

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mendenhall, Robinson, Andres, Delperdang. Absent: Hentges

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Chozen, Kay Hoppe, Stacy Rosemore, Phil Petersen, Jason Petersen, Alan Morphew

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Robinson/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mendenhall moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meetings 01/14/14 and 01/28/14, claims for February 2014, Clerk's Report ending January 2014, and a renewal of a Class B Native Wine permit (WBN) for the Barn Swallow with Sunday sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to consider the resignation of City Attorney Michael J. Chozen: The Council considered the resignation of City Attorney Michel Chozen. The Mayor announced that through past conversations with Chozen, he has agreed to continue as City Attorney until a replacement is named. Chozen stated in looking back through records, he found he started in September 1983. Chozen went on to say it has been his pleasure to be able to serve for the city. The Council stated it is with great reluctance they see Chozen move on. Delperdang/Mendenhall moved to accept Chozen's resignation with the condition he will remain as City Attorney until a replacement is named. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacy Rosemore, OTC Executive Director, to update the Council: Stacy Rosemore, Okoboji Tourism Committee Director, presented the Council with an annual update. Rosemore reported on awards received for various events. Future events for 2014 were examined as well as the 2014 marketing plan. Rosemore reported on an organizational meeting held February 10, 2014, about the upcoming RAGBRAI event in July. The Council thanked Rosemore for her report.

Council to consider an Underwriter's Agreement, a Letter of Disclosure, and a Letter of Communication with Piper Jaffray: Robinson/Andres moved to approve an Underwriter's Agreement, a Letter of Disclosure, and a Letter of Communication with Piper Jaffray. All ayes. Motion carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated these are needed to proceed with the newest proposed bond issue.

Council to consider Resolution No. 14-01, Engagement Agreement, by and between the Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. law firm and the City of Okoboji for bond counsel in connection with the issuance of bonds, notes and other obligations ("Bonds"): Mendenhall/Robinson moved to accept and approve Resolution No. 14-01. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider Resolution No. 14-02, Resolution fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000 general obligation capital loan notes, Series 2014, of the City of Okoboji, State of Iowa, and providing for publication of notice thereof: Robinson/Andres moved to accept and approve Resolution No. 14-02. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider possible new website design and administrator: Councilmember Robinson asked what has prompted the issue of updating the website. Mayor VanderWoude stated this has been brought to her attention by individuals who thought the city website was boring and did not represent this area. The Mayor stated the website is functional but boring, and that she is leaning towards Anitra Wolf as she stated in her proposal she could bring a more vibrant website for the city. Current and proposed costs were discussed. Councilmember Mendenhall stated he has looked at the proposal from Wolf and Morphew Studios, and is not sure they know what the city actually wants and would be willing to serve on a committee if needed. Mendenhall mentioned Jill Harms and BLINK Marketing as a possible source for a new website as he has worked with her before. Mendenhall stated the city should challenge prospective website designers to bring something to the city. Councilmember Andres asked what is the objective of the website, or is it just a new look and not be as boring. Andres suggested the website should offer a downloadable zoning

ordinance, downloadable ordinances, photos of Mayor and Council along with email addresses, city maps, and a section that would list all the businesses in Okoboji. Mayor VanderWoude advised that Andres get with Daly to assist with drafting requests for proposals for website design implementation. Mendenhall suggested those interested have a presentation ready for the March meeting.

Council to review and consider the preliminary city budget for fiscal year 2014/15: The proposed city budget for fiscal year 2014/15 was presented to the council. Councilmember Robinson noted the Finance Committee has put forth a great effort to keep the tax levy the same rate as the previous two years. Councilmember Delperdang reported a request was considered from the Lakes Area Hockey Association for funding in the amount of \$5000.00 for three years. Delperdang stated the Finance Committee is taking the position that a request for the funds should be made to the Okoboji Marketing Committee to be taken from hotel/motel tax money they receive from the City of Okoboji. City Administrator Dennis Daly was directed to send a letter of request to the Committee. Discussion followed concerning discretionary funds. The Council was satisfied with the figures presented to them. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the preliminary budget figures and set March 11, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. as the date and time to conduct the public hearing to approve certification of the 2014/15 budget. The proposed total tax levy for fiscal year 2014/15 will be \$4.48039 per \$1000 of property valuation.

RAGBRAI update: Mayor VanderWoude gave a RAGBRAI update naming the following persons as co-chairs to various committees. Chris Sorenson - Treasurer; Kerri McKim - Recording Secretary; Dan Tryon - Housing, Campgrounds, Showers, Sanitation, Recycling, and Volunteers; Carina Woodward - Publicity, Hospitality, Web & Social Media, Communications and Information Center; Di Lorenzen - Food & Vendors, Electrical, Beverage Gardens, Entertainment & Special Entertainment; and Greg Baloun - Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Medical and Transportation. Mayor VanderWoude added she would be working with Carina Woodward on the Information Center.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen gave the police report. Councilmember Delperdang discussed police officer overtime with Petersen.

Daly reported he would be attending a mediation meeting on February 19th concerning the Iowa Lakes Regional Water case. Daly reported there is now interest concerning the sale of the street sweeper owned by the cities of Okoboji and Arnolds Park.

Expenditures for the month of January 2104 are as follows: Public Safety - \$36,547.56; Public Works - \$12,486.07; Culture & Recreation - \$238.96; Community & Economic Development - \$74,476.82; General Government - \$31,565.20; Water - \$24,041.80; Road Use Tax - \$1,883.44; Capital Projects - \$7,562.50; Trust & Agency - \$1,208.20. Receipts for the same period were \$168,837.41, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,980,825.68. \$95,998.59 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Robinson/Andres moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator