MINUTES OF THE CITY OF OKOBOJI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2024 – 3:30PM

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Okoboji met on the above date and time at the Okoboji City Hall. Commission members present were Doris Welle, Barbara Mendenhall, John McMahon, Hank Grant, and Perry Pearson. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers and Phil Spevak. Andrea Troiano, Dominic Ivankovich, and Michael Gille were all present via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

City Administrator Michael Meyers discussed previous conversations with Commissioner Mendenhall pertaining to setting up a presentation from Andrea Toriano of GeoStabalization International pertaining to the recent lakeshore bank collapses.

Toriano, Dominic Ivankovich and Michael Gille, all of GeoStabalization International, provided overview and discussion of the lakeshore collapses that have been witnessed through the Iowa Great Lakes region. Discussion and questioning took place pertaining to these collapses and restoration techniques of such.

Chairperson Pearson opened a public hearing to consider a recommendation to the City Council pertaining to amendments to the 2013 Zoning Ordinance by Amending Section 11.22 Lakeshore Landscaping and Development Regulations.

City Administrator Meyers explained that the City already has a built in emergency section within the existing lakeshore landscaping ordinance. Meyers defined the sections as broad and explained that it basically intended for folks to stabilize then come back for a full-fledged lakeshore landscaping permit. Meyers commented that based on his conversations with contractors, homeowners, and even in the previous presentation from GeoStabalization International that time was not necessarily in our favor and that a lot of these solutions are all encompassing. Meyers commented that the City Council had emergency meetings prior to and directed City Staff to try and amend this ordinance to allow for more administrative flexibility in emergency situations. Meyers explained that none of the amendments have anything to do with the design criteria or engineering, but instead focused on small details that would create large time efficiencies. Meyers detailed the proposed changes.

Commissioner Mendenhall asked that adjacent property owners at least be notified of the issued permits. City Administrator Meyers also commented that he could create a website listing these permits as well.

More discussion took place pertaining to the large scope of all of these projects

Motion made by Commissioner Welle and a second by Commissioner Grant to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the 2013 Zoning Ordinance by Amending Section 11.22 Lakeshore Landscaping and Development Regulations as proposed but with the amendment to notify adjacent property owners. The following Commissioners voted "AYE": Pearson, Mendenhall, Welle, McMahon and Grant. Motion approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.

ADJORUNMENT

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Michael Meyers, City Administrator