

MINUTES OF THE OKOBOJI CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 24, 2022

Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 9:00am on May 24, 2022. Councilmembers Mendenhall, Andres, Delperdang, and Sanders were present. Councilmember Hentges was excused. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor VanderWoude opened a public hearing to consider the First Amendment to the FY21/22 City of Okoboji Budget. There were not comments in favor, opposition, or neutral to. The public hearing was closed.

Mayor VanderWoude presented the First Amendment of the FY21/22 City of Okoboji Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delperdang and a second by Councilmember Andres to approve the First Amendment of the FY21/22 City of Okoboji Budget. The following Councilmembers voted "AYE": Mendenhall, Andres, Delperdang, Sanders. Motion approved 4-0.

REPORTS

City Administrator Meyers provided updates on Lake Shore Drive, Speier Park parking lot, Speier Park pickleball shelter. Meyers also discussed the recycling containers located at the airport. Meyers expressed concern about the overuse of this facility and the use from non-Okoboji residents. Meyers discussed potential options to help resolve as well as other recycling issues in the Lakes Area. Meyers also discussed short-term rentals with the Council and expressed his concerns. Meyers pushed for continued involvement with local elected officials at the State level.

Mayor VanderWoude commented the need for a Personnel Committee meeting.

Councilmember Delperdang inquired about work being done to the trestle bridge, Sanborn Avenue, or any other Imagine Iowa Great Lakes proposed project. Meyers commented that he felt there was focus on the projects in Arnolds Park but felt the trestle bridge was perhaps next but did not have an update at this time. Meyers advised that he felt Sanborn Avenue was unlikely to move forward in the near term.

Councilmember Mendenhall expressed concern about the amount the City is charging for zoning permits and lakeshore landscaping permits to ensure that the City is breaking even on fees paid to the City's engineering firm for inspections. Meyers advised he would look into it closely.

Councilmember Delperdang asked about the Highway 71 project. Meyers advised that the Iowa DOT was hoping to set up a meeting with the City locally in June.

Councilmember Sanders discussed the need for the City to consider tightening regulations pertaining to RV parks.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor VanderWoude

City Administrator Michael Meyers