

**CITY OF OKOBOJI  
SPECIAL WORKING DINNER MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014, 5:30 P.M.**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Owen Primavera, Carmen DeKoster, Sheri Donnenwerth, Brad Beck, Julie Delperdang, Joyce Waddell, Sharlene Eckard, Les Marousek, David Stein, Jr., Mike Chozen, Dennis Colton, Jane Shuttleworth

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Hentges/Robinson moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor VanderWoude at this time took the opportunity to present former City Attorney Mike Chozen a plaque recognizing him for over 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Okoboji. Mayor VanderWoude personally thanked Chozen for all he has done for the city. All in attendance congratulated and thanked Chozen as well.

**Council to consider a Class C Liquor License for The Lighthouse with Sunday sales and outdoor service area:** Hentges/Robinson moved to approve the Class C Liquor License renewal for The Lighthouse with Sunday sales and outdoor service area. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council to discuss City issues with the Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission, committees and other city officials:** Owen Primavera, Board of Adjustment Chairman, stated it was his belief the citizens of Okoboji should always have the opportunity to be heard. Primavera went on to say that if The Inn in the future were to plan anything in the R-1 zoned district, the citizens of Okoboji should be heard before anything were to be granted. Primavera also believes the general philosophy of the City of Okoboji is to remain as a residential community, and that needs to continue.

Les Marousek of the Planning and Zoning Commission stated a large amount of time was spent the last year drafting a new zoning ordinance. Marousek stated although the commission tried to think of everything that should be included in a document such as the zoning ordinance, there are things that are missed and the commission must at times review this and make additions or changes.

Sharlene Eckard of the Park Board stated she would like to be able to have a Park Board meeting in the near future to discuss the needs of the city parks.

Joyce Waddell of the Design Review Committee stated things seem to be going well although there have not been many meetings in the past. Primavera asked where the Summer Theatre is with their project. Daly stated all four phases of the project were approved by the Committee last year, and construction is now proceeding with new units on the property.

Mayor VanderWoude stated a replacement for Tourism Director will be named soon.

Councilmember Delperdang thanked all board, commission, and committee members for continued volunteerism for the City of Okoboji.

Councilmember Hentges expressed gratitude and thanks to everyone. Hentges went on to say a special thank you to the Planning and Zoning Commission for implementing the new zoning ordinance.

Councilmember Andres stated she is looking forward to working with everyone in the future and is especially pleased that she is a part of the future implementation of a new city website.

Councilmember Robinson expressed his thanks to everyone and stated he is in agreement with Primavera concerning the future for residential zoning in Okoboji.

City Administrator Dennis Daly reported on the status of ongoing projects, city park playground equipment, and zoning.

Primavera stated he had attended a Taxpayers Association meeting concerning zebra mussels in the area lakes. Primavera stated he learned the new water plant has already taken precautions to eliminate the zebra mussels on the water intake and wondered if this has been published. Daly stated he believed it was, but the city has avenues such as the newsletter, emails, and website to get the information out.

City Attorney David Stein, Jr. stated he is looking forward to working with the Mayor, Council, Boards, and Commissions concerning city issues.

Carmen DeKoster inquired about the upcoming RAGBRAI event. Mayor VanderWoude stated there will be a public meeting conducted on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the Lakes Art Center for everyone to attend. The Mayor gave a report on the designated campgrounds for the upcoming event. Camping was briefly discussed.

Robinson/Hentges moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

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Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dennis J. Daly, CMC  
City Clerk/Administrator