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Beck, Tim and Randy Arand-McIlrath, Michael and Ruth Anne Burke

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order a 6:00 P.M.

Robinson/Delperdang moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meetings 04/12/16, 04/26/16, claims for May 2016, Bank Cash Report for April 2016, renewal of a Class C Liquor License for the Lighthouse Bar & Grill with Sunday sales and outdoor service area, renewal of a Class C Liquor License for the O'Farrell Sisters with Sunday sales, renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Tweeter's Bar & Grill, Inc. with Sunday sales and outdoor service area, and a renewal of a Class C Liquor License for the Lakes Art Center with Sunday sales and outdoor service area. All ayes. Motion carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly reported that Councilmember Jim Hentges would be late to this meeting.

**CITIZENS APPEARANCES**

**Tim McIlrath to request the closure of a city street for a Memorial Day garage sale:**

Delperdang/Mendenhall moved to approve the closure of Division Street for a garage sale on May 27, 2016 from 4-7 P.M. and May 28, 2016 from 8 A.M. – 2 P.M. The motion included approval on September 2 and 3, 2016 for the same purpose. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council to conduct a public hearing to the City Budget Amendment and Certification Resolution No. 16-06 for year ending June 30, 2016:** At this time declared the public hearing for comment on the City Budget Amendment for year ending June 30, 2016. Daly explained the purpose for the amendment as required by law stating the amendment is in the amount of \$338,045 which covers capital projects and Public works. Daly stated an amendment does not change the tax levy and the entire amount may or not be used totally. With no further comment the Mayor declared the public hearing closed for further comment. Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve and adopt Resolution 16-06. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. Absent: Andres, Hentges.

**Council to consider an auditing services agreement with Winther Stave & Co. LLP for Fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2018:** Delperdang/Mendenhall moved to approve the auditing services agreement with Winther Stave & C. LLP. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider Change Order #1 for the 2015 City of Okoboji Dixon Beach/Maintenance Building Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of (\$1,229.67):** Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of (\$1229.67). All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider Application for Payment #3 for the 2015 City of Okoboji Dixon Beach/Maintenance Building Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$4,575.23 payable to Beck Excavating Inc.:**

Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$4,575.23. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to discuss with City Engineer Brad Beck possible Gordon Drive Street and drainage project:** City Engineer Brad Beck discussed with the Council the need to replace Gordon Drive in the vicinity of Mau Marine. Beck stated this project will include some drainage repair as well. Beck is asking the Council to give him permission to proceed with a preliminary cost estimate and then to proceed with full design after that. Daly stated that Sanborn Avenue should also be included in the estimate as it is time for this street to be milled and overlaid with new blacktop. After further discussion the Council gave Beck permission to proceed with developing a preliminary cost estimated.

**Council to consider the purchase of plow blades from the IDOT in the amount of \$3187.10:** Delperdang/Robinson moved to approve the purchase of plow blades in the amount of \$3,187.10. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider a quote from Kruse Pavement Solutions in the amount of \$4161.00 for street patching:** Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the quote for street patching to Kruse Pavement Solutions on the amount of \$4,161.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider a Special 6 Month Class C Liquor License (BW) (Beer/Wine) for the Okoboji Summer Theatre with Sunday sales and outdoor service area:** Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve the Special 6 Month Class C Liquor License for the Okoboji Summer Theatre. All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hentges arrived at the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

**Council to consider a new Class C Liquor License for the Okoboji Commons Hotel with Sunday sales:** Delperdang/Mendenhall moved to approve a new Class C Liquor License for the Okoboji Commons Hotel with Sunday sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to consider wages for City employees for Fiscal year 2016/17:** Councilmember Mendenhall stated that as a Personnel Committee member he is reporting the Committee is recommending a wage increase of 1.5% for all employees except for Neal Houge who is recommended at 2.5% and Melissa Ballis who is to receive a .75 an hour effected immediately based a favorable 6 month review and then a 1.5% increase. The recommended wages are effective July 1, 2016.

Mendenhall made a motion to approve the recommended wages as reported.

Before a second was made Councilmember Delperdang wished to discuss the issue. Delperdang stated that there was no increase in the cost of living and to ask the citizens of Okoboji, some of which are on a fixed income, will see no increase in their retirement take home pay and now the city is asking them to support city employees. Delperdang stated the health insurance policy the city carries for each employee is another aspect that needs to be discussed whereby the city pays 100% of their insurance premiums plus those employees are reimbursed for any deductibles incurred. Even though the employees may not see this money as take home pay the citizens may see it as an increased cost to them. Delperdang also stated that he could not think of a time where an employee has ever been turned down for a request for new equipment at any time that actually makes their job easier. Delperdang stated that he cannot support a wage increase at this time for the employees.

The Mayor called for a second for the original motion. Councilmember Hentges seconded the motion but wanted to explain his position. Hentges stated that if you were to look at the number of employees and

the longevity of those employees do a lot of work for a small group. Hentges felt the employees deserve the raise.

Discussion followed concerning other city wages and benefits.

The Mayor announced Mendenhall has made the motion to approve the wages with Hentges seconding the motion. The vote was 3-1. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Mayor reported that this past weekend during Walleye Weekend some illegal signs were placed along Highway 71 and that they had to be removed. The Mayor went on to say that no one will be exempt from this practice as the summer progresses.

City Administrator Daly reported that he has health issues again arise in the form of cancer. Daly went on to say that he and the Mayor had met previously and had devised a short term plan for the City in the event he would be out of the office for a short period of time or on vacation for that matter. Daly stated the he had also met with Councilmembers Mendenhall and Delperdang concerning this issue. Daly stated things may progress to the point he may have to have a bone marrow transplant. Daly stated the long term plan would be for the city to hire someone in the interim to assist in the office during his absence. Tom Underwood has extended his hand to the city and would be willing to assist if necessary. The Council thanked Daly for the report and would be looking forward to meeting with Mr. Underwood sometime in the future.

Expenditures for the month of April 2016 are as follows: General fund - \$50,849.89, Road Use Tax - \$4,791.43; Water - \$39,062.73. Receipts for the same period were in the amount of \$567,351.64, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,539,420.47. \$287,762.54 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

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Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dennis J. Daly CMC  
City Clerk/Administrator