



THE OKOBOJI QUARTERLY

July 2021

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES BID FOR 2021/2022 RESURFACING PROJECTS - On May 24, 2021 the City of Okoboji City Council approved a bid (\$2,632,744.36, Blacktop Service Company) for the 2021/2022 HMA resurfacing projects. This project will include the following: **Lake Shore Drive** (entire stretch), **Givens Street**, **Fort Dodge Point**, **Furlam Street**, **Eden Street**, **Fairfield Street**, **Dixon Street**, **Nature Center Road**, **Country Club Drive** (east/west portion), and the **Speier Park parking lot**. This project will also include storm sewer improvements at various locations throughout the community.

This project is being proposed to be broken into two phases in an effort to accommodate other projects within the City of Okoboji and minimize disruption to our community during the summer season. Phase I, which will take place in the fall of 2021, will be all the work between Highway 71 and the intersection of Lake Shore Drive & Nature Center Road. Phase II, which will take place in the spring of 2022, will be everything north of the intersection of Lake Shore Drive & Nature Center Road. It is anticipated that the fall work will begin shortly after August 9, 2021, and that the spring work will be finished before May 20, 2022.

While the scope of the project is significant, we are hopeful that the impact to adjacent properties is as minimal as possible. The City of Okoboji will make every effort to keep the community informed on these projects. Located on the City's website (www.okobojicity.com) you will find a link on the left hand column directing you to a dedicated webpage to this project. On this page you will find updates, maps highlighting the project areas, and links various other pieces of information pertaining to the project. Please bookmark this page to ensure you are always up-to-date! **If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Michael Meyers at 712.332.2550 to discuss further.**

WATER BILLS & WATER QUALITY REPORT - On June 8, 2021, the City of Okoboji City Council adopted Ordinance No. 265 which adjusts the water rates for the City of Okoboji. As a reminder, the City of Okoboji bills for water quarterly and each water customer is allotted 10,000 gallons of water. The minimum water rate was adjusted from \$108.10 to \$119.00 per quarter. If a customer exceeds the allotted 10,000 gallons, the rate will be \$7.95 (Adjusted from \$7.16) per 1,000.

The adjustments are in response to several factors including an increase in cost from the City's water supplier as well as a desire to build a fund for future capital projects. More information can be found in the January 2021 newsletter which is conveniently on the City of Okoboji website.

Utility bills can be paid with cash or check at the Okoboji City Hall. Payment online is also available for a small fee on the City's website. **Did you know** you can also set up an automatic withdrawal to ensure your bill is always paid on time? Contact City Hall for more information.

The 2020 Water Quality Report is available for review on the City's website.

NO PARKING - As a reminder, the odd-addressed (lake ward) side of Lake Shore Drive is a no parking zone between Givens Point and Pikes Point (**Ordinance No. 257, Approved 10/13/2020**). We ask that residents please remind guests, yard services, and construction crews of this ordinance in an effort to make Lake Shore Drive safe for all who use it. **If you have a parking concern**, please call 712.336.2525 to have the Dickinson County Communications Center alert the City's on-duty officer.

CITY STAFF - Congratulations to Police Chief Jason Petersen who recently celebrated his 30th year anniversary serving the City of Okoboji. Chief Petersen first joined the City as a part-time officer in 1990 before becoming full-time in 1991. Additionally, Deputy City Clerk Jill Verdoorn recently celebrated her 3rd year anniversary serving the City of Okoboji. **Did you know** the City of Okoboji has nine full-time employees with over 95 years of combined experience with the City. The City of Okoboji appreciates all of their dedicated hard work throughout the entire year in keeping our community safe, clean, and operating efficiently.



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REMINDERS:

RVs - At no time is it permissible for a RV (to include campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, fifth wheels, pop-up campers, etc.) to be used and/or occupied as a separate dwelling on any residential property within the City of Okoboji.



Fireworks - It is unlawful for any person to use or explode any fireworks within the City of Okoboji.

Sump Pumps - Sump pumps must be at least 15' from the curb and water shall be dispensed entirely upon the grounds of the contributing property. Discharge reaching the City street shall be in violation if it creates a public nuisance.

