

**CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Dulin, Robinson, Christensen, Hentges, Delperdang

OTHERS PRESENT: Jean Allen, David Rodawig, Steve Hallgren, Walter Mendenhall, Jason Petersen, Julie Andres, Sarah Christensen, Brad Beck

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor VanderWoude called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Christensen/Hentges moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Hentges/Christensen moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 11/12/13, claims for December 2013, Clerk's Report ending November 2013. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Allen, Central Bank Insurance, to present Council with health and dental insurance renewal package: Jean Allen of Central Bank Insurance presented the Council with quotes for health and dental insurance renewal for all city employees. Allen presented the Council with the current "grandfathered" plan, which produced a 21.19% increase in premiums. Allen stated this plan would probably be in place only one more year. Allen produced a spread sheet showing the current Wellmark JNE/QPT plan with a renewal premium of \$14,585.95 per month and the new Wellmark ACA Enhanced Blue 1000 Gold plan which is age related for a total of \$12,229.43 per month. Allen also produced quotes from UHC DJ-3 Gold, CoOpportunity Premier Premium, and Coventry Silver Security 3 POS. The UHC, CoOpportunity, and Coventry Silver Security plans ranged in monthly premiums from \$11,601.52 to \$13,935.76. Councilmember Robinson asked Allen her opinion on what is being offered from the other companies. Allen stated she is hesitant to change considering Wellmark's track record. Councilmember Hentges stated that tried and true is good, and does not want to switch and have to search again and would prefer to go with the Wellmark ACA plan. Allen stated the Delta Dental plan is now age based also, and would have a monthly premium of \$999.74 versus the current \$879.33 monthly premium. Robinson/Christensen moved to approve the Wellmark Enhanced Blue 1000 Gold health insurance plan and the Delta Dental insurance plan as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to conduct a public hearing to solicit public comments on adopting the 2013 Spirit Lake Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Zoning Ordinance: Mayor VanderWoude declared the public hearing open to solicit public comments on adopting the 2013 Spirit Lake Municipal Airport Land Use and Height Zoning Ordinance. Steve Hallgren of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission stated the main reason for the new zoning is once this is passed by all the entities involved, it opens the door for IDOY grants and eligibility programs for the airport. Hallgren went on to say the proposed new zoning regulations are an update of older airport height regulations. Councilmember Christensen questioned the non-compatible uses within Zone A of the airport, particularly any residential use. Christensen stated it is his opinion that no residential use should be allowed in Zone A, specifically citing the residential uses within the West Okoboji Meadows subdivision directly in line south of the current runway. Hallgren stated that concerns such as this could always be revisited and changed as needed. Councilmember Delperdang had concerns that this would be another layer of bureaucracy to deal with. Hallgren stated there are five total entities that must approve this as the 9000 foot fly zone contacts the cities of Okoboji, Arnolds Park, Wahpeton, Spirit Lake, and Dickinson County. Hallgren did not disagree with Delperdang; but did say, however, the impact should be minimal at best for the City of Okoboji. After further discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing for further comment. Christensen/Robinson moved to introduce the first consideration of the ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried. Christensen/Robinson moved to waive the second and third considerations of the ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider introduction of the second consideration of Ordinance No. 221, "Zoning Ordinance of The City of Okoboji, Iowa:" Hentges/Dulin moved to introduce the second consideration of Ordinance No. 221, "Zoning Ordinance of The City of Okoboji, Iowa." Before a vote was taken,

Councilmember Christensen stated he would abstain from voting on this issue, as his feelings concerning the approval of this ordinance have not changed. The vote was 4-0 with one abstention. Motion carried. Hentges/Dulin moved to waive the third consideration and move to its final passage. The vote was 4-0 with one abstention. Motion carried.

Council to consider Change Order #2 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project for a decrease in the amount of \$5,800.00: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve Change Order #2 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider an Application for Payment #4 payable to Beck Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$257,515.85 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project: Robinson/Christensen moved to approve Application for Payment #4 in the amount of \$257,515.85 for the 2013 City of Okoboji LID/Drainage Improvements and City Hall Parking Lot Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Change Order #1 for the 2013 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project for an increase in the amount of \$1,006.25: Christensen/Hentges moved to approve Change Order #1 for the 2013 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. All ayes. Motion carried.

