

MINUTES OF THE OKOBOJI CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2023

Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00PM on October 11, 2023. Councilmembers Mendenhall, Hentges, and Sanders were present. Councilmembers Andres and Delperdang were excused. Other attendees were City Administrator Michael Meyers, Police Chief Jason Petersen, Phil Spevak, and Steve Schwaller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Sanders and a second by Councilmember Hentges to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting, Claims and Accounts Payable Report, and the Bank Cash Report.

The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Sanders, Mendenhall, Hentges. Motion approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor VanderWoude presented two traffic signal preemption options for the Council's consideration. These preemption devices would apply to the new traffic signals on Highway 71 at the Stake Out Road, Sanborn Avenue, and Lake Shore Drive intersections. These devices serve to enable emergency personnel to override standard traffic signal operations, enhancing efficiency and safety for emergency vehicles.

Option one, referred to as the "yelp" activated preemption, operates based on the auditory signals of emergency vehicles. This option comes at a cost of \$22,297, plus installation costs. Option two is a GPS activated preemption system at a cost of \$40,600, along with an additional \$5,075 per vehicle, plus installation costs. City Administrator Meyers commented that the City has four police vehicles and would assist in equipping four Arnolds Park-Okoboji Fire and Rescue vehicles, resulting in a total expense of approximately \$77,860, plus installation for the GPS systems. When taking all factors into account, Meyers estimated that the GPS preemption would likely cost around \$65,000 more than the siren-activated preemption.

Councilmember Hentges emphasized the critical nature of the GPS technology, stating that this is in daily use, and acknowledging that during peak months of the year this is extremely critical. Hentges underlined its importance to both the communicate and the City, suggested that the technology will save lives.

Councilmember Sanders pointed out that the most significant vehicle congestion and challenges for emergency vehicles occur north of Stake Out Road and south through the amusement park. Sanders mentioned that the City of Arnolds Park had already approved the use of GPS preemption for their signals.

Police Chief Petersen expressed support for the GPS preemption for APO Fire & Rescue and the hospital. However, he questioned its necessity for the Okoboji Police Department vehicles, as their approach to intersections differs significantly from that of fire trucks or ambulances.

City Administrator Meyers discussed various funding options and recommended utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act funds or specific funds currently held in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) designated for fire department capital expenditures. Meyers pointed out that if the police department does not participate, this expense might fall entirely under the fire department budget.

Councilmember Mendenhall inquired about the authority responsible for allocating funds for the fire department. Meyers clarified that these funds were under the contract of the City of Okoboji and were earmarked for future fire department capital expenses.

Councilmember Hentges reiterated that APO Fire & Rescue vehicles pass through at least two signaled intersections when dispatched, underscoring the value of the GPS preemption system.

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Sanders to approve the GPS preemption for the three Highway 71 intersections. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Sanders, Mendenhall, Hentges. Motion approved 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude asked City Administrator Meyers to open bids and read aloud for the City's Bobcat SBX240 snow blower and the truck loading chute.

City Administrator Meyers commented that City Staff elected not to bid out the 2014 Tahoe has was discussed at the previous Council meeting due to possible staff additions within the Okoboji Police Department. Meyers advised that in the event personnel is changed within the Police Department this vehicle could be reused, but if it does not change then the car would again be listed for sale.

Meyers first read aloud the bids for the truck loading chute:

Mike Julius - \$350.00

Meyers then read aloud the bids for the snow blower:

Mike Julius - \$2,380.00

Jeremy Jalas - \$2,450.00

Chris Alger - \$4,525.00

Meyers commented that the City hoped to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for the snow blower and around \$1,000 for the chute. Meyers commented that in the event the Council were to reject either bid, that he would list the equipment on GovDeals.com for auction.

Motion made by Councilmember Mendenhall and a second by Councilmember Hentges to accept the bid from Chris Alger for the snow blower for \$4,525 and to reject all bids for the truck loading chute. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Sanders, Mendenhall, Hentges. Motion approved 3-0.

Mayor VanderWoude presented an application for a dock on City owned property for public access #9 to be transferred from Dennis Levett to Greg & Molly Eckert of 2909 Alexander Street.

Motion made by Councilmember Hentges and a second by Councilmember Sanders to approve the application. The following Councilmembers voted "YEA": Sanders, Mendenhall, Hentges. Motion approved 3-0.

REPORTS

Police Chief Petersen reported on the ongoing detour through the City due to the Highway 71 reconstruction project.

City Administrator Meyers reported on the Board of Adjustment ruling pertaining to the Commons Hotel property and a conditional use permit granted for condominiums, briefly advised on another matter pertaining to the Board of Adjustment, discussed possible flood plain ordinances in the future, updated on the Speier Park playground, and advised on conversations with the Dickinson County Clean Water Alliance.

Mayor VanderWoude requested some clarification on the Commons Hotel conditional use permit which Meyers provided.

Councilmember Hentges congratulated Arnolds Park Fire and Rescue firefighter Todd Krukow on becoming a world champion in one event and finishing highly in other events at the 'Firefighter Challenge' which recently took place. The firefighter challenge is an event that includes firefighters from around the world participating in job-related, skills-based obstacles course and competitions. Hentges commented that he was proud of Krukow representing the Lakes Area in the competition against fire departments from much larger cities.

