

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Corinna Woodward, Jim Golden, Joyce Waddell, Ken Dunn, David Stein, Jr., Phil Petersen, Dennis Colton, Russ and Sharlene Eckard, Jock McDonald, Brad Beck, and other unidentified individuals.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Mendenhall/Andres moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the previous meeting 05/13/14, claims for June 2014, Clerk's Report ending May 2014, and 2014-2015 cigarette permit renewals for Kum & Go Store #608, Okoboji Boat Works Sea Store, Casey's General Store #2681, and Brooks National Golf Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced she was going to take things out of order on the agenda to accommodate individuals that would need to leave early, plus City Engineer Brad Beck is not yet present for discussion for a portion of the agenda.

Corinna Woodward, Director of Tourism, to make introduction to the City Council as the new Director: Corinna Woodward, the new Director of Tourism for Okoboji Tourism, formally introduced herself to the Mayor and City Council. Woodward stated she is excited about her new position, and is looking forward to working with all city officials. Woodward encouraged the Mayor and Council not to hesitate to give her a call if they have questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Council to consider Requests for Proposals for new City website: Councilmember Andres reported she, Dennis Daly, and Sheri Donnenwerth met with Anitra Wolf of Blue Lake Websites. Andres stated it was her recommendation the City have Blue Lake Websites design the new City website. Andres stated Wolf now does several civic type websites as well as others. Andres went on to say Wolf has the capability to add the zoning ordinance as well as the code of ordinances to the new website at no extra charge. Andres also felt Wolf would bring a new refreshing look to the website. The quote for Blue Lake Websites was \$1000 – \$1200, with half to be paid as deposit. City Attorney David Stein, Jr. stated it was his opinion that ordinances are important things to have on a website as well as minutes and agendas. Andres went to say Wolf utilizes word press that would allow the city to change the look and design of the home page if so desired. Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve the proposed quote from Blue Lake Websites. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS APPEARANCES

Mayor VanderWoude announced there are several members of the Echo Bay Dock Association present to speak about drainage problems at their access, and no decision can be made or action taken as there is no item on the agenda addressing the situation.

Dennis Colton, Echo Bay Dock Association member, stated there were no problems with drainage at the access before curb and gutter was put into place. Water now channels into their access and causes problems. Colton stated the association attended several council meetings in the past, and it was decided the city would go ahead with a drainage project at this location and several others. Colton stated now that the project is complete, they are still experiencing problems. Colton went on to say several members have noticed and experienced erosion on this area with some seeing water bypassing and going over the curb between the south and north new rain gardens. Colton did say the association put into place new steps and boulders at the bottom of the access and installed a new crushed rock pathway, but is now concerned the pathway they placed may have been done with incorrect material causing further erosion. Colton claims even if the pathway were not put into place, there still would have been erosion. Colton stated it was his opinion the curb cuts for the project are the problem and felt if these could be taken care of it would solve the problem, and suggested raising the height of the curb could solve the problem. The association is looking for a solution.

City Engineer Brad Beck stated a concrete street is not always able to contain all water. The first design for the access presented in June 2009 designed for a 10" rain was rejected, so now the design is for 1.5 times the normal rainfall event. Kramer Landscape at that time was hired to place rip-rap at the bottom of the access with an agreement signed at the time indemnifying the city from future problems. Discussion took place at several meetings whereby Beck stated he was directed to apply for grants for this project and was awarded \$100,000. The new design approved by the association and the city was designed to not take as much storm water as the original, but was a good compromise for everyone. Beck agreed the access now does not look good citing the location of the erosion and the ruts created from the erosion. Beck produced photos of the other projects done at the same time showing virtually no erosion even though the rainfall event was huge. Beck went on to say it takes approximately two years to establish a good stand of lush grass. Beck is recommending the area needs to be re-seeded and mulched to repair. Beck did say, however, the official seed date of May 31st has now passed and does not begin again until August 10th. Beck also stated the grass needs to be mowed higher.

Discussion followed concerning curb cuts, possibly a higher curb on Lake Shore Drive, possibly an earthen berm behind Lake Shore Drive, how to get more water to the rain gardens, etc. It was the consensus of all at the meeting that this area needs to be fine-tuned. Mayor VanderWoude stated the city values input from the members, but everyone must remember the original plan was rejected that would have taken care of the rain experienced, but that was changed to the current plan. After further discussion, the Mayor announced this will possibly be an item for the July council agenda if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Council to consider casualty, liability, and workers compensation insurance package for fiscal year 2014/15: Joyce Waddell of Bank Midwest Insurance presented the Council with the City insurance package for fiscal year 2014/15. Waddell pointed out the insurance changes for next fiscal year concerning property values, deductibles, liability coverage, and workers compensation insurance. Robinson/Andres

moved to approve the casualty, liability, and workers compensation package for fiscal year 2014/15. All ayes. Motion carried. Total cost of the package was reported at \$42,045.68.

