

**MINUTES OF THE OKOBOJI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2020**

Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on January 14, 2020. Councilmembers Hentges, Robinson, and Delperdang (via telephone) were present at roll call. Councilmembers Mendenhall and Andres were excused. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, Blain Andera, Ken Ferguson, George Bower, Cindy Voss, Jason Eygabroad, and Jan Myers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Robinson to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the previous City Council meeting, the claims and accounts payable report, and the bank cash report. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

CITIZEN APPERANECS

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor VanderWoude reported that there was no new updates relating to the proposed East Lake Park. The item will remain on the agenda moving forward. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor VanderWoude discussed the City's decision in the past to temporarily close Givens Street during Winter Games due to unsafe ice conditions. VanderWoude did not believe that this would be an issue this year based on current ice conditions. VanderWoude advised that the City's Police Department may provide some additional warning signs but did not believe there was a need for closure. Blain Andera, Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce, advised the Council that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a meeting the following week with individuals from Emergency Management, Underwater Search and Rescue, Arnolds Park-Okoboji Fire and Rescue, Dickinson County Sheriff's Office, and the Iowa DNR and invited the City to participate. No action taken.

Mayor VanderWoude discussed with the Council updating on the proposed pickleball complex to be located in Speier Park. Meyers advised that the pickleball group has raised a significant amount of money and is positioned to bid the project for spring construction. Meyers advised that the plan is to have a base bid alongside an alternate bid. The base bid is simply a playable pickleball surface with the alternate bid being add-ons including fencing, surface coating, and other amenities. Meyers reminded the Council of the City's previous commitment to pay \$20,400.00 and asked that the Council consider allowing that money to be utilized as part of this first phase of the project in the FY20 budget. Meyers advised that there is additional money in the park budget to be utilized this current fiscal year for this expenditure. Meyers commended the pickleball group on their fundraising efforts.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Hentges to allow for the \$20,400.00 to be expended as part of the pickleball project's first phase. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution 20-01, "A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for February 11, 2020 to Consider Bids for the Pickleball Project". The City will put out to bid and accept bids through February 6, 2020 for the pickleball project.

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Robinson to approve Resolution 20-01. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented Resolution 20-02, "A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for February 11, 2020 to Consider the Vacation and Transfer of an Utility Easement to the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District". Administrator Meyers explained that this was recommended by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission and will set the public hearing for an ordinance so that the City can consider this transfer of easement to the IGLSD as part of their force main project.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Hentges to approve Resolution 20-01. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Voss, COO of RIDES, updated the Council on RIDES operations and requested funding in FY21 for continued support. No further action taken.

City Administrator Meyers updated the City Council on the FY21 budget. Meyers advised that the base operating budget has been prepared and requested the Council's input on how to manage any remaining excess funds whether that be utilization for projects, setting it aside, or lowering of the levy. The Council directed City Staff to consider a hybrid option of utilizing some of the remaining funds for short-term projects and some of the funds as savings to help off-set a future Lakeshore Drive capital project. Meyers advised that he will publish the max levy resolution and further discuss the budget next month. No further action was taken.

Mayor VanderWoude presented an 'Engagement Agreement' between the City of Okoboji and Ahlers Cooney Attorneys. VanderWoude advised that this was outside legal counsel relating to a zoning issue. VanderWoude advised that this was a one-time situation with Ahlers Cooney and does not anticipate the need to continue utilization of the firm in this manner.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Hentges to approve the agreement. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Delperdang, Hentges, Robinson. Motion passed 3-0.

City Administrator Meyers discussed with the City Council potential healthcare options moving forward for City Staff. Meyers advised that he has quoted four different options and believes that the City can save around \$35,000 next year by considering a few alternatives. Meyers also discussed paying 100% health premiums for all employees and not just singles. Council was support of this and directed City Staff to explore the two best options presented. No further action taken.

REPORTS

City Administrator Meyers reported on discussion relating to recycling between the City and the County. Meyers advised that he has asked County Supervisor Kim Wermersen on presenting to the City on what plans they might have.

No Police Report.

No Council Report.