Unattached Trailers - No person shall park any unattached trailer on any street within the City limits.

Zoning Permits - BEFORE ANY BUILDING PROJECT please contact City Hall to see if a zoning permit is required for your project. This **includes** reconstruction of **decks, installation of patios, fences, and so much more.** City Staff is happy to meet you on-site and evaluate what is needed.

Tall Grasses and Weeds - The dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush, and other vegetation could constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard. Failure to control could initiate the City's nuisance abatement procedure.

Lakeshore Landscaping - When doing any landscaping on the lakeshore of your property, this generally requires at minimum an evaluation from the City to ensure compliance with the City's lakeshore landscaping regulations.

YARD WASTE:

The City of Okoboji picks up yard waste each Wednesday as weather permits. Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and brush should be in a paper yard refuse bag. These bags must not exceed 40 pounds per bag.



Branches are also picked up but must be bundled. Please limit the size of branches to two (2) inches in diameter, not longer than 4 feet in length, and no more than 75 pounds in weight.

The City requests that you **do not dump yard waste in Summer Circle.** If you would like to take green waste off-site, you are encouraged to take it to the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located at 2260 220th Street, Milford, Iowa 51351. Residents are encouraged to call ahead (712.338.2549) to ensure hours of operation.

All yard waste must be at the curb no later than 7:00am on Wednesday mornings to ensure that it is picked up.

GARBAGE:

Waste Management is now picking up garbage **twice per week** within the City of Okoboji. Garbage days are Monday and Thursday.

Did you know Waste Management offers a variety of garbage can sizes. Options include 'bag service,' a 35-gallon cart, a 64-gallon cart, and a 96-gallon cart. If you would like to explore alternative options, you are encouraged to call Waste Management at 888-960-0008.

Recycling is picked up **once per week** on Mondays only.

The City of Okoboji also has recycling containers located at the Spirit Lake Municipal Airport (1710 Sanborn Avenue in Okoboji). Cans, glass, cardboard, and plastic are accepted at this location for non-commercial **Okoboji residents only.**

DUMPING BEHIND THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY: Please note that the City has been experiencing a substantial increase in dumping behind the City's public works facility. Dumping of appliances, furniture, hazardous material, and the like is prohibited. Additionally, the dumpster at this location is not for public use. In the coming months the City will be installing a gate on the west side of this facility to help alleviate this.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY: Are you interested in being put on a mailing list to receive **important communications** from the City of Okoboji? Visit our website at www.okobojicity.com , hover over 'Government', selected 'Mailing List' and fill out the form provided.

Please know that City Hall is open Monday-Friday, 8:00a - 4:30p and City Staff is always present and willing to assist. If you would like to reach out to the City Administrator directly, please email michael.meyers@okobojicity.com.

UNIVERSITY OF OKOBOJI WORLD TENNIS CLASSIC: The 41st University of Okoboji Tennis Classic will take place at the Okoboji tennis courts within Speier Park on Saturday July 10 and Sunday July 11, 2021. Registration for the tournament is required no later than July 5, 2021. Entry forms are available on the 'University of Okoboji World Tennis Classic' Facebook page. Questions should be directed to the 'Three Sons' at 712.338.2424

PICKLEBALL: The City remains in conversations with the contractor for this project on resurfacing of the pickleball courts. It is anticipated that the pickleball facility will be temporarily closed sometime in August for this project. More information will be communicated on the City's website as well as the pickleball message board when dates are solidified.

2021 COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Please note: City Council meetings have returned to City Hall (1322 Highway 71 N., Okoboji, Iowa 51355) Residents are encouraged to check the agenda prior to the meeting to determine the meeting location. All Council meetings are held at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to City Staff directly.

| Jan. 12 | Feb. 9 | March 9 | April 13 | May 11 | June 8 | July 13 | Aug. 10 | Sept. 14 | Oct. 12 | Nov. 9 | Dec. 14 |

To reach out directly to the Council, email council@okobojicity.com