Council to consider a request by Mr. Jon Waddell of 3119 Lake Shore Drive to install an underground electrical line and a water line from the lake across City property to water a lawn (Dixon Beach walkway): Robinson/Andres moved to approve the request from Jon Waddell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$19,174.95 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project: Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$19,174.95. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Application for Payment No. 5 (FINAL) in the amount of \$86,049.73 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project payable to Beck Excavating, Inc.: Andres/Delperdang moved to approve Application for Payment No. 5 (FINAL) in the amount of \$86,049.73. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Change Order No. 3 in the amount of -\$101,282.08 for the 2013 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of -\$101,282.08. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Application for Payment No.3 (FINAL) in the amount of \$51,172.53 for the 2013 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project payable to Visu-Sewer, Inc.: Robinson/Andres moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 (FINAL) in the amount of \$51,172.53. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to review an estimated project cost for the Dixon Beach walkway: The Council at this time reviewed an estimated cost for the proposed sidewalk replacement for the Dixon Beach walkway. The estimate presented by Beck Engineering, Inc. was in the amount of \$121,898.50. The sidewalk replacement also included sidewalk for the Funnel Street access and steps and sidewalk for the swimming beach commonly known as the Metz swimming beach. Beck reviewed the design and answered questions for the Council. The Mayor announced this item should be considered at a later meeting. Information only. No action taken.

Council to consider a Purchase of Service Contract for Transportation Services by and between the City of Okoboji and Regional Transit Authority, Inc./RIDES: Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve a Purchase of Service Contract for Transportation Services by and between the City of Okoboji and Regional Transit Authority, Inc./RIDES. All ayes. Motion carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated the contract is for a contribution by the City in the amount of \$2,250.00.

Council to consider a cost proposal for the repair of the tennis court fence at Speier Park: Robinson/Andres moved to approve a cost proposal in the amount of \$3,714.00 to Michaels Fence & Supply Company for tennis court fence repair at Speier Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a new Class E Liquor License for Kum & Go LC for Kum & Go Store #608 with Sunday sales: Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve a new Class E Liquor License for Kum & Go LC for Kum & Go Store #608. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a new 5 day Class B Beer (BB) Liquor License (Includes Wine Coolers) for Ken's Culinary Creations, LLC with outdoor service area and Sunday sales located at 1609 Highway 71 North (7/18/14 – 7/23/14): Robinson/Mendenhall moved to approve a new 5 day Class B Beer (BB) Liquor License (Includes wine coolers) for Kens' Culinary Creations, LLC with outdoor service area and Sunday sales located at 1609 Highway 71 North (07/18/14 – 07/23/14). All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a one day outdoor service area amendment for The Wharf (7/20/14): Robinson/Andres moved to approve the one day outdoor service area amendment for The Wharf (07/20/14). All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a granted variance to Mr. Craig Camozzi, owner of record of 3809 Lake Shore Drive, for a waiver of the LID principles and practices: City Administrator Dennis Daly reported the Board of Adjustment for the City of Okoboji met on June 4th to review a variance request for Mr. Craig Camozzi. Daly reported Camozzi requested a variance to waive a portion of the LID (Low Impact Development) requirements for his property. Camozzi has applied for a building permit to raze and reconstruct a new home at 3809 Lake Shore Drive. Engineer Brad Beck spoke stating he rendered an opinion for the Board of Adjustment concerning the underground storage of storm water runoff. Beck's opinion is that the storage of storm water in this particular instance should not take place, as this could create a situation whereby the lakeshore bank could have the potential to "sluff" off into the lake. Beck went on to say the property is still going to observe some LID compliance in the rear yard that would amount to 29% of the total needed. Daly stated the remainder of the home complies with the zoning regulations. Councilmember Mendenhall asked if the Board could have demanded more in the variance approval as far as LID compliance was concerned. Beck stated it was his opinion the property owner is utilizing the available space as best they could. Beck also stated there are a number of uses approved by the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual which a homeowner is allowed to use. After further discussion, Robinson/Delperdang moved to approve the recommendation of the Okoboji Board of Adjustment for the approval of the Camozzi variance request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a contribution to the July 4th fireworks display: Robinson/Andres moved to approve a donation to the July 4th fireworks display in the amount of \$200.00

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Daly reported Police Chief Jason Petersen has provided him with a quote for a new police vehicle from H & N Chevrolet in Spencer, Iowa. The Council questioned if the Spirit Lake GM dealer was notified. Daly stated he did not know, but as a technical matter the city does not need to bid as it is under the bid threshold. Daly stated the police department is looking for a consensus to proceed, but if the Council wished not to, this could be decided at a future meeting as the expenditure would still take place in the

next fiscal year. It was indicated this could be placed on a future meeting for official action. Daly stated there is time to decide this issue.

Councilmember Robinson wished to thank the Council and Brad Beck for the meeting with the Echo Bay Dock Association. He commended everyone for setting a good example on how local government can work with citizens.

Discussion followed on how the access at Echo Bay should be done. Councilmember Mendenhall asked Beck how this should be done. Beck stated it is his opinion it should be put back into grass. Mayor VanderWoude stated she would confer with Daly on when to call a meeting if needed.

Daly reported the Country Club Drive sewer lift is in need of restoration and/or replacement. It is in dire need of repair, and he is asking that this be placed on a future agenda for action to contract with Beck for engineering services.

Expenditures for the month of May 2014 are as follows: Public Safety - \$25,979.73; Public Works - \$13,110.30; Culture & Recreation - \$242.05; Community & Economic Development - \$1,617.50; General Government - \$37,039.27; Water - \$371,061.85; Road Use Tax - \$3,059.16; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$697,288.13; TIF - \$387,737.50; Capital Projects - \$4,034.00; Trust & Agency - \$1,950.00. Receipts for the same period were \$173,592.15, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$1,160,678.33. \$118,388.04 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Andres/Robinson moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator

