

MINUTES OF THE OKOBOJI CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2020

Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 9:00am on April 6, 2020. Councilmembers Hentges, Andres, Robinson, and Mendenhall were present all via telephone. Councilmember Delperdang was excused. Others present via telephone were City Administrator Michael Meyers and Neal Houge.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, City Administrator Meyers read the following: This special Council meeting is being held on April 6, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of COVID19 virus, this meeting is being held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in person meeting is otherwise impossible or impractical which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020 Governor Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation of disaster emergency which includes further flexibility for the use of electronic meetings and limitations on in-person numbers of individuals present. The agenda was posted more than 24-hours in advance which included instructions on how to participate in this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor VanderWoude discussed matters pertaining to COVID-19 including the recommendation to formally close City recreational facilities. VanderWoude advised that the City received a letter from the Dickinson County Public Health and the Lakes Regional Healthcare COVID-19 Committee advising that all facilities be closed until further notice. VanderWoude advised this would be for the tennis courts, basketball court, playground equipment, shelter house, and restrooms. VanderWoude advised the green space would remain open until advised otherwise.

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Robinson to close the tennis courts, basketball court, playground equipment, shelter house, and restrooms within Speier Park. The following Councilmembers voted AYE: Robinson, Mendenhall, Andres, Hentges. Motion passed 4-0.

City Administrator Meyers gave a brief update on operational measures taken by City Staff in response to COVID-19.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson and a second by Councilmember Andres to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mary VanderWoude

City Administrator Michael Meyers