Mayor VanderWoude discussed discussions she has had relating to the allowance of ATVs/UTVs to be operated prior to sunrise and after sunset. VanderWoude commented that fisherman utilize their ATVs/UTVs before and after these times.

ADJOURNMENT.

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Mayor Mary VanderWoude

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Meyers". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

City Administrator Michael Meyers

REVENUES FOR 12/11/2019 THROUGH 1/14/2020 TOTALED \$132,391.50. TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$341,909.12. GENERAL FUND, \$293,068.93, TRUST AND AGENCY, \$1,500, ROAD USE TAX \$31,114.99, CAPITAL PROJECTS-PICKLEBALL \$2,040.00, WATER, \$14,185.20.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	COPIER PRINT QUARTERLY MINIMUM	136.3
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	609.6
ALDON CONSTRUCTION CO.	GARAGE DOOR OPENER	580
ALLIANT ENERGY	DECEMBER ELECTRIC	4,100.78
ARNOLDS PARK/OKOBOJI	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	67,863.00
BECK ENGINEERING INC	ENGINEERING FEES & RETAINER	5,670.00
BECK EXCAVATING, INC.	CARRIAGE LN / SPEIER PARK	55,248.20
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS SERVICE	656.09
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC.	TOOLS & SHOP SUPPLIES	66.69
CAMPUS CLEANERS & LAUNDRY	RUGS/TOWELS	43
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	JANUARY COPIER LEASE	72.04
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	DECEMBER STATEMENT	1,855.66
CENTRAL STATES FUND	DECEMBER PREMIUMS	5,363.20
CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM	DECEMBER WATER	7,100.45
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO.	FUEL	614.71
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	ACCT 31528-0002	604.24
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,935.17
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FASTENAL COMPANY	LIGHTS	97.22
HEARTLAND SECURITY SERVIC	SECURITY SERVICE	26.95
HILLCREST FORGE, INC.	MATERIALS/LABOR	93.6
IOWA ONE CALL	21 NOTIFICATIONS	18.9
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTN	7,160.50
JAYCOX IMPLEMENT	8' SNOWBUCKET	1,400.00
JENNINGS AUTO PARTS	SANDING PADS	5.8
JILL VERDOORN	INS DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	355.43
MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS	12/25-1/24/20	400.08
MENARDS - SPENCER	CITY HALL BLINDS	132.22
MICHAEL MEYERS	INS DEDUCTIBLE REIMBURSEMENT	2,245.70
NEW YORK LIFE	ADDTL LIFE INS	118.39
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE	JANUARY PREMIUMS	436.93
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE MAINT	128.2
OKOBOJI MARKETING COMMITTEE	1/2 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX	53,418.88
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OMNISITE	FUNNEL ST/CC DR WIRELESS SVC	288
PACKEBUSH SPRINKLER SERV	SPRINKLER SYSTEM	473.14
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	SANDER SWITCH	20.1

SECURE BENEFITS SYSTEMS	FSA MEDICAL	209.66
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SHAMROCK RECYCLING, INC.	RECYCLING CONTAINER	633.24
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE CHAIRS	398
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	WATER TESTS	263
STEIN LAW OFFICE	DEC LEGAL FEES	809.49
STOREY KENWORTHY	UTILITY BILLS	18.51
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	DECEMBER WATER EXCISE TAX	155
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	2,001.00
UMB BANK NA	WATER BOND FEE	250
UMB BANK NA	2017 STREET/2009 REFI FEE	500
UMB BANK NA	2013 STREETS/SEWER BOND	250
UMB BANK NA	2014 UTILITY/STREETS FEES	250
UMB BANK NA	SERIES 2013 FEES	250
UMB BANK NA	2016 PROJECT FEES	250
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK	STREETS CD RENEWAL+ADDED FUNDS	38,500.00
UNITY POINT CLINIC -	DRUG TEST RESULT/MRO	42
VAHLSING'S CLEAN SWEEP	DEC JANITOR SERVICE	100
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES & POLICE PCS	628.92
WEX BANK	FUEL CHARGES	821.77
WITTROCK LAWN SERVICE	WEED & FERTILIZER	1,904.40