METTING ADJOURNED AT 6:30

Michael Meyers, City Administrator

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

TOTAL REVENUES FROM 09/13/2023 THROUGH 10/10/2023 WERE \$491,208.67. TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE \$352,099.75. \$211,765.86 GENERAL FUND, \$1,514.58 ROAD USE TAX, \$36,987.55 DEBT SERVICE, \$7,200.75 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, \$94,631.01 WATER FUND.

| VENDOR | REFERENCE | AMOUNT | CHECK |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| ALLIANT ENERGY | SEPTEMBER ELECTRIC | 5,052.22 | |
| ARNOLDS PARK/OKOBOJI | REMAINING CONTRIBUTION | 79,987.50 | |
| BECK ENGINEERING INC | SANBORN AVE TRAIL PROJECT | 4,412.50 | |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | NATURAL GAS SERVICE | 80.92 | |
| BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC | SEPT STATEMENT | 30.44 | |
| CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES | COPIER LEASE | 72.04 | |
| CARDMEMBER SERVICE | SEPTEMBER STATEMENT | 4,728.07 | |
| CENTRAL STATES FUND | SEPTEMBER PREMIUMS | 19,251.00 | |
| CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM | SEPTEMBER WATER | 55,401.47 | |
| CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK | SHARED OFFICER Q3 2023 | 9,299.39 | |
| CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK | CHIPPER BATTERY SHARED EXP | 47.88 | |
| CLARY LAKE SERVICE INC | CITY DOCK REMOVAL | 1,803.00 | |
| CORY JUERGENS CONSTRUCTION LLC | SPEIER PARK DRAINAGE | 6,920.75 | |
| CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE INC | NITRILE GLOVES | 152.15 | |
| DENISON DRYWALL | PUBLIC WORKS BLDG FACADE | 20,393.00 | |
| DICKINSON COUNTY NEWS | SEPT LEGAL PUBLICATIONS | 412.53 | |
| DICKINSON COUNTY REGIONAL | GREEN WASTE/RECYCLING | 268 | |
| DON'S PEST CONTROL INC | CITY HALL | 279 | |
| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 6,591.55 | |
| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 6,365.72 | |
| FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516 | 2023 N360 SUBSCRIPTION | 2,800.00 | |
| FICK'S ACE HARDWARE | SEPTEMBER STATEMENT | 29.57 | |
| GORDON FLESCH COMPANY | BASE/IMAGES | 357.14 | |
| GWORKS | 2024 LICENSE/SUPPORT FEE | 4,095.00 | |
| HEARTLAND SECURITY SERVICE | ALARM MONITORING | 32.95 | |
| HEIMAN INC | ANNUAL INSPECTION | 90 | |
| HILLCREST FORGE INC | MATERIALS | 33.12 | |
| IGLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | MEMBERSHIP | 250 | |
| IOWA DOT | SNOW BLADES | 3,575.78 | |
| IOWA ONE CALL | NOTIFICATIONS | 34.2 | |
| IPERS | IPERS-PROTECTN | 8,583.98 | |
| JENNINGS AUTO PARTS | AUTO MAINT | 70.8 | |
| KUOO/KUQQ/KUY Y | UNDERGROUND PROMO | 105 | |
| LAKES REGIONAL HEALTHCARE | DRUG TEST | 81 | |
| LAKES TREE SERVICE | TREE REMOVAL (2) | 1,350.00 | |
| MATHESON TRI-GAS INC | SHOP SUPPLIES | 245.39 | |
| MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS | INTERNET & PHONE | 342.97 | |

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| MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS | INTERNET & PHONE | 308.97 |
| MENARDS - SPENCER | SPEIER PARK | 581.34 |
| NEW YORK LIFE | ADDTL LIFE INS | 118.39 |
| NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE | PREMIUMS | 619.11 |
| O'REILLY AUTO PARTS | SEPT STATEMENT | 47.89 |
| SECURE BENEFITS SYSTEMS | FSA MEDICAL | 97.34 |
| SHAMROCK RECYCLING INC | RECYCLE CONTAINER FEE | 353.2 |
| SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES | NAME PLATE | 14 |
| STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY | WATER TEST | 16.5 |
| STEIN LAW OFFICE | SEPT LEGAL FEES | 991.75 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | SEPTEMBER WATER EXCISE TAX | 149.05 |
| TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAXES | 2,041.17 |
| UMB BANK NA | 2017 STREET/2019 REFI INTEREST | 7,216.80 |
| UMB BANK NA | 2016 PROJECTS INTEREST | 2,137.50 |
| UMB BANK NA | 2021A REFI INTEREST | 26,000.00 |
| UMB BANK NA | 2021B INTEREST | 26,803.75 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | CELL PHONES & POLICE PC'S | 160.24 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | CELL PHONES & POLICE PC'S | 402.48 |
| VOYA | 457 RIC | 200 |
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| WEX BANK | FUEL CHARGES | 1,094.15 |
| ZIEGLER INC | EQUIPMENT RENTAL | 195.41 |
| Accounts Payable Total | | 313,375.07 |
| Payroll Checks | | 38,724.68 |
| ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** | | 352,099.75 |