At this time Councilmember Dulin excused himself from the meeting due to another engagement he needed to attend. The Mayor and Council thanked Dulin for his service and his willingness to accept the appointment to the Council this past May.

Council to consider an Application for Payment #1 payable to Visu-Sewer, Inc., in the amount of \$61,751.82 for the 2013 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Hentges/Robinson moved to approve Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$61,751.82 for the 2013 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a first amendment to the City of Okoboji Cafeteria Plan: Christensen/Hentges moved to approve a first amendment to the City of Okoboji Cafeteria Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Resolution No. 13-22, "Action Taken and Resolution By Consent of City of Okoboji:" Robinson/Hentges moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-22. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: AYES-Delperdang, Hentges, Christensen, Robinson; NAYS-None. With the vote being in the majority, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Council to consider a dock permit for Brett Parks of 2305 Dixon Street for Public Access #8: Robinson/Christensen moved to approve a dock permit for Brett Parks of 2305 Dixon Street for Public Access #8. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider the re-appointment of Don Rodawig to the Board of Adjustment with term to expire 01/08/2019: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the re-appointment of Don Rodawig to the Board of Adjustment with term to expire to 01/08/2019. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a granted variance to L Holdings, LLC, of 4711 Lake Shore Drive for the construction of a 300 square foot addition on a non-conforming structure: Hentges/Christensen moved to approve the granted variance to L Holdings, LLC, of 4711 Lake Shore Drive for the construction of a 300 square foot addition to a non-conforming structure. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider year-end awards for all City employees: Hentges/Robinson moved to approve a year-end award of \$250.00 each to all full-time city employees. The vote was in the majority of 3-1. Motion carried.

Oaths of Office to be administered to newly elected officials: The Oaths of Office were given to the newly elected officials.

Mayor to make the following appointments: Mayor Pro Tem, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, Street Committee, and Equipment Committee effective January 2, 2014: Mayor VanderWoude made the following appointments: Mayor Pro-Tem - Jerry Robinson; Personnel Committee - Julie Andres, Walter Mendenhall, Mayor VanderWoude, and Dennis Daly; Finance Committee - Jim Delperdang, Jim Hentges, Mayor VanderWoude, and Dennis Daly; Street Committee- Jerry Robinson, Mayor VanderWoude, and Dennis Daly; Equipment Committee - Jerry Robinson, Mayor VanderWoude, and Dennis Daly.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen gave the police report.

Mayor VanderWoude reported that she attended a meeting concerning RAGBRAI whereby the lakes area should hear something by the end of January whether the area will be a pass-through route or an overnight stay, which would be a Monday and Tuesday. Attendees at the meeting filled out a questionnaire asking if they would be willing to be a volunteer.

Councilmember Delperdang wished to thank Councilmember Christensen for his years of service. Councilmember Hentges also thanked Christensen. Councilmember Christensen stated he was honored to be able to serve the public, and asked the Council to proceed with goals and objectives meetings. Councilmember Robinson also thanked Christensen, and stated he would like to retain the position as the city representative on the Fire Board. Robinson also stated the fire truck has been delivered.

City Administrator Daly thanked Christensen for his service on the Council. Daly also reported he has been in contact with ICAP concerning recommendations offered by them. Daly stated the recommendations were to develop policies for riders in police vehicles, sanitary sewer jetting procedures and documentation, and choosing a medical facility to be used as a designated physician for on-the-job injuries.

Expenditures for the month of November 2013 are as follows: Public Safety - \$79,071.24; Public Works - \$17,836.41; Culture & Recreation - \$81.86; Community & Economic Development - \$1,742.50; General Government - \$33,106.95; Water - \$78,648.84; Road Use Tax - \$1,114.85; Debt Service/Property Tax - \$44,554.38; TIF - \$7,737.50; Capital Projects - \$120,052.34; Trust & Agency - \$3,719.00. Receipts for the same period were \$951,140.28, creating a balance in all funds in the amount of \$2,190,483.19. \$80,858.33 of the reported balance is invested in Certificates of Deposit with the United Community Bank.

Christensen/Robinson moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly, CMC
City Clerk/